# GSE/GE Government and IGO related activities as background for monthly GAC calls

## Report 45 – Coverage: February – March 2017

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## I.    Activities for February – March 2017

### a. Africa

#### 1.    Public Meetings

1. February 16-17: Commonwealth ICT Applications Forum 2017, Kigali Rwanda; http://www.cto.int/events/upcoming-events/commonwealth-ict-applications-forum-2017/
2. March 1-4: EACO Working Group 07 (WG07) Meeting; Darussalam, Tanzania
3. March 30-31:  WACREN conference, Abidjan, http://indico.wacren.net/event/46/

   All events were attended by the GSE African regional engagement staff

#### 2.    Bilateral Meetings

1. February 16: Meeting with Meeting with  Minister Jean Philibert Nsengimana, Minister of ICT and Youth, Govt of Rwanda, Kigali Rwanda
2. February 27: Targeted outreach to specific African governments attending GSMA in Barcelona, Spain as, for example, head of regulator in Rwanda with ICANNs CEO and GE/GSE team.
3. February 28: Bilateral meeting with Rwanda Utilities Regulatory Authority (RURA); Barcelona, Spain
4. March 30 : Bilateral meeting with Mr Brohm, Minister of Research and higher education of Togo
5. March 31 : Meeting with Chair, Board of Directors and CEO of WACREN, the West Africa and Central Research and Education Network.

6. Meeting at ICANN58 in Copenhagen with the head of the law enforcement agency for cybersecurity in South Africa
7. Meeting with the Deputy Minister, Federation Republic of Nigeria, Absul-Raheem Adebayo Shittu and his team during ICANN58.
8. Bilateral meetings were arranged in conjunction with the Public Meetings with different stakeholders. Meetings were attended by the GSE and partially by GE teams

## b. Asia / Australasia Pacific Islands
### 1. Public Meetings
1. February 8-10: Convergence India 2017: New Delhi, India: http://www.convergenceindia.org/
2. February 9: India Digital Summit: New Delhi, India: http://iamai.in/events/ids/
3. February 15: APAC Space Web Conference - Feb 2017; Singapore, Singapore
4. February 20-22: 2nd Meeting of Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT) Preparatory group for World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-17): Port Moresby, Guinea: http://www.aptsec.org/2017-WTDC17-2
5. February 23-24: Outreach to .pg and UniTech: Lae, Papua New Guinea
6. February 27 to March 2: Asia Pacific Regional Internet Conference on Operational Technologies (APRICOT 2017): Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam: https://2017.apricot.net/
7. March 2-3: Asia Pacific Top Level Domain Meeting (APTLD71); Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam: http://www.aptld71.vn
8. March 4-5: Myanmar Network Operators Group (mmNOG) Conference 2017; Yangon, Myanmar
9. March 6: India Peering Forum 2017, Part 1; Kolkata, India
10. March 6-7: IGF Japan 2017; Tokyo, Japan; https://www.jaipa.or.jp/topics/2017/03/2016-igf-japan.php
11. March 6-7: Philippines Network Operators' Group (PhNOG) Conference 2017; Manila, Philippines

12. March 8: Neo Brahmi Generation Panel Industry Onboarding Meeting; New Delhi, India
13. March 15: APAC Space (ICANN58) - Mar 2017; Copenhagen, Denmark
14. March 20-23: Regional Development Forum & Regional Prep Mtg for WTDC-17; Bali, Indonesia
15. March 28: Chinese IDN Forum; Beijing City, China
16. March 27-30: DNSSEC training – Pacific; Port Vila, Vanuatu
17. March 29: ICANN58 Readout Session; Beijing City, China

All events were attended by the GSE Asia / Australasia regional engagement staff

## 2. Bilateral Meetings

1. Bilateral meetings were arranged in conjunction with the Public Meetings with different stakeholdersMarch 1: Bilateral Meeting with Vietnam Network Information Center
2. March 2: On sidelines of APTLD - Bilateral Meeting with Korea Internet & Security Agency (KISA)
3. March 2: On sidelines of APTLD - Bilateral Meetings with .TL (Timor-Leste), .LA (Laos), .ID (Indonesia), .PH (Philippines) and .SG (Singapore) ccTLDs
4. March 6: Bilateral Meeting with Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT)
5. March 20-23: On sidelines of Regional Development Forum & Regional Prep Mtg for WTDC-17 - Bilateral Meetings with Brunei Darussalam Authority for Info-communications Technology Industry (AITI), Cambodia Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications (MPTC), Indonesia Ministry of Foreign Affairs (KEMLU), Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC), Timor-Leste National Communications Authority and United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN ESCAP)

## c. Eastern Europe Central Asia
### 1. Public Meetings

1. February 1-2: InfoForum; Moscow, Russia; https://infoforum.ru/conference/2017
2. February 7: Cybersecurity Forum; Moscow, Russia: https://runet-id.com/event/csf17/
3. February 20-22: RUSI-RIAC workshop; Moscow, Russia
4. February 22-24: School of Digital Rights; Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
5. March 31: ICT Summit; Kishinev, Moldova

All events were attended by the GSE Eastern Europe regional engagement staff

## 2. Bilateral Meetings

1. February 28: Bilateral meeting for ICANNs CEO with Estonian Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications; Barcelona, Spain during GSMA Summit
2. February 28: Bilateral meeting for ICANNs CEO with Communications Regulatory Authority of the Republic of Lithuania (RRT); Barcelona, Spain, GSMA Summit
3. February 28: Bilateral meeting for ICANNs CEO with Czech Telecommunication Office; Barcelona, Spain
4. Bilateral meetings were also arranged in conjunction with the Public Meetings with different stakeholders.

## d. Europe
### 1. Public Meetings

1. February 1-2: Lecture at CEU with GSE team: Budapest, Hungary
2. February 7: Global Cyber Security Capacity Centre - Annual Seminar; Oxford, England
3. February 19-21: Domain Pulse Conference: Brussels, Belgium: http://www.domainpulse.at
4. February 20: UK Multi-Stakeholder Advisory Group on Internet Governance (MAGIG) - Session on Internet & Jurisdiction: London, England
5. February 22: School of Digital Rights: Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
6. February 26: EIF-GSMA High-level Roundtable 'Modernizing Europe's digital rules'; Spain
7. February 27: Mobile World Congress 2017: Barcelona, Spain: https://www.mobileworldcongress.com/

8. March 7: UK Ofcom International Stakeholder Forum, Tuesday 7th March 2017 (EC Digital Single Market and international telecom update); London, England
9. March 7: ICANN58 Preparatory meeting Rome; Rome, Italy
10. March 11-16: ICANN58; Copenhagen, Denmark
11. March 27: UK Multi-Stakeholder Advisory Group on Internet Governance (MAGIG) - Discussion on ITU; London, England
12. March 27-31: RightsCon Brussels; Brussels, Belgium; http://www.accessnow.org , ICANNs CEO participated in a panel of the RightsCon event in Brussels, ICANNs CEO also met with Giovanni Buttarelli, Supervisor of Data Protection and Privacy unit in EC, on 31 March in Brussels

All events were attended by the GSE European regional engagement staff and partially by the GE team.


2. **Bilateral Meetings**
    1. February 2: Meetings with several Ministries and departments - Ministry of National Development Istvan Erenyi, (Senior Counsellor, department for ICT Project Management, Unit for International Affairs and Space Policy), Tünde Nagy (Head of Unit, Department for Economy and Information Society Development, Unit of International Affairs) and Andras Pocza (head of Department, Department for ICT Regulation and Management): Budapest Hungary
    2. February 27: Bilateral meeting for ICANNs CEO with the Spanish Minister of Energy, Tourism and the Digital Agenda; Barcelona, Spain, GSMA Sunit
    3. February 28: Bilateral meeting ICANNs CEO with Roberto Viola, DG CONNECT; Barcelona, Spain, GSMA Summit
    4. February 28: Bilateral meeting for ICANNs CEO with Swedish Post and Telecom Agency; Barcelona, Spain, GSMA Summit
    5. February 28: Bilateral meeting for ICANN CEO with UK Department for Culture, Media & Sport; Barcelona, Spain, GSMA Summit

6. March 1: Bilateral meeting with CEO of GSMA; Barcelona, Spain
7. March 10: GAC-USR-WG / GE/GSE mtg; Denmark during ICANN58 to prepare for further capacity building workshops for GAC members developing countries
8. March 13: Polish Vice Minister Meetings with ICANNs CEO; Denmark during ICANN58
9. Bilateral meetings were arranged in conjunction with the Public Meetings with different stakeholders. GSE and partially GE team members participated in the meetings

## e. Latin America – Caribbean
### 1. Public Meetings
1. February 20-21: WTDC ITU Regional Prep meeting: Asuncion, Paraguay
2. February 21-24: Regional Development Forum and Regional Preparatory Meeting for WTDC-17 for the Americas; Asuncion, Paraguay
3. March 2: IX GAC LAC Webinar; Montevideo, Uruguay

All events were attended by the GSE Latin America Caribbean regional engagement staff

### 2. Bilateral Meetings
1. February 27: Bilateral meeting with Communications Regulatory Commission of Colombia (CRC)
2. March 14: Bilateral with Brazil delegation; Denmark during ICANN58
3. Bilateral meetings were arranged in conjunction with the Public Meetings with different stakeholders.

## f. Middle East
### 1. Public Meetings
1. February 15-16: Turkey DNS Forum: Istanbul, Turkey: http://www.turkeydnsforum.org
2. February 19: DNSSEC workshop: Dubai, UAE: hosted by the Telecommunication Regulatory Authority
3. February 20: Engagement in West Bank; Ramallah, Palestine

4. February 22: Updates on ICANN's Accountability Track; Webinar
5. March 21-23: IIC Telecommunications and Media Forum 2017; Doha, Qatar
6. March 26: Cybercrime and the Digital Economy in the GCC countries: Dubai, UAE
7. March 28-31: Afghanistan IGF: Kabul, Afghanistan (ICANN staff members participated remotely)

   All events were attended by the GSE Middle East regional engagement staff

2. **Bilateral Meetings**
   1. Februrary 15: Meetings with the BTK Chairman and his team; Istanbul, Turkey
   2. Februrary 20-23: Meetings with the Ministry of Telecom and IT, PalCERT, and the e-Government Program; Ramallah, Palestine
   3. February 27: Dinner with Deputy Minister of Telecom, Republic of Turkey and executives of global communications companies; Barcelona, Spain, GSMA Summit
   4. February 28: Bilateral meeting for ICANNs CEO with the Minister of Information Technology and Telecommunication and with the Chairman of the Pakistan Telecommunications Authority (PTA); Barcelona, Spain, GSMA Summit
   5. February 28: Bilateral meeting for ICANNs CEO with the Director General of the UAE Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA); Barcelona, Spain
   6. March 12-14: Meetings with the GAC representatives of Pakistan and UAE; and with the Advisor to the Deputy Minister of ICT of Iran; Copenhagen, Denmark during ICANN58
   7. March 23: Bilateral meeting with the President of the Qatar's Communication Regulatory Authority (CRA); Doha, Qatar
   8. Bilateral meetings were arranged in conjunction with the Public Meetings with different stakeholders. The

different bilateral meetings were attended by the regional SGE team and partially by the GE team

g. **North America**

 1. **Public Meetings**

  1. February 16: DC Meetings - briefing the community; Washington, DC

All events were attended by the GSE North American regional engagement staff

 2. **Bilateral Meetings**

  1. Introductory meetings are being arranged with incoming Congressional staff and incoming US administration staff.
  2. February 13: Meeting with Mike Platt; Washington DC
  3. February 13: Meeting with Senate Judiciary Committee staff; Washington, DC
  4. February 14: Meeting with Chief Counsel of the E&C Communications and Telecomm Subcommittee; Washington DC
  5. February 15: Meeting with the Sr. Policy Advisor to Maj Leader McCarthy and the Policy Assistant to Speaker Ryan; Washington, DC
  6. February 15: Meeting with E&C Telecomm Subcommittee; Washington, DC
  7. February 15: Meeting with LD to Rep. Mike Doyle; Washington, DC
  8. February 15: Meeting with Senate Commerce Telecomm Subcomm Staff; Washington, DC
  9. February 15: Meeting with the Policy Advisor for Sen. Schatz (D-HI); Washington, DC
  10. February 15: Meeting with the Sr Tech Policy Advisor for Rep. Eshoo; Washington, DC
  11. Bilateral meetings were arranged in conjunction with the Public Meetings with different stakeholders, and attended by the GSE team members and senior staff in charge of the government engagement in DC

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

 1. **Public Meetings**

1. February 2: Cullen hosted Seminar on IP Connection / Peering: Brussels
2. February 3: ITU Open Consultation - Development Issues; Geneva, Switzerland
3. February 4-9: ITU Council WG meetings, Geneva, Switzerland: http://www.itu.int/council/groups/CWG-internet/index.html
4. February 9: ITU WSIS CWG; Geneva, Switzerland
5. February 9- 10 -ITU ITR Expert Group; Geneva, Switzerland
6. February 14: WSIS Forum 2017 Open Consultation
7. February 15: OSCE Cyberspace and Critical Infrastructures Session: Vienna:
8. February 16: DC Meetings - briefing the community on UN/ITU engagement by GE; Washington DC
9. February 23: Meeting with Pakistan Permanent Mission representative Amb. Shah
10. February 27-28: MWC at Barcelona, bilateral programme and event attendance including European Internet Forum roundtable
11. March 1-3: IGF MAG Open Consultation and MAG meeting: Geneva
12. March 9- WTDC – COM-ITU Meeting; Geneva
13. March 14 – Participation in IGFSA Executive Committee meeting during ICANN58 in Copenhagen
14. March 21 – ITU Blockchain (SG 17); Geneva
15. March 27-29: WIPO -Committee on Trademarks etc.; Geneva, Switzerland
16. March 24th – Participation in CTO Forum via board members and staff members, London
17. March 30th – RightsCon – Brussels, in attendance of ICANNs CEO
18. March 31st – Council of Europe, Convention 108 Ctte; Paris
19. March 27-29: WIPO event on Trademarks etc.; Geneva, Switzerland, including sessions on DNS fora

All events were attended by the Government Engagement  (GE) staff


2.    **Bilateral Meetings**

1. February 1: ICRC on IGO Protection: Geneva:
2. February 1: UK Mission on IG issues: Geneva
3. February 9, Meeting with the French Mission in Geneva (issue: WIPO, domain names and geographical indicator)
4. February 15$^{th}$ – German Mission to the UN, New York
5. February 21$^{st}$; Bulgarian Mission; Geneva
6. February 22$^{nd}$ – Bulgarian Mission to the UN, New York
7. February 23$^{rd}$ – EastWest Institute, New York
8. February 23: Geneva Internet lunch: various players: Dispute Resolution
9. February 27$^{th}$ – March 1$^{st}$; Bilaterals Barcelona, attendance with ICANNs CEO
10. March 1$^{st}$ – Bilateral and dinner at the Swiss Ambassador to UN V. Zellweger with ICANN board members and GE staff attendance
11. March 2$^{nd}$; WIPO Meeting; Geneva
12. March 4$^{th}$ – Bulgarian Permanent Representative to the UN, New York
13. March 7$^{th}$; COE meeting; Strasbourg to prepare for ICANN58 visit of CEO
14. March 8$^{th}$; ITU meeting (staff); Geneva
15. March 21: Bilateral EPLO; Geneva, Switzerland
16. March 21: Bilateral IPU; Geneva, Switzerland
17. March 27th; bilatral US Mision; Geneva
18. March 29th; bilateral UK Mission; Geneva
19. March 30th; bilaterals ICANNs CEO and UNESCO ASG; Brussels
20. March 30th – Macedonian PR to the UN, New York
21. March 31st – Russia DPR to the UN, New York
22. February 23: Geneva Internet lunch: various players: Dispute Resolution
23. March 21: Bilateral European Public Law Organization (EPLO); Geneva, Switzerland
24. March 21: Bilateral Interparlimentary Union Secretary General; Geneva, Switzerland
25. Bilateral with ITU Secretary General, Houlin Zhao to prepare for ICANNs board visit to the ITU on 5$^{th}$ May 2017 in Geneva
26. Bilateral with Ambassador of Algeria in Geneva and his mission team.

27. Bilateral with Ambassador of Bulgaria in Geneva
28. Bilateral meetings were arranged in conjunction with the Public Meetings with different stakeholders and were all attended with the GE team

## II. Planned Activities for April 2017
### a. Africa
#### 1. Public Meetings
1. April 9-13: Connected Summit 2017; Mombasa, Kenya; http://connected.go.ke/
2. April 10-11: Central Afrrican IGF; Brazzaville, Congo
3. April 11-13: OSIANE 2017; Brazzaville, Congo
4. April 17-20: Digitize Africa 2017; Durban, South Africa; https://www.digitizeafrica.co.za/
5. April 25-26: Capacity building workshop for WATRA, the West Africa Telecoms Regulators Association;; Monrovia, Liberia
6. April 25-28: Southern Africa Telecommunications Association (SATA) 37th Annual Conference; Matsapha, Swaziland; http://www.sata-sec.net/annualconference/

#### 2. Bilateral Meetings
1. Bilateral meetings will be arranged in conjunction with the Public Meetings with different stakeholders

### b. Asia / Australasia Pacific Islands
#### 1. Public Meetings
1. April 2-7: PITA AGM 2017; Rarotonga, Cook Islands
2. April 5-6: India Internet Conference 2017; New Delhi, India
3. April 18-21: ICANNs CEO, Göran Marby's Visit to Beijing; Beijing, China with members of the GSE and GE department to meet with government officials and various other stakeholders from business and academic and technical community
4. April 20: 48th ICANN Japan Readout; Tokyo, Japan
5. April 24-27: Pacific Regulatory and Policy Forum 10 (PRFP10); Nadi, Fiji

6. April 25-26: Korea Engagement Visit 2017 (KISA and Kr ISP); Seoul, Korea
7. April 25-26: Vivekananda International Foundation Seminar on Internet Governance; New Delhi, India
8. April 28: GAC Capacity development – Pacific; Nadi, Fiji, conducted by the GSE / GE teams and CTO team

## 2. Bilateral Meetings
1. Bilateral meetings will be arranged in conjunction with the Public Meetings with different stakeholders.

## c. Eastern Europe Central Asia
### 1. Public Meetings
1. April 7: Russian IGF 2017; Kazan, Russia; http://rigf.ru/
2. April 20-22: Russian Internet Forum; Moscow, Russia; http://rif.ru

### 2. Bilateral Meetings
1. Bilateral meetings will be arranged in conjunction with the Public Meetings with different stakeholders.

## d. Europe
### 1. Public Meetings
1. April 24-25: Garmisch meeting about cybersecurity; Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany
2. April 5– ECO meeting for IG issues in Düsseldorf
3. April 6 – G20 ICT multistakerholder Ministerial meeting in Düsseldorf with bilaterals with the German government officials

### 2. Bilateral Meetings
1. Bilateral meetings will be arranged in conjunction with the Public Meetings with different stakeholders.

## e. Latin America – Caribbean
### 1. Public Meetings
1. April 3-7: South School on Internet Governance; Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; http://www.gobernanzainternet.org/ssig2017/pt/

2. April 5-7: WEF Latin American; Buenos Aires, Argentina; https://www.weforum.org/events/world-economic-forum-on-latin-america-2017
3. April 17-21: CITEL CCP I; Lima, Peru

## 2. Bilateral Meetings
1. Bilateral meetings will be arranged in conjunction with the Public Meetings with different stakeholders.

## f. Middle East
### 1. Public Meetings
1. April 10-12: CTO ICT Invest; Dubai UAE; http://www.cto.int/events/upcoming-events/ict-invest-forum-2017/
2. April 16-20: MEOG 17; Muscat, Oman; http://www.menog.org/meetings/menog-17/
3. April 26-27: Afghanistan School on Internet Governance (AFSIG); Kabul, Afghanistan; http://sig.afig.af

### 2. Bilateral Meetings
1. Bilateral meetings will be arranged in conjunction with the Public Meetings with different stakeholders.

## g. North America
### 1. Public Meetings
1. April 26: International Conference on Cyber Engagement; Washington, DC

### 2. Bilateral Meetings
1. Bilateral meetings will be arranged in conjunction with the Public Meetings with different stakeholders.

## h. IGO/IOs and Country Missions
### 1. Public Meetings
1. April 4th: OECD Digitlisation Project; SG; Paris
2. April 6th: G20 ICT Ministerial, multistakeholder meeting
3. April 24 - 25: COM-ITU Session; Vilnius, Lithuania
4. April 26th; ITU RDF; Vilnius Lithuania

5. April 26-27: Afghanistan School on Internet Governance (AFSIG); Kabul, Afghanistan; http://sig.afig.af (remotely)
6. April 27: Briefing for permanent missions to the UN (UNGA First Committee diplomats), New York , together with IEEE and Permanent Mission of Germany to the UN
7. April 25th – OECD meeting about partnership in international organizations, Paris
8. April 27-28th; UNCTAD; E Commerce Week; Geneva
9. Ongoing preparatory meetings in Geneva, for the logisticis of the board workship meeting early May 2017 in Geneva

## 2. Bilateral Meetings

1. 21st April; Biateral Meetings DCMS; London;
2. Bilateral meetings will be arranged in conjunction with the Public Meetings with different stakeholders and conducted by the GE team.