Re: GSE Government and IGO related activities as background for monthly GAC calls

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I. Report about the main activities in February 2015

a. Africa

1. Public Meetings
   1. February 18-19, AITEC East Africa ICT Summit 2015, Africa regional team attended for stakeholder outreach
   2. February 24-26, Nairobi Kenya, National ICT Innovation Summit, Africa regional team attended for stakeholder outreach

2. Bilateral Meetings
   1. March 3, Rabat Morocco, Engagement mission and Fadi Chehade and the Africa regional team have attended. A meeting with the Minister of Industry took place and stakeholder outreach events were organized with Aziz Hilali, the AfRALO chair. The visit addressed the ICANN Marrakech meeting and its plans.

b. Asia / AustralAsia Pacific Islands

1. Public Meetings
   1. February 3, India National Law University Roundtable on ICANN 52, New Delhi, India. ICANN Asia team participated as speaker. It was a closed event and the audience were representatives from Civil Society, Government and Academia. Discussion touched on IANA Stewardship transition process.
   2. February 5, Interpol Internet Investigations training, law enforcement participants – Asia team provided technical training and speaker.
   3. February 27th APRICOT meeting (Asia Pacific Regional Internet Conference on Operational Technologies, Fukuyoka, Japan. Asia regional team participated in several workshops. https://2015.apricot.net/
2. **Bilateral Meetings**
   1. 7 Bilateral meetings occurred in Asia with several stakeholders during the public events and elsewhere.

c. **Eastern Europe Central Asia**
   1. **Public Meetings**
      1. None in February
   2. **Bilateral Meetings**
      1. Regional constituency meetings at the ICANN 52 meeting in Singapore to determine the planning for outreach during the rest of February and for March 2015

d. **Europe**
   1. **Public Meetings**
      1. February 24, International Institute of External Affairs, Dublin, Ireland, Keynote address on Internet governance evolution, Dublin Ireland. ICANN regional team participated.
      2. February 26-27 Berlin, Germany Domain Pulse conference and ICANN participated in that event.
   2. **Bilateral Meetings**
      1. Initial planning meeting with Irish government officials for early discussions to prepare for ICANN54 in Dublin, concluded by ICANN’s Europe regional team.

e. **Latin America – Caribbean**
   1. **Public Meetings**
      1. February 2-5 CTU 25th Anniversary Celebration, with ICANN’s regional team attendance.

2. **Bilateral Meetings**
   1. Two bilateral meetings for the region were conducted in the context of ICANN meeting. The focus in general was about coordination for multi-stakeholder events
in the region, namely the eLAC Ministerial and the LACIGF.

f. Middle East

1. Public Meetings

1. February 2, WSA Mobile Global Congress Abu Dhabi, ICANN team presented a keynote about latest developments at ICANN and on IG.
2. February 19, Islamabad, Workshop on Internet Governance and Roles of Stakeholders. ICANN, ISOC and APNIC organized the event with the Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunication. Mr. Lftikhar Shah, the GAC representative of Pakistan, led the organization of the workshop.

2. Bilateral Meetings

1. February 1. Abu Dhabi, UAE, ICANN’s team conducted informational bilateral meetings with the new Director General of UAE TRA, Mr. Hamad Al Mansoury with his team member Mohamed Al Zarooni who represents UAE in the ccNSO. GAC member Abdulrahman Al Marzouqi participated by phone from Dubai.
2. ICANN 52 Singapore, ICANN’s team meeting with the Deputy Minister of ICT of Iran, Mr. Jahangard Nasrollah to update him about latest ICANN matters.
3. ICANN 52 Singapore, ICANN regional team meeting with the GAC representative of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, Mr. Wajdi Al-Quliti to prepare for the ICANN CEO future visit in Saudi Arabia.
   a. February 17-19, Islamabad, Meetings held with senior government officials in Pakistan, including with the Minister of Information Technology and Telecommunication, Ms. Anusha Rahman; the Secretary of Information Technology and Telecommunication, Mr. Azmat Ali; the Chairman of Pakistan Telecommunication Authority, Dr. Syed Ismail; among others. ICANN Middle East regional team participated in that meeting.
g. **North America**

1. **Public Meetings**
   
   1. February 25 Senate hearings on progress in the IANA Stewardship transition dialogs occurred with the participation from ICANN’s CEO, Assistant Secretary of Commerce, Larry Strickling and Ambassador David Gross.
   
   2. February 26 Washington DC, US Chamber of Commerce, ICANN’s CEO, Fadi Chehade keynote speaker for organizational meeting of the Chamber.

h. **IGO/IOs and Country Missions**

1. **Public Meetings**
   
   
   2. February 10; FCBA/IIC event offsite parallel event to ICANN 52 meeting in Singapore. Topics covered ICANN work; ICANN Geneva team attended and participated.
   
   3. February 24: A dinner briefing for ten UN country mission diplomats took place in New York. ICANN participants included ICANN Board members and staff. The message was about ICANN’s structure and activities.
   
   4. February 27 – IEEE Meeting on Internet of Things; Brussels; ICANN team participated in the event as a speaker.
   
   5. February 27th; DIPLO Webinar; ICANN Geneva team talked on ICANN 52 to raise awareness on IANA Stewardship transition process.
   
   6. February 28: ICANN New York team moderated a workshop between Brooklyn Law and the Mission of Egypt to the UN. Speakers David Conrad (ICANN) and Andrew Sullivan (DYN) talked about the physical layers of the Internet, DNS and TCP/IP. Participants were
representing 34 missions, UNESCO, ITU, UNDESA, and were actively engaged in the Q&A session.

2. **Bilateral Meetings**

1. February 16; ICANN Geneva team met with Sweden Mission 1st secretary in Geneva to discuss IANA Stewardship transition as per meetings in Singapore.
2. February 16; Conference call between Geneva team and the South Africa’s Department of Telecommunications and Postal Services (DTPS) representative to discuss IANA Stewardship process and presence at GAC.
3. February 18 – ICANN Geneva team met UNOG representatives and provided an update on ICANN matters;
4. February 19; Meeting with AFRICA21 NGO and with the African Union Commission Ambassador to Geneva to discuss IANA Stewardship transition as per meetings in Singapore; ICANN Geneva team attended.
5. February 20; Meetings between ICANN Geneva team and ITU to discuss WSIS process and work on ICT components of SDGs summit that will take place in September 2015 in New York.
6. February 24 2015; bilateral with the UN CEB staff New York, bilateral update on ICANN was given by ICANN’s New York team.
7. February 25; Meeting between ICANN Geneva team and Mexico mission first secretary in Geneva who takes care of ICT issues to discuss IANA Stewardship transition as per meetings in Singapore.
8. February 25; Bilateral meeting between ICANN Geneva team and Japan first secretary who takes care of ICT issues to discuss IANA Stewardship transition and other ICANN related matters per meetings in Singapore.
9. February 27 - bilateral meeting with Mr. Kituyi, Secretary General of UNCTAD – meeting with Geneva based ICANN team, regarding a general overview about ICANN developments, IANA Stewardship transition process, IG and the WSIS review preparations.

10. February 26, ICANN New York Team participated in a dinner for representatives from missions in New York, where Australia, Latvia, Mexico, Canada, Poland, the UK, Israel, Finland, Japan, Bulgaria, Switzerland and the US were present.

II. Planned main activities for March 2015

a. Africa

1. Public Meetings


4. March 30 – 2 April, Connected East Africa 2015: http://www.connected.go.ke/: African regional team will attend and participate on IG panel as speaker.

b. Asia / AustralAsia Pacific Islands

1. Public Meetings

1. March 1-6, APRICOT, Fukuoka, Japan; AP* meeting and APNIC members meeting – regional reporting.
ICANN Asian regional team speaking at AP* and APNIC respectively. [https://2015.apricot.net/](https://2015.apricot.net/).

2. March 9-10, Digital Pivot to Asia, New Delhi, India. Keynote by Fadi. "The Digital Pivot to Asia" with India Communications Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad

3. March 11, Open session with Japanese Internet Community, Tokyo, Japan. ICANN strategy team speaking about IANA transition process. [https://www.nic.ad.jp/ja/topics/2015/20150227-02.html](https://www.nic.ad.jp/ja/topics/2015/20150227-02.html)

4. March 12, Meeting with Korean Internet Stakeholders, Seoul, Korea. ICANN strategy team speaking on IANA Functions’ Stewardship Transition and ICANN Accountability process.

5. March 13, Meeting with Chinese Community Stakeholders, Beijing, China. ICANN strategy team speaking on IANA Functions’ Stewardship Transition and ICANN Accountability process.

6. March 24-25, Rightscon Southeast Asia, Manila, the Philippines. ICANN Asian regional team speaking at session on ICANN and IANA Functions’ Stewardship Transition. [https://www.rightscon.org/manila/](https://www.rightscon.org/manila/)

2. **Bilateral Meetings**
   1. Fadi visiting India from 9-10 March, meeting with Indian stakeholders including the Indian government and the ICT Minister.
   2. ICANN strategy team meets with Government representatives from three countries; China, Korea and Japan.

3. **Europe**
   1. **Public Meetings**
      1. March 2-5, Mobile World Congress, Barcelona Spain; Fadi Chehade, CEO and ICANN team participate actively in government, civil society and business engagement.
      2. March 10-11, Days of Internet Domains in Serbia (Dani Internet Domena Srbije) 2015 - Belgrade, Serbia. ICANN’s regional team is participating.
3. March 11, Keynote at Agora des Directeurs Juridiques - Paris, France, ICANN’s regional European team speaking to legal directors from French corporations
4. March 16-17, Annual Brussels Forum of the International Institute of Communications (IIC) - Brussels, Belgium, ICANN’s regional European team speaking to senior public and private sector policy and regulatory experts attending, mainly from ICT sector.

2. **Bilateral Meetings**
   Bilaterals will be developed in the context of the public meetings with different stakeholders.

d. **Latin America – Caribbean**
   1. **Public Meetings**
      1. March 15-18, Miami Public Policy event

e. **Middle East**
   1. **Public Meetings**
      1. None in March
   2. **Bilateral Meetings**
      1. Week of March 23rd, meeting with the telecom regulatory authority of Turkey (BTK) – TBC.

f. **North America**
   1. **Bilateral Meetings**
      1. For March, continued engagement with USG on IANA Stewardship transition and ICANN accountability process.

g. **IGO/IOs and Country Missions**
   1. **Public Meetings**
      1. March 2-5, Mobile World Congress, Barcelona Spain; ICANNs Geneva team speaking in IG Session; bilateral meetings with governments and other stakeholder to provide update on ICANNs and IANA Stewardship transition process.
      2. March 3-4 2015; Participation to Conference on UNESCO's Internet Study: access, free expression,
privacy and ethics, UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, France; ICANNs Geneva team spoke on “Access” Panel on 4th while Fadi Chehade did closing keynote;

3. March 2-27 2015; Participation to item 2 at 28th regular session of the Human Rights Council (dealing with the right to privacy in the digital age); ICANN’s Geneva team participated.


5. March 23-27 2015; Participation to UNCTAD Expert Meeting on Cyberlaws and Regulations for Enhancing E-commerce including Case Studies and Lessons Learned + ECOWAS seminar on cyberlaw harmonization, ICANN’s Geneva team will attend.

2. **Bilateral Meetings**

1. March 2 Meeting with Cameroon mission to talk about ICANN, and African Strategy, dot cm; ICANN’s Geneva team

2. March 4th – Meeting at UNESCO with the DDG (Mr. Engida); Fadi Chehade and ICANN’s Geneva team have participated and talked about WSIS review.

3. March 5th – Meeting with OECD SG (Mr. Gurria) and team, Fadi Chehade and ICANN’s Geneva team participated and touched on different ICANN matters.

4. March 24th; Bilateral meeting with Poland; ICANN’s Geneva team participated

5. Bilateral meeting with official of EC, Megan Richards, Principal Adviser at DG CONNECT, on 17 March 2015 in Brussels. ICANN Geneva and Europe team will participate.

6. March 6, ICANN’s Geneva team meet with Sally Wentworth from ISOC to coordinate some preparatory work for the WSIS review process.