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June 2017 At a Glance

The month of June was marked by meetings such the WSIS 2017 Forum, EuroDIG 2017, IGF 2017 second open consultation and MAG meeting and ICANN59, to name a few. Facebook reported 2 Billion users; a new ransomware, Petya, paralysed institutions worldwide infected Windows-based systems in more than 65 countries; Bangladesh created license regime for websites and online advertising; the UN Group of Governmental Experts (GGE), tasked with examining cyber-threats and making recommendations, was unable to reach consensus on its final report during the meeting on 19–23 June; Facebook, Microsoft, Twitter, and YouTube formed a Global Internet Forum to Counter Terrorism; Google proposed new norms for providing digital evidence to foreign governments; the European Commission fined Google €2.42 billion for abusing dominance as search engine by giving an illegal advantage to own comparison shopping service, which Google has planned to contest; and the Court of Appeals in Berlin, Germany, ruled that parents of a 15-year-old girl who was killed by a train in 2012, have no right to access her Facebook account., overturning a 2015 regional court ruling in favour of the parents, focus. which has brought back the discussion of digital legacies back to focus.

To reform the prevalent tax regime, India launched Goods and Service Tax (GST). This month the Government also launched <u>online legal aid services platform Tele-Law</u>; TRAI launched the <u>new mobile apps</u>; and the deadline for making handsets Indic language capable was extended to 1 October 2017.

WSIS 2017 Update

WSIS Forum 2017 held between 12-16 June, 2017 in Geneva, was attended by more than 2,000 stakeholders from 163 countries, including 85 high-level government and civil society representatives representatives. The forum was chaired by Mr Jean Philbert Nsengimana, Minister of Youth and ICT, Government of Rwanda, and co-organized by ITU, UNESCO, UNCTAD and UNDP, in close collaboration with all UN agencies. The objective of the meeting was to share experiences, knowledge and perspectives; and to announce new tools and initiatives to use ICTs to advance the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in such critical areas as ICT-centric innovation, accessibility, gender equality, youth empowerment, e-health and cyber security among many others.

The discussions were mainly related to infrastructure, access, socio culture, legal, human rights, security, economy and capacity building. Various stakeholders reiterated their commitment to strengthen implementation of WSIS Action Lines and the alignment of the WSIS and SDG processes. View the <u>detailed report on WSIS</u>; the <u>High level outcome document</u>; the <u>track level outcome document</u>.

Government of India was represented by Ms. Aruna Sundararajan, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Mr. Sanjay Kumar Rakesh, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology.

FICCI along with ICC Basis organized a workshop on <u>Connectivity, Meaningful Access and Inclusive Growth in Developing Countries</u>, which was moderated by Mr Virat Bhatia, FICCI.



Figure: Pictorial representation of the most used words while tweeting @ WSIS 2017 by Walid Al Saqaf.

IGF 2017 Second Open Consultation & MAG Meeting

The second Open Consultations and Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) meeting of the IGF 2017 preparatory cycle took place from 12-14 June in Geneva, Switzerland.

The purpose this meeting was to prepare forhe upcoming IGF 2017 including review of the main session proposals and to take stock of the ongoing IGF community intersessional activities and other relevant Internet Governance related fora.

ICANN Updates

During the month of June, apart from holding the ICANN 59 meeting it was attended by 1336 people including 410 new comers. There were 169 public sessions in this meeting. Besides, in June, ICANN held the second African Law Enforcement Capacity Building Workshop in South Africa, issued 60-Day Notice to the Effective Date of the Approved Amendment to the Base New gTLD Registry Agreement, which is based on the Global Amendment; launched the first Global Indigenous Ambassador program; announced the names of the 14 Registration Directory service Review team members; called for Expressions of Interest for 2018 Nominating Committee Chair and Chair-Elect; organised a survey on gender diversity and potential barriers to participation.

Further the <u>Staff Report of Public Comments</u> on ICANN's Draft FY18 Operating Plan and Budget; <u>FY18 Operating Plan and Budget Proposed</u> for ICANN Board Adoption; the <u>Final Report on Africa DNS Market Study and the WHOIS Accuracy Reporting System June 2017 report were published.</u>

ICANN appointed Analysis Group to conduct an independent <u>review of the ICANN Nominating Committee</u> (NomCom) and <u>DENIC eG was approved to provide data escrow services</u> to new generic Top-Level Domain (gTLD) registry operators.

Also, community members were invited to comment on the <u>second version of Root Zone Label Generation</u> Rules (RZ-LGR-2) integrating six scripts: Arabic, Ethiopic, Georgian, Khmer, Lao and Thai.

ICANN 50 Updates

ICANN59 which was a policy forum was held in Johannesburg from 26- 29 June, 2017. Hiro Hotta and Patricio Poblete were awarded the 2017 Multistakeholder Ethos Award during the meeting. This meeting marked the 10th anniversary of the ICANN Fellowship program. Further, Kobe and Montréal were declared as the locations for ICANN 64 and 66 Public Meetings



Pic: 10 years of ICANN Fellowship

Being a policy forum there were cross community discussions on topics including: <u>ICANN Accountability Work stream2</u>; <u>Geographic Names at the Top Level</u>; <u>Next-Generation gTLD Registration Directory Services (RDS) Policy Requirements</u>; <u>Empowered Community's Cross Community Forum on Proposed Fundamental Bylaws Amendments</u>. Apart from drafting the <u>GAC Communique</u>, the key GAC sessions were- <u>on the Implementation of New Bylaws</u>; <u>meeting with the ICANN board</u>; on <u>new gTLD policies</u>; <u>discussion on CCWG Accountability WS2 matters</u>; discussion on <u>2 character country codes in second level domains</u>. The other key sessions include <u>GNSO Review of all Rights Protection Mechanisms (RPMs) in All gTLDs PDP Working Group Face-to-Face Meeting</u>; <u>GDPR and Its Potential Impact</u>; At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) and Regional Leaders <u>Wrap Up session(s)</u>

Government of India was represented by Mr. Rajiv Bansal, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, Mr. Sanjay Verma, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology and Mr. Rama Chandra Sharma from Department of Telecommunication.

APAC Update:

- A <u>webinar of the APAC sub group on Data Privacy and Protection</u> was held in June to discuss the objectives and how the sub group.
- During ICANN59, the APAC fellows had a brief interaction with Jia-Rong Low, Vice President, Global Stakeholder Engagement, and Managing Director, Asia Pacific Hub to discuss ways of engagement within the community.



Pic: APAC fellows with Jia Rong Low

Internet Society Updates

This month Internet society launched the beta version of their <u>new website</u>, a policy brief on the <u>Spectrum Approaches to Community Networks</u>; Ms Kathy Brown, CEO Internet Society delivering a keynote address at <u>MWC Shanghai</u> next while Mr. Rajnesh D. Singh, Regional Director spoke on IoT security.

A <u>Community Forum</u> was held on 15 June, 2017, to address key questions around whether the Internet of the future will be a force that brings people together or divides us. The 90-minute discussion was moderated by Ms. Emily Taylor, Associate Fellow, Chatham House, and features several guest panelists, including: Dr. Ismail Syed Shah, Chairman, Pakistan Telecommunications Authority; Ms. Rebecca MacKinnon, Director of the

Ranking Digital Rights project at New America and Ms. Sally Wentworth, Vice President of Global Policy Development, Internet Society.

The Internet Society UK England Chapter and the India Chennai Chapter organised an event "Changes happening on the way the Internet Works - the desirable and undesirable changes", which discussed the origin of the internet, how national laws alter the internet ecosystem, the politicisation of Internet Governance at multilateral forums and encouragement for good practice in multi-stakeholder participation.

Internet Society Bangladesh organised the <u>Third Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) Outreach Workshop</u> at the University of Dhaka in collaboration with the university's Department of Computer Science and Engineering.

Upcoming Event

- Internet Society Chennai is organising an <u>event</u> on **DNSSEC** / **KSK** on 9 July, 2017, followed by a round table discussion on the policy aspects of **DNS** Security.
- The Internet Society is celebrating its 25th Anniversary this year and plans to commemorate this milestone, with several programs including <u>InterCommunity 2017</u> across chapters, on 19 September, for community dialogue on topics from the Internet Futures; brand **new Identity Toolkit** for Chapters, the 25 under 25 program; round table series etc.

Upcoming events:

- APAC webspace conference on 13 July, 2017
- The Indian ICANN read out session would be held in New Delhi in August.

APNIC Highlights

This month, as part of <u>planned registration services improvements</u> in 2017, APNIC started <u>updating the whois</u> <u>master server</u> to use the latest version of the RIPE whois codebase (from v1.69 to v1.88). This upgradation is expected to provide improved database query options, make data updates easier for users, take advantage of enhanced syntax, new flags and attributes, and make it easier for APNIC technical staff to maintain the server. It will also mitigate the risk associated with maintaining the older whois server.

APNIC has also issued a call for <u>Expressions of Interest (EOIs)</u> for establishment of additional anycast instances of the DNS global root servers.

APNIC <u>participated at the China Internet Network Information Center Open Policy Meeting</u> (CNNIC OPM) in Kunming, China, from 12 to 13 June 2017. Apart from presenting on the current IPv4, IPv6, and ASN delegation policies and practices in each RIR region; and sharing updates on global IPv6 deployment trends; training sessions were also conducted.

At the 28th Taiwan Network Information Centre Open Policy Meeting (TWNIC OPM) meeting in Taipei, Taiwan, from 21 to 22 June 2017, <u>APNIC representative presented</u> on security best practices for network operators, highlighting important information operators can use to make their networks and DNS infrastructure more secure and also delivered a one-day tutorial on Security and RPKI

Other updates:

• The upcoming APNIC courses can be viewed from this <u>link</u>

- APNIC invites policy proposal. Last date for submission is 7 August
- The nomination period for the <u>Number Resource Organization Number Council (NRO NC) election</u> is now open. Last date file nomination is 10 August 2017.
- APNIC will deliver a <u>three-day Internet Resource Management and Network Security workshop</u> from 24 to 26 July 2017, in Honiara, Solomon Islands.
- APNIC will conduct a five-day Internet Resource Management, IPv6 and Network Security workshop from 21 to 25 August 2017, in South Tarawa, Kiribati.The topics will include IPV6, network security fundamentals and an introduction to APNIC.

TRAI Updates

This month TRAI released the consultation paper on <u>Data speed under wireless broadband plans</u>. The ten questions under consultation include, whether information on wireless broadband speeds currently is transparent enough, what should be the parameters for calculating average speed, the need to improve transparency between plans offered, need for review of QoS parameters and their regulations; should disclosure of average network performance be made mandatory, should standard application/ websites be identified for mandating comparable disclosures about network speeds; products/technologies that can be used to measure actual end-user experience on mobile broadband networks and what level should the measurements take place; are there any legal, security, privacy or data sensitivity issues with collecting device level data and what measures can be taken to increase awareness among consumers. Comments can be <u>submitted by</u> 20 July, 2017 and counter comments by 3 August, 2017

This month, TRAI also launched the <u>new mobile apps</u>: TRAI MyCall App; TRAI MySpeed App and Do not disturb App; and web portal for service providers and upgraded TRAI portal.

The open House Discussion on Review of Interconnection Usage Charges planned on 15.06.2017 was cancelled http://trai.gov.in/sites/default/files/OHD_13062017_0.pdf

Open House Discussion (OHD)

OHD on Consultation Paper On <u>Approach towards Sustainable Telecommunications</u> on 5 July 2017, 10:00 am at Mirza Ghalib Chamber, Scope Convention Centre, Scope Complex, Gate No.18, 7, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003

Upcoming Open House Discussion (OHD)

OHD on Consultation Paper on "Introduction of UL (VNO) Access Service authorization for Category 'B' license with districts of a State as a Service Area" on 6 July, 2017 at 9:30 am at Hotel Conrad, Pune No.7 Mangaldas Road Sangamwadi Pune.

Other Highlights

Reports:

• The Special Rapporteur's 2017 report on the <u>protection and promotion of the right to freedom of opinion and expression</u> to the United Nations Human Rights Council has been released

Events

- EuroDIG 2017 was held at Talinn, Estonia from 6 to 7 June 2017. View the reports here.
- <u>Taiwan Internet Governance Forum</u> (TWIGF) held their annual meeting at the GIS NTU Convention Center in Taipei on 17 June 2017.

Other Upcoming Events and Opportunities

Events

- The <u>Asia Pacific School of Internet Governance (APSIG) 2017</u> will be held from 22-26 July 2017 at Sukosol Hotel, Bangkok. For more details visit <u>here</u>.
- <u>Asia Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum (APrIGF) 2017</u> will be held at Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok from 26 29 July 2017.
- The first <u>Taiwan Peering Forum</u> (TPF 2017) would be held on 7 August, 2017.
- The third <u>Pakistan School on Internet Governance</u> (pkSIG 2017) will be held between 16-19 August, 2017 at Peshawar.
- <u>India Mobile Congress</u> will be held between 27-29 September, 2017 at Pragati Maidan New Delhi.
- India to host Global Cyber Security Conference 2017 (GCSC 2017) between 23-24 November at New Delhi

Opportunities

- The first open input period for the <u>APrIGF 2017 Synthesis Document</u> is now open until 19 July. .
- Applications for the <u>ISIF Asia grants and award for 2017 are now open</u>. The grants are open to research focused on Internet operations, infrastructure and related protocols, such as network measurement and analysis, IPv6, BGP routing, network security, as well as peering and interconnection. Last day for applying is 30 August 2017.
- The High Commissioner for Human Rights on is calling form inputs on "Civil society space in multilateral institutions" till 30 September 2017.
- <u>IETF 100 Singapore Fellowship</u> is now open.
- <u>Applications to attend OpenCon 2017</u> between 11-13 Novembe in Berlin, Germany are now open till 1 August 2017.

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