

## GSE/GE GOVERNMENT AND IGO RELATED ACTIVITIES

### REPORT 78

### COMPLETED ACTIVITIES: SEPTEMBER – NOVEMBER 2023

*(Wherever possible, we have added information on the topics discussed in italics)*

#### I. Africa

##### A. Public Meetings

1. September 11-13: Nigeria School of Internet Governance Forum ([NIGF](#)); Abuja, Nigeria.
2. September 11-15: Formation des formateurs sur la Gouvernance de l'Internet; [FFGI 2023](#); Cotonou, Benin.
3. September 13-18: Africa School of Internet Governance ([AfriSIG](#)); Abuja, Nigeria
4. September 19-21: [Africa Internet Governance Forum](#); Abuja, Nigeria. *Universal Acceptance and IDNs, next round of gTLDs, Coalition for Digital Africa.*
5. September 26-20: [Africa Internet Summit](#); Johannesburg, South Africa. *Coalition for Digital Africa discussions.*
6. October 3-5: [ITU Regional Development Forum for Africa](#); Ethiopia, Addis-Ababa. *Coalition for Digital Africa discussions.*
7. October 17-19: [Mobile World Congress Africa](#) (Kigali, Rwanda)
8. November 14-16: [Africa ICT Alliance Summit \(virtual\)](#). *Next Round of gTLDs, Universal Acceptance and IDNs, Coalition for Digital Africa.*
9. November 29: Virtual Training Program held by the Egyptian African Telecom Regulatory Training Center (EG-ATRC). *DNS101: The Domain Name System, the almost forgotten part of the Internet.*

##### B. Bilateral Meetings

1. September 27: Meeting with the Minister for Communications and Digital Technologies; Johannesburg, South Africa. *Coalition for Digital Africa, Strengthening multistakeholderism, increased GAC participation.*
2. September 29: Meeting with the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA) *Coalition for Digital Africa.*
3. October 05: Meeting with Dr Cosmas Zavazava, Director, BDT-ITU. *ITU-D/ICANN collaboration in the context of the Coalition for Digital Africa.*
4. November 14: Bilateral meeting between ICANN CEO and Cabo Verde Secretary of State for Digital Economy; Lisbon, Portugal. *Bilateral relations and government engagement.*
5. November 22: Meeting with GSMA Africa. *Coalition for Digital Africa.*

## II. Asia / Australia and Pacific Islands

### A. Public Meetings

1. September 13-15: ITU Regional Development Forum for Asia and the Pacific Region (RDF-ARP) 2023; Bangkok, Thailand; Hybrid.
2. September 18-20: Pacific Cyber Security Operational Network (PaCSON) Annual General Meeting (AGM); Port Vila, Vanuatu.
3. September 28: Global Forum for Cyber Expertise (GFCE) Triple-I Workshop; Guwahati, India.
4. September 29: India School on Internet Governance (inSIG) 2023; Guwahati, India.
5. October 2-4: Pacific Cyber Community Capacity Building Conference (P4C); Nadi, Fiji.
6. October 4-5: TWIGF 2023; Taipei, Chinese Taipei, Hybrid.
7. October 8-12: Internet Governance Forum (IGF) 2023; Kyoto, Japan.
8. October 22: APAC GAC Session at ICANN78; Hamburg, Germany.
9. October 23: APAC Space at ICANN78; Hamburg, Germany.
10. November 8-10: World Internet Conference 2023 (Wuzhen Summit); Wuzhen, China.
11. November 25: 18th Bangladesh IGF 2023; Dhaka, Bangladesh, virtual.
12. November 27-30: Pacific Network Operators Group (PacNOG) 32; Nuku'alofa, Tonga.

### B. Bilateral Meetings

1. October 3: Meeting with Fiji Government, ITC Services and Digital Transformation, Nadi, Fiji. *DNSSEC capacity development discussions.*
2. October 3: Meeting with Nauru Ministry of Communications Permanent Secretary, Nadi, Fiji. *GAC representation and capacity development options.*
3. October 4: Meeting with Kiribati Ministry of Communications, Nadi, Fiji. *ccTLD issues and updating of GAC representation.*
4. October 4: Meeting with Palau Department of Communications, Nadi, Fiji. *ccTLD issues and updating of GAC representation.*
5. October 8: Meeting with Asia Pacific Telecommunity (APT) Secretary General; Kyoto, Japan. *The HLG and APT's future collaboration with ICANN.*
6. October 8: Meeting with Japan's Minister for Digital Transformation; Kyoto, Japan. *WSIS+20, the multistakeholder model, concerns the risk of "splinternet", IDNs, and the next round of gTLD.*
7. October 9: Meeting with the UN Under Secretary General for Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA); Kyoto, Japan. *The multistakeholder model in Internet governance, GDC, WSIS+20 and the future of IGF.*
8. October 11: Meeting with Japan's Vice Minister of Internal Affairs and Communications; Kyoto, Japan. *IGF and WSIS+20, HLG.*
9. October 18: Meeting with E-Governance Commission, Nepal; virtual. *GAC participation and collaboration on IDNs.*

10. November 2: Meeting with ITU Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific, Atsuko Okuda; New Delhi, India. *Regional collaboration with ITU on IDNs and UA.*
11. November 27: Meeting with Tonga Ministry of Communications / CERT-Tonga, Nuku'alofa, Tonga. *ICANN GAC participation, HLG, ccTLD discussion.*

### III. Eastern Europe, Central Asia

#### A. Public Meetings

1. No public meetings involving governments were attended in this period.

#### B. Bilateral Meetings

1. November 9: Meeting with the Chairman of the Agency of Transport and Communication of Turkmenistan; Ashgabat, Turkmenistan. *ccTLD discussions.*
2. November 13: Meeting with the Deputy Head of the Analytical Operation Center under the president of Belarus; Minsk, Belarus. *WSIS+20 process and HLG in Rwanda in June 2024*
3. November 20: Meeting with the Cyber Security Advisor to the Prime Minister of Republic of Moldova; Chisinau, Moldova. *Internet infrastructure in Moldova, role of ICANN, ICANN projects, such as DAAR, IMRS and ITHI.*

### IV. Europe

#### A. Public Meetings

1. September 29: High Level Group on Internet Governance (HLIG) meeting; Online *The meeting is a recurring platform for the EU Commission, EU Member States and stakeholders to exchange views on matters of Internet governance.*
2. October 18-19: 2nd Europol Cybercrime Conference; The Hague, Netherlands. *The annual event gathers law enforcement across the world to exchange information about current challenges and best practices.*
3. November 13-16: Web Summit 2023; Lisbon, Portugal. *High level event; ICANN CEO spoke in several sessions.*
4. November 23: European External Action Service (EEAS) Digital Diplomacy Network (DDN) meeting; Brussels, Belgium. *Presentation of ICANN and its mission, discussion on WSIS+20.*
5. November 29: ICANN Internet Dialogues; Brussels, Belgium. *Recurring engagement event in Brussels on topical EU policy issues.*

#### B. Bilateral Meetings

1. September 13: Meeting with Spanish attachés from the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Spanish Permanent representation; Brussels, Belgium *Geographical Indications EU Regulation*

2. September 25: Meeting with Digital Counselor and Private Office of the State Secretary for Digitization, Cabinet of Belgium State Secretary for Digitization; Brussels, Belgium. *Meet and greet in light of the upcoming Belgian Presidency of the Council.*
3. September 25: Meeting with the European Commission, Internet Governance and Multistakeholder Relations, DG CONNECT; Brussels, Belgium. *Meeting on current ICANN issues.*
4. September 27: Meeting with the Dutch Ambassador for Cyber Affairs and Head Of International Cyber Policy at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; The Hague, Netherlands. *Meet and greet with the new Dutch Ambassador for Cyber Affairs .*
5. September 27: Meeting with Dutch GAC representative and Senior Policy Advisor at the Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate, Digital Economy Division; The Hague, Netherlands. *Bilateral relations and government engagement.*
6. October 8: Meeting with the UK Minister for Data and Digital Infrastructure; Kyoto, Japan. *Bilateral relations and government engagement.*
7. October 9: Meeting with the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe; Kyoto, Japan. *Bilateral relations and government engagement.*
8. October 10: Meeting with the German Federal Ministry for Digital and Transport; Kyoto, Japan. *Bilateral relations and government engagement.*
9. October 10: Meeting with the delegation of the European Parliament Members to the IGF; Kyoto, Japan. *Relations with the European Parliament.*
10. October 10: Meeting with the Austrian Minister for the European Union and Constitution; Kyoto, Japan. *Bilateral relations and government engagement.*
11. October 11: Meeting with the Dutch Ambassador for Cyber Affairs; Kyoto, Japan. *Cyber-related work at the UNGA OEWG and AHC.*
12. October 25: Meeting between ICANN CEO/Board Chair and the European Commission, Future of Networks Directorate, DG CONNECT; Hamburg, Germany. *Bilateral relations.*
13. October 25: Meeting between ICANN CTO and the European Commission, Future of Networks Directorate, DG CONNECT; Hamburg, Germany. *Bilateral relations with the EU Commission.*
14. October 25: Meeting with the European Commission, Internet Governance and Multistakeholder Relations, DG CONNECT; Hamburg, Germany. *Bilateral relations.*
15. November 14: Meeting with the Luxembourg Ministry of State, Department for Media, Connectivity and Digital Policy (SMC); Lisbon, Portugal. *Meet and greet.*
16. November 14: Bilateral meeting between ICANN CEO and Danish Tech Ambassador; Lisbon, Portugal. *Meet and greet with ICANN CEO.*
17. November 14: Bilateral meeting between ICANN CEO and Serbian Minister of Science, Technological Development and Innovation; Lisbon, Portugal.
18. November 17-18: Bilateral meeting with Bulgarian government, Sofia, Bulgaria. *GDC, WSIS+20, support for ICANN and the MSM of IG*
19. November 22: Bilateral meeting with Belgian Cyber Ambassador and team. *Bilateral meeting in light of the upcoming Belgian Presidency.*

20. November 28: Meeting with the European Commission, Internet Governance and Multistakeholder Relations, DG CONNECT; Brussels, Belgium. *Meeting on current ICANN issues.*

## **V. Latin America – Caribbean**

### **A. Public Meetings**

1. September 11-15: South School Internet Governance, Campina Grande, Brazil
2. September 11-15: CEPAL School; São Paulo, Brazil
3. September 18-19: IGF Lusofonia; São Paulo, Brazil

### **B. Bilateral Meetings**

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## **VI. Middle East**

### **A. Public Meetings**

1. September 10-14: DNS Operations and DNSSEC workshop with the Communications, Space, and Technology (CST) commission; Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. *Workshops on DNS Operations and on DNSSEC.*
2. November 6-8: ITU Regional Development Forum for the Arab States; Manama, Bahrain. *Panel speaking slot on ICANN and cybersecurity.*

### **B. Bilateral Meetings**

1. September 13: Meeting with the Vice-President of Technology at the Communications, Space, and Technology (CST); Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. *Emerging Technologies and OCTO papers, UA, ICANN processes.*
2. October 10: Meeting with the President of Information and Communication Technologies Authority (BTK), Ankara, Türkiye. *Increase collaboration to expand the adoption of DNSSEC protocol by the registrars and ISPs and maintain regular dialogue with ICANN.*
3. October 31: Meeting with the Deputy Director General of the Telecommunication and Digital Government Regulatory Authority of UAE. *Universal Acceptance and UA Day 2024.*
4. November 6: Meeting with the Somali Minister of Telecommunications and Technology; Manama, Bahrain. *ICANN processes and the work of the ccTLD.*
5. November 6: Meeting with the Somali National Communications Authority; Manama, Bahrain. *DNSSEC and relations with the ccTLD*
6. November 6: Meeting with the Sudanese Minister of Telecommunications and Digital Economy; Manama, Bahrain.
7. November 6: Meeting with the Sudanese Vice-Chair of the Telecommunications and Posts Regulatory Authority (TPRA); Manama, Bahrain.

8. November 7: Meeting with Zeina BouHarb from OGERO Lebanon; Manama, Bahrain. *GAC-related discussion.*
9. November 7: Meeting with TRA Bahrain; Manama, Bahrain. *DNSSEC and an upcoming UA Hackathon.*
10. November 8: Meeting with the Syrian Ministry of Communications and Technology; Manama, Bahrain *Protocol meeting to get a better understanding of the ICT sector in Syria and inform them about ICANN work.*
11. November 21: Meeting with the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology of Egypt; Cairo, Egypt. *IMRS installation launch; security of DNS infrastructure; Internet fragmentation; Universal Acceptance and GAC HLMG in Kigali*

## **VII. North America**

### **A. Public Meetings**

1. October 3: Quebec Internet Governance Forum, Montréal, Canada
2. October 4: Canadian Government Internet Forum, Montréal, Canada

### **B. Bilateral Meetings**

1. October 4: Meeting with Canadian GAC representative; Montréal, Canada
2. October 21: Meeting with Canadian GAC representative; Hamburg, Germany

## **VIII. IGO/IOs and Country Missions**

### **A. Public Meetings**

1. September 1: Ad Hoc Committee on the UN Cyber Convention; New York, USA. *All UN meetings, unless otherwise stated, consist of observation of the deliberations and reporting to the ICANN community.*
2. September 17: SDG Digital; New York, USA.
3. September 18-19: UN SDG Summit; New York, USA.
4. September 19-26: 78th Session of the UNGA, High Level Debate; New York, USA.
5. September 21: Preparatory ministerial meeting for the Summit of the Future; New York, USA.
6. September 21: Meeting with the European Internet Forum (EIF) and Members of the European Parliament ahead of the IGF; Online. *Presentation to MEPs ahead of the IGF.*
7. October 2: UNGA 3rd Committee Discussions, Agenda items 107 and 108: Crime; Information and Technologies General Discussion; New York, USA.

8. October 6 and 10: UNGA 2nd Committee deliberations, Agenda item 15: ICTs for sustainable development; New York, USA.
9. October 12, UNGA 2nd Committee, Side-event “New Perspectives on Development in 21st Century”; New York, USA
10. October 13: UN, UNIDIR Side-event: “Preparing for the Future of International Peace and Security”; New York, USA
11. October 19 - 20: 61st CTO Council Meeting, Yaoundé, Republic of Cameroon
12. September - November: UNGA 1st, 2nd and 3rd Committee discussions and deliberations; New York, USA; online
13. November 6-7: CSTD 2023-2024 Inter-sessional Panel; Lisbon, Portugal; ICANN CEO participated virtually

#### B. Bilateral Meetings

1. July 27: meeting with Portuguese Cyber Ambassador; New York, United States. *Internet Fragmentation and role of ICANN in IG.*
2. September 15: meeting with the Universal Postal Union (UPU); Online
3. September 21: meeting with the African Union-European Union (AU-EU) Digital for Development (D4D)
4. October 10: Meeting with the International Telecommunication Union’s (ITU) Secretary General; Kyoto, Japan. *Bilateral relations and future cooperation.*
5. October 28: Meeting with the ITU Arab Regional Office Director; Amman, Jordan. *Updates on the ITU-ARO work in the Arab region, and share updates from ICANN, mainly around UA and the next round of new gTLDs.*
6. November 6: Meeting with the Acting Director for Statistics, Information Society and Technology Cluster from UN-ESCWA; Manama, Bahrain. *Upcoming events on the Arab IGF, WSIS+20, and GDC.*
7. November 7: Meeting with the ITU Arab Regional Office Deputy Director from ITU-ARO; Manama, Bahrain. *Protocol meeting.*