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### September 2018 Highlights

Discussion on Cybersecurity, Data Protection and Privacy were the most discussed topics in September.

In Britain, the Ministry of Defense along with the Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ) announced the [creation of 2,000-strong cyber force with an investment of £250 million](#). In the US, the Department of Defense (DoD) released the new [Cyber Strategy 2018](#) emphasising on 'defend forward' and collaboration; while the white house released the first "[National Cyber Strategy of the United States of America](#)" in 15 years. Even at the 73<sup>rd</sup> UN General Assembly 's annual debate, many heads of state raised concerns related to Cybersecurity. The European Commission [proposed new rules](#) to take down terrorist content from the web. During the Third ASEAN Ministerial Conference on Cybersecurity (AMCC), member countries [agreed](#) on the need to set up a formal ASEAN cybersecurity mechanism for dealing with cyber diplomacy, policy and operational issues.

In terms of data breaches and data protection, this month witnessed over [500 million Facebook accounts being 'attacked'](#); in India, the Personal Data Protection Bill 2018 was much discussed especially as the comment period was extended to 10 October. Further in India the [Supreme Court upheld the constitutional validity of Aadhaar](#), the 12-digit unique identification number issued to Indian citizens, and ruled that it does not infringe on an individual's right to privacy. However, the court struck down several sections of the act.

In terms of digital economy and trade, apart from the looming trade tensions between China and the US, [China announced an investment of billions of dollars over five years](#) to develop their digital economy; the European Commission released a [concept paper on the modernisation of the World Trade Organization \(WTO\)](#); while in India the government announced [setting up a committee to review](#) the draft eCommerce bill.

Further, the [European Parliament approved](#) the amendments to the EU Copyright Directive, which [includes the two controversial points](#), whose essence has been largely retained in the amendments. In India the Cabinet [approved](#) the National Digital Communications Policy (NDCP) and the government [launched](#) 'cybercrime.gov.in' portal for filing online complaints against cases of child pornography and online sexual abuse.

### ICANN Updates

This month the [German High Court ruled against ICANN's](#) plea to reconsider the Court's decision on the case of ICANN against the Germany-based, ICANN-accredited registrar; ICANN Board held a [public Board meeting](#) during its workshop in Genval, Belgium, 14-16 September; ICANN [appointed Meridian Institute](#) to conduct the second independent review of the Country Code Names Supporting Organization ([ccNSO](#)); conducted a [Sunrise and Trademark Claims survey](#) to get individual feedback about the Rights Protection Mechanisms (RPMs); [invited proposals](#) to identify a provider to develop and maintain software for its affiliate Public Technical Identifiers (PTI) by 10 October.

ICANN 2018 Nominating Committee [announced](#) that Danko Jevtovic will begin a three-year term with the ICANN Board of Directors at the conclusion of ICANN 63 in Barcelona, Spain.

Comments were invited on the [gTLD-Registration Data Access Protocol \(RDAP\) Profile](#) by 13 October; the Registration Directory Service (RDS-WHOIS2) Review Team [Draft Report](#) & Recommendations by [4 November](#); on [next steps on reviews](#) of the proposal "[Consultation Paper on Next Steps on Reviews](#)" by 5 October; [Proposals for Malayalam and Tamil Scripts' Root Zone Label Generation Rules](#) by 7 November.

ICANN would be organising two webinars on the [Overview of proposed updates to the Operating Standards](#) on 4 and 5 October; a [Pre-ICANN63 Policy Open House](#) on 11 October

## APAC Space Update

The APAC regional office published a [report](#) to commemorate its fifth anniversary highlighting the milestones, community participation in ICANN, engagement programs, trainings conducted with the regional community and community members holding leadership position.

## Internet Society Updates

This month, [Andrew Sullivan](#) started work as the CEO of Internet Society. From the Policy perspective, released the [ITU Plenipotentiary 2018 – Issues Matrix](#) as a preliminary effort at identify issues, areas of concern, organizations impacted, etc., on a best-efforts basis; announced the [15 applications](#) that were approved medium or large grants for the [Beyond the Net Chapter Funding Programme](#) ; sought inputs on the concept note on [Extraterritorial Application of Laws and Impact on the Internet](#) by 25 September. Further the Chapter Advisory call of Chapter representatives was organised on 18 September.

Applications are invited for "[Chapter Small Grants](#)", for small projects and events, by 30 November, 2018.

## APAC News:

The APAC Regional Bureau this month participated in the GSMA [Mobile360 Digital Societies](#) "The Big Debate" session, and [highlighted](#) new digital divides that are emerging across economies, the [Symposium on Cybersecurity](#) organised by the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT) in Seoul South Korea; at the [IoT Impact Conference](#) in Sydney, Australia and promoted the [Online Trust Alliance Framework](#).

## India Chapter Update:

- The Delhi Chapter facilitated the webcast of the "Securing Cyber Space 2018" conference organised by the Cyber Peace Foundation on 7 September. The topics discussed in this event include discussions on the draft Data Protection Bill from the lenses of cybersecurity, data storage and way ahead.
- The Chennai chapter organised a session on Online Security for students at the Digital Literacy Club in Erode on 18 September.

## APNIC Highlights

This month APNIC organised [APNIC 46](#) conference in Nouméa, New Caledonia, from 6 - 13 September having the [key themes](#) of Interconnectivity and network security in the Pacific. This [meeting was attended](#) by over 300 attendees from 46 economies. The three days of conference had around 30 sessions with over 85 speakers. The keynote speakers for the event were [Jonathan Brewer](#) and [Raja Azrina Raja Othman](#) who lead the [conference program](#), discussing connectivity in the Pacific region and evolving online threats, respectively.

From the policy perspective, at the [Open Policy Meeting](#) (OPM) on 13 September four policy proposals were discussed. While [prop-125: Validation of “abuse-mailbox” and other IRT emails](#) reached a consensus and moved to the next step for seeking final comments from the community before implementation, however no consensus could be reached on the other three proposals, [prop-118](#); [prop-124](#); [prop-126](#) . Additionally a [survey on the ASO review](#) was initiated by the ASO review working group.

Further during the meeting Mr. Brajesh Jain was re-elected for the [Number Resource Organization Number Council \(NRO NC\)](#), the 2018 APNIC Survey Report was [released](#) and the [APAC-ICT-Women mailing list](#) was [launched](#).

This month, the [ISIF Asia](#) and the [2018 awards and grants list](#) were announced. .The winner of the community award was Community Cellular Networks in Rural Aurora, University of the Philippines – Diliman, while the gender empowerment and innovation award was won by Tech Age Girls Myanmar, Myanmar Book Aid and Preservation Foundation, Myanmar.

### TRAI Updates

In the month of September, TRAI released the [Telecom Subscription Data as on 31 July, 2018](#), the [Indian Telecom Services Indicator Report for the quarter ending 30 June](#), the [Telecommunication Tariff \(64th Amendment\) Order, 2018](#) , [report on the independent drive tests \(IDT\) done in six cities](#) to assess the network quality offered by telecom providers for their voice and data services; conducted [seminars on 'Digital India-Services and solutions' and Internet of Things \(IOT\), 'Cyber-crime and security'](#); requested comments on [Draft Telecommunication Mobile Number Portability \(Seventh Amendment\) Regulations, 2018](#) by 24 October.

### Update on UNGA 2018

The Annual general debate of the 73<sup>rd</sup> UN General Assembly was held between 25 September -1 October in New York., with the UN Secretary-General, António Guterres, [setting the tone of the discussion](#) and laid out the priorities and concerns such as climate change lack of trust, trade tensions, ongoing wars, refugee issues and human rights abuse. In his speech the UN Secretary-General also made reference to digital the issues.

Many member states, during their speeches, referred to the growing importance of digital technology in economic development of a nation , concerns related to cyber security and access, digital opportunities, digital trade. Further there were also suggestions made to strengthen cooperation within members states to deal with digital challenges. For detailed analysis on the annual general debate, refer this [link](#).

### Updates on upcoming inSIG 2018

The third edition of [India School of Internet Governance](#) (inSIG2018) will be organised from 13-15 October in India International centre, New Delhi. This event is being jointly conducted by Internet Society India- Delhi, Trivandrum, Kolkata and Mumbai Chapters, with the support of NIXI, Government of India; ICANNrs (ICANN); ISOC; APNIC).

This year over 60 fellows, including international, national and local participants would be attending this three day event, where apart from basic pillars of Internet Governance, there would be [discussions](#) by eminent global and national speakers on current debated topics such as data protection. Content regulation, emerging technologies, IDNs, human rights, gender right online, etc.

Additionally, there would be two day 0 events – The **first Youth IGF India**, which would be organised at Indira Gandhi Delhi Technical University for Women, Kashmere Gate, New Delhi and GFCE Asia Internet Infrastructure Initiative (GFCE Triple-I) Workshop which would be organised at MeitY, Lodhi Complex, New Delhi.

It may be mentioned, that the first India School of Internet Governance (inSIG2016) was held at IIIT-Hyderabad in October 2017. The second edition of the School (inSIG2017) was conducted in Techno park, Trivandrum. The programmes were widely appreciated and attracted participation from various stakeholders viz., the Government, private sector, civil society and academia and was a great success.

## Other Updates

### Reports & Articles:

- The ITU released a resource document to guide nations to develop their National Cybersecurity Strategy “[Guide to developing a national cybersecurity strategy - Strategic engagement in cybersecurity](#)”.
- The [Broadband Commission for Sustainable Development](#) released their annual report ‘[The State of Broadband: Broadband Catalyzing Sustainable Development](#)’. The report reveals that a growing number of governments have started to benchmark the status of broadband in their national plans. This year too the report raises concerns of growing inequalities in access to broadband and how connectivity is used within and between countries, sexes and regions.

### Events:

- The ITU APT India and TEMA/CMAI organised an Interactive discussion on ITU Plenipotentiary Conference 2018 (PP-18), Telecom, Manufacturing and Mandatory Testing & Certification of Telecom Equipment (MTCTE) on 12 September. At the event, CCAOI Director, Amrita Choudhury shared an update on the issues of importance, to be discussed at PP18 from the civil society perspective.
- SFLC the round table discussion on the draft Personal Data Protection Bill on 4 September.
- Medianama organised a discussion on the National eCommerce Policy on 26 September. The topics discussed include: governance of eCommerce businesses and its ownership, operations of eCommerce business; and business and consumer relationships for eCommerce.
- [Pakistan School on Internet Governance \(pkSIG\) 2018](#) was held between 3-6 September in Karachi.
- The [Third Summit on Community Networks in Africa](#) was held in Eastern Cape, South Africa, from 2-7 September.
- The 39th session of the [United Nations Human Rights Council \(UNHRC\)](#) was held between 10–28 September, in Geneva, Switzerland.
- The 2018 annual [Global Forum on Cyber Expertise \(GFCE\)](#) meeting was held on 19–20 September in Singapore.

- The [Cybersecurity and Cyberconflict: State of the Art Research Conference](#) was held between 27–29 September, in Zurich, Switzerland.
- The [Argentina School on Internet Governance](#) was organised in Buenos Aires between 1-3 October.

### Other Upcoming Events and Opportunities

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- The conference on [Cyber Security Forum: Data Governance and Transformation Success](#) will be held in Singapore between 8-9 October.
- The [First Youth IGF India](#) will be held on 12 October, 2018 at the IGDTUW College, New Delhi.
- The [GFCE Internet Infrastructure Security Day](#) will be organised in New Delhi on 12 October.
- Third Edition of [India School of Internet Governance \(inSIG 2018\)](#) will be held between 13-15 October, 2018 in India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.
- [ICANN63](#) Annual general Meeting will be held in Barcelona, Spain from 20-25 October. The [schedule](#) is now available.
- [Peering Asia 2.0](#) will be held in Hongkong from 24-25 October
- [ITU Plenipotentiary Conference \(PP-18\)](#) between 29 October-16 November, 2018 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- [IETF 103](#) will be held between 3–9 November 2018, in Bangkok, Thailand
- [IGF 2018](#) will be held in Paris between 12-14 November
- [International Conference on Cyberlaw, Cybercrime and Cybersecurity](#) will be held in New Delhi between 14-16 November

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