

## GSE/GE GOVERNMENT AND IGO RELATED ACTIVITIES

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### COMPLETED ACTIVITIES: DECEMBER 2023 – JANUARY 2024

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

#### I. Africa

##### A. Public Meetings

1. December 5-9: Benin DNS Forum; Cotonou, Benin
2. December 7: Webinar: Managing gTLD effectively; virtual
3. December 13-14: Symposium TIC Africa; Yaounde, Cameroon
4. January 23: Webinar: Africa Domain Name Industry Study report; virtual

##### B. Bilateral Meetings

1. January 25: GSE Roadshow to Ethiopia and Rwanda; UNECA, EthioTelecom; *Meetings with African Union Commission*

#### II. Asia / Australia and Pacific Islands

##### A. Public Meetings

1. December 5-7: DNSSEC training; Suva, Fiji
2. December 5: India Internet Governance Forum (IIGF) 2023; Remote
3. December 9: Digital Freedom Summit 2023; Kathmandu, Nepal
4. December 18: Bhashantara 2023; New Delhi, India
5. December 23: The Fourth China IGF (2023); Beijing, China
6. January 24: [Prince Mahidol Award Conference \(PMAC\) 2024](#); Bangkok, Thailand
7. January 29: Pacific UN Women in Cyber - Webinar; Remote

##### B. Bilateral Meetings

1. December 8: Meeting with eGovernance Commissioner, Government of Nepal. *IDN and ccTLD of “.nepal”*

2. December 13: Meeting with Indonesia's Ministry of Communication and Informatics; Jakarta, Indonesia. *IDNs, next round gTLD, and GAC participation*
3. December 13: Meeting with Indonesia's National Cyber and Crypto Agency (BSSN); Jakarta, Indonesia. *Introduction to BSSN*
4. December 18 and 19: Meetings with China's Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT) and the Cyberspace Administration of China (CAC); Beijing, China. *HLGM, WSIS+20, IGF and GAC*
5. January 12: Meeting with the Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, India. *HLGM, GDC and WSIS+20*
6. January 17: Meeting with the National Cybersecurity Coordinator, India. *IMRS, GDC and WSIS+20.*

### III. Eastern Europe, Central Asia

#### A. Public Meetings

No public meetings involving governments were attended in December and January.

#### B. Bilateral Meetings

No bilateral meetings were arranged in December and January.

### IV. Europe

#### A. Public Meetings

1. December 6: Chatham House; London, UK; *Web meeting: "The UN cybercrime convention: Implementing a global treaty and managing risks"*
2. December 6: Center for European Policy Studies (CEPS) Cybersecurity Summit; Brussels, Belgium. *ICANN participated in a paper on quantum and it was presented on that occasion*
3. December 7: Financial Times (FT) "Tackling the Complexities of Digital Sovereignty in Europe"; Brussels, Belgium
4. December 13-15: Octopus Conference; Bucharest, Romania. *The RDRS was presented*
5. January 17: CEPT Com-ITU meeting and Project Team for ITU-T
6. January 18-19: Belgian Presidency to the European Union's Cybersecurity Conference; Brussels, Belgium. *Presentation about*

*ICANN and the multistakeholder model.*

7. January 25: High Level Group on Internet Governance (HLIG) meeting; Online. *Recurring platform for the EU Commission, EU Member States and stakeholders to exchange views on matters of Internet governance.*

B. Bilateral Meetings

1. December 11: Meeting with the European Commission, Internet Governance and Multistakeholder Relations, DG CONNECT; Brussels, Belgium. *Meeting on current ICANN issues.*
2. December 19: Bilateral meeting with the Cabinet of the Belgian Deputy Prime Minister & Minister of Public Function, public Entreprises, Telecommunications and Post. *Meet and greet on occasion of the Belgian Presidency of the Council, presentation of ICANN.*
3. January 23: *Virtual Conversation on the AI Act with a Member of the European Parliament; Online.*

**V. Latin America – Caribbean**

A. Public Meetings

No public meetings involving governments were attended in December and January.

B. Bilateral Meetings

No bilateral meetings were arranged in December and January.

**VI. Middle East**

A. Public Meetings

1. December 5, League of Arab States Working Group on Internet Issues; Tunisia, Hybrid; IDNs/UA/EAI and Arab Security Strategy and Digital Infrastructure.
2. January 31: Digital Cooperation Organization General Assembly; Manama, Bahrain; *ICANN Overview, IDNs/UA/EAI and GAC High Level Government Meeting at ICANN80*

B. Bilateral Meetings

1. December 20: Meeting with the Ministry of Transport, Communications and IT (MTCIT); Muscat, Oman. *ICANN Overview, GAC and High Level Government Meeting in ICANN80, ICANN's*

*efforts at different INGOs (i.e. UN), and current IG issues on WSIS+20, Global Digital Compact.*

2. December 21: Meeting with The Telecommunications Regulatory Authority of Oman; Muscat, Oman. *ICANN's SO/AC, Global Initiatives such as WSIS+20 and Global Digital Compact.*
3. January 21: Meeting with the Jordanian ccTLD (.JO); Amman, Jordan. Discuss DNSSEC signing and validation.

## **VII. North America**

### **A. Public Meetings**

1. January 23: ISOC/Columbia Institute for Tele-Information; *Webcast: "The UN Cybercrime Convention Negotiations: Implications for Human Rights and Internet Openness"*

### **B. Bilateral Meetings**

1. December 4: Meeting with President and CEO of Canadian Internet Registry Authority; New York, USA; *Technical community, Global Digital Compact, WSIS+20*

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

### **A. Public Meetings**

1. December 4-8: eTrade week; Geneva, Switzerland
2. December 11-15: United Nations Open-ended Working Group on security of and in the use of information and communications technologies (OEWG); New York, USA; *6th substantive session*
3. January 10: Meeting with the European Commission on the Coalition for Digital Africa (CDA); Brussels, Belgium
4. January 11: Demystifying Digital; Geneva, Switzerland, *Briefing for UN diplomats/Technical underpinning of the Internet, UA and IDNs*
5. January 11: Demystifying Digital briefing; New York, USA; *Briefing for UN diplomats/Technical underpinning of the Internet, UA and IDNs*
6. January 22 - February 2: Cluster of Council Working Groups and Expert Groups, ITU; Geneva, Switzerland

B. Bilateral Meetings

1. December 11: Bilateral meeting on DNS abuse with the European Commission (2) [Structured Dialogue]; Brussels, Belgium; Meeting on current ICANN issues.

**PLANNED ACTIVITIES: FEBRUARY 2024**

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**I. Africa**

A. Public Meetings

1. February 5-9: 2nd ATU Preparatory meeting for WTSA-24 and 1st Preparatory meeting for WTDC-25, Weston Hotel, Nairobi Kenya (Physical).
2. February 15: Webinar on Universal Acceptance Curricula in collaboration with the Association of African Universities (AAU)

B. Bilateral Meetings

1. February 2-5: GSE Africa roadshow to Nairobi

**II. Asia / Australia and Pacific Islands**

A. Public Meetings

1. February 5-6: The 2nd Meeting of the APT Preparatory Group for WTSA-24 (APT WTSA24-2); Remote
2. February 5-6: [IIC Asia Forum 2024](#); Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
3. February 20-21: Asia Pacific Top Level Domain 58 (APTL58); Goa, India
4. February 21-23: Raisina Dialogue; New Delhi, India
5. February 21 - 1 March: APRICOT/APNIC57: Bangkok, Thailand

B. Bilateral Meetings

Bilateral meetings will be arranged as needed with different stakeholders in conjunction with the Public Meetings.

**III. Eastern Europe, Central Asia**

A. Public Meetings

No public meetings planned for February at this time.

- B. Bilateral Meetings  
Bilateral meetings will be arranged as needed with different stakeholders in conjunction with the Public Meetings.

#### **IV. Europe**

- A. Public Meetings
  1. February 1: Conversation with the Commissioner for Internal Market of the European Union; Brussels, Belgium
  2. February 7-8: Tomorrow's Tech Today conference; Ghent, Belgium
  3. February 20: RIPE NCC Government Roundtable Meeting (Europe); Brussels, Belgium.
  4. February 26-29: Mobile World Congress; Barcelona, Spain.
- B. Bilateral Meetings  
Bilateral meetings will be arranged as needed with different stakeholders in conjunction with the Public Meetings.

#### **V. Latin America – Caribbean**

- A. Public Meetings  
No public meetings planned for February at this time.
- B. Bilateral Meetings  
Bilateral meetings will be arranged as needed with different stakeholders in conjunction with the Public Meetings.

#### **VI. Middle East**

- A. Public Meetings  
No public meetings planned for February at this time.
- B. Bilateral Meetings  
Bilateral meetings will be arranged as needed with different stakeholders in conjunction with the Public Meetings.

#### **VII. North America**

- A. Public Meetings  
No public meetings planned for February at this time.

- B. Bilateral Meetings  
Bilateral meetings will be arranged as needed with different stakeholders in conjunction with the Public Meetings.

## VIII. IGO/IOs and Country Missions

- A. Public Meetings
  1. 29 January - 9 February: Ad Hoc Committee to Elaborate a Comprehensive International Convention on Countering the Use of Information and Communications Technologies for Criminal Purposes; New York, USA; *Concluding session*
  2. 13 February: Global Digital Compact: 1st round, Informal consultations with stakeholders; New York, USA, virtual
- B. Bilateral Meetings  
Bilateral meetings will be arranged as needed with different stakeholders in conjunction with the Public Meetings.