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

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Date: April 16, 2019

I.   Completed Activities February - March 2019
a. Africa
1.   Public Meetings
1. Feb 9 – 10: Smart Africa Steering Committee Meeting: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
2. Feb 12-13: Outreach to Africa Union Commission and Meeting with PRIDA (AUC/EU Partnership on Internet governance in Africa); Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
3. Feb 26-28: Academic Outreach to three public universities in Kisumu City, Kenya
4. March 15-16: WACREN (West and Central Africa Research an Education Network) annual meeting; Accra, Ghana https://indico.wacren.net/event/71/page/70-programme
5. March 23 : Official launch of Francophonie Day; Cotonou, Benin
6. March 27-29: Annual General Meeting of the Communications Regulators' Association of Southern Africa; Dare salaam, Tanzania

All meetings were attended by regional GSE team members

2.   Bilateral Meetings
1. Bilateral meetings were arranged as needed with different stakeholders in conjunction with the Public Meetings and were attended by regional team members

b. Asia / Australasia Pacific Islands
1.   Public Meetings
1. February 11-14: IDN TSGP Workshop and ICANN Outreach in Bhutan

2. February 24-28: Asia Pacific Regional Internet Conference on Operational Technologies (APRICOT), Daejeon, Korea
3. February 27: Japan IGF 2018 Readout, Tokyo, Japan.
4. February 25-28: Institute for International Trade and Development Regional Capacity Development Workshop: Digital Trade and Future Commerce. Bangkok, Thailand
5. March 9-14: ICANN 64; Kobe, Japan
6. March 20-22: DNSSEC workshop and ICANN64 readout; Nuku'alofa, Tonga
7. March 25-26: DNSSEC workshop and ICANN64 readout; Port Vila, Vanuatu
8. March 29: Tech Start-up Summit - Solve for India; Khozikode, India

All meetings were attended by regional GSE team members

2. Bilateral Meetings
1. Bilateral meetings were arranged in conjunction with the Public Meetings with different stakeholders.

c. Eastern Europe Central Asia
1. Public Meetings
1. January 31- February 1: Info Forum; Moscow, Russia
2. February 14: Cybersecurity Forum; Moscow, Russia
3. March 16-17: RCC High-Level Working Group on Information Society; Baku, Azerbaijan

All meetings were attended by regional GSE team members

2. Bilateral Meetings
1. Bilateral meetings were arranged as needed with different stakeholders in conjunction with any Public Meetings

d. **Europe**
   1. **Public Meetings**
      1. February 25-28: Mobile World Congress / GSMA; Barcelona, Spain with ICANN's CEO attendance and GSE/GE/OCTO team members
      2. March 25: Meeting with Danish GAC member, Denmark

         All bilateral Governments meetings were attended by regional GSE/GE/OCTO team members

   2. **Bilateral Meetings**
      1. Bilateral meetings were arranged in conjunction with the Mobile World Congress with governments and different stakeholders attending the event.

e. **Latin America – Caribbean**
   1. **Public Meetings**
      1. February 7: LAC-i Roadshow 2019 Caribbean (TCI); Providenciales, Turks and Caicos Islands
      2. February 16: GAC LAC Webinar
      3. February 19: ACTO Meeting in Brasilia, Brazil with ICANN's CEO and his team meeting ACTO member states and their government officials

         All meetings were attended by regional GSE/GE/legal team members

   2. **Bilateral Meetings**
      1. February 18: Bilateral meetings with member countries prior to ACTO meeting; Brasilia Brazil

f. **Middle East**
   1. **Public Meetings**
      1. February 6: Handling DNS Abuse and Misuse; Islamabad, Pakistan
      2. February 7-8: DNSSEC Workshop; Islamabad, Pakistan
      3. February 13-14: Cyber Defense Summit; Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

4. February 20-21: 6th Middle East DNS Forum in conjunction with APTLD75; Dubai, UAE and Chair of the Board will provide a keynote address
5. March 20: MA Domain Day; Rabat, Morocco
6. March 19-21: Second Arab High-level Forum on WSIS and 2030 Agenda for Sustainable; Beirut, Lebanon

All meetings were attended by regional GSE team members

2. Bilateral Meetings

1. February 8: Meeting with National Telecom Corporation of Pakistan; Islamabad, Pakistan
2. February 8: Meeting with the Ministry of IT and Telecom of Pakistan; Islamabad, Pakistan
3. February 12: Meeting with the Minister of Communication and Information Technology of Saudi Arabia; Riyadh, Saudi Arabia and ICANN's Chair of the Board
4. February 8: Meeting with Pakistan Telecom Authority; Islamabad, Pakistan
5. February 8: Meeting with Pakistan Software Export Board; Islamabad, Pakistan
6. February 17: Meeting with the Minister of Communication and Information Technology of Egypt, Cairo, Egypt with Chair of ICANN's board
7. February 19: Meeting with the Director General of the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority, Dubai, UAE

g. North America
1. Public Meetings

1. February 11: Briefing for the DC tech and business community; Washington, D.C.
2. February 25: ICANN and the new gTLDs; Washington, D.C.
3. February 27: 2019 Canadian IGF; Toronto, Canada
4. March 15: International Visitor Leadership Program – Brazil; Washington, D.C.

5. March 21: Rob Strayer Breakfast - Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Cyber & Int'l Communications Policy; Washington, D.C.

   All meetings were attended by regional GSE team members

2. Bilateral Meetings

1. Bilateral meetings were arranged as needed in conjunction with the Public Meetings with different stakeholders and will be attended by the relevant staff DC office member and GE NY team

h. IGO/IOs and Country Missions
1. Public Meetings

1. February 18-19: Domain Pulse Conference; Bern Switzerland
2. February 19: High Level Internet Governance group (HLIG); Brussels, Belgium
3. February 19: European Internet Forum (EIF) 19th General Assembly; Hague, Netherlands
4. February 27: Technical Seminar on Global Regulation of Digital Labor; Geneva, Switzerland
5. March 5: UNESCO - ROAMing the Era of AI; Paris, France
6. March 11-12: OECD Going Digital, Paris, France
7. March 19-21: SG1 ITU-D; Geneva, Switzerland

   All the above meetings were attended by relevant GE team members.

2. Bilateral Meetings

1. February 4: OFCOM bilateral, London UK
2. February 6: UNESCO bilateral, Paris, France
3. February 12: ISO Meeting; IG briefing for BSCC
4. February 13: OSCE Meeting; Vienna, Austria
5. February 14: UNODC; Vienna, Austria
6. February 25 -28: Bilaterals will be arranged with around 10 governments attending the MWC; Barcelona, Spain and attended by GSE/GE/OCTO team members
7. March 5: Bilateral, OECD, Paris, France

Bilateral meetings were arranged in conjunction with the Public Meetings with different stakeholders and will be attended by GE team members.

II.   Planned Activities for April 2019
a. Africa
1.   Public Meetings
1. April 5: Information meeting on Budapest and conventions on Cybersecurity , Cotonou (Benin)
2. April 15-17: OSIANE 2019, Brazzaville, Congo
3. April 24-25: SEIT-inpt : Rabat, Morocco.
4. April 29-30: Workshop (Hosted by Africa Telecommunications Union - ATU) on ICT Innovation and e-Skilling in Nairobi Kenya

All meetings will be attended by regional GSE team members

2.   Bilateral Meetings
1. Bilateral meetings will be arranged as needed with different stakeholders in conjunction with the Public Meetings and will be attended by regional team members

b. Asia / Australasia Pacific Islands
1.   Public Meetings
1. April 7-12: PITA 23rd AGM (2019); Sigtoka, Fiji
2. April 16-17: ICANN APAC-TWNIC Engagement Forum 2019; Taipei, Taipei

All meetings will be attended by regional GSE team members

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 17 - 19: 23rd Russian Internet Forum, https://runet-id.com/event/rif19/ Moscow, Russia
      All meetings will be attended by regional GSE team members

   2. **Bilateral Meetings**
      1. Bilateral meetings will be arranged as needed with different stakeholders in conjunction with any Public Meetings

d. **Europe**
   1. **Public Meetings**
      1. No planned participation in public meetings in April.

   2. **Bilateral Meetings**
      1. Bilateral meetings will be arranged in conjunction with the Mobile World Congress with governments and different stakeholders attending the event.

e. **Latin America – Caribbean**
   1. **Public Meetings**
      1. April 8-11: LACiRoadshow Centro America; Managua, Nicaragua
      2. April 10-12: CaribNOG17; Bridgetown, Barbados
      3. April 29-30: CTU 30th Anniversary & Prime Ministerial Seminar; Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago
      4. April 29-May 2: CITEL CCP I; Lima, Peru

      All meetings will be attended by regional GSE/GE/legal team members

   2. **Bilateral Meetings**
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f. Middle East
1. Public Meetings
1. April 5: Handling Internet Identifiers Abuse and Misuse; Beirut, Lebanon

All meetings will be attended by regional GSE team members

2. Bilateral Meetings
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g. North America
1. Public Meetings
1. No planned participation in public meetings in April

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2. Bilateral Meetings
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h. IGO/IOs and Country Missions
1. Public Meetings
1. April 1 - 5: UNCTAD e-Commerce week; Geneva, Switzerland
2. April 8: European Parliment event; Brussels, Belgium
3. April 8-10: IGF MAG meeting and Open Consultation; Geneva, Switzerland April 9-11: WSIS Forum; Geneva, Switzerland
4. April 8-11: Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications(SCT) 41 WIPO; Geneva, Switzerland
5. April 9-11: WSIS Forum; Geneva, Switzerland
6. April 22-24: Garmisch International Cybersecurity meeting; Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany

7. April 29- May 3: UNGEGN meeting on geographic indicators; UN, New York, NY

All the above meetings will be attended by relevant GE team members.

2. **Bilateral Meetings**

1. April 8- 9: Bilateral meetings for CEO with MEP and DG Connect: Brussels Belgium
2. April 10: Bilateral meeting for CEO with Director ITU-D during WSIS Forum, Geneva, Switzerland
3. April 10: Bilateral meeting for CEO with Armenian Minister during WSIS Forum, Geneva, Switzerland
4. April 10: Bilateral meeting for CEO with President of Polish Office of Electronic Communication, during WSIS Forum, Geneva, Switzerland
5. April 11: Bilateral meeting for CEO with ITU Secretary General: during WSIS Forum, Geneva, Switzerland

Bilateral meetings will be arranged in conjunction with the Public Meetings with different stakeholders and will be attended by GE team members.