

GSE/GE GOVERNMENT AND IGO RELATED ACTIVITIES

REPORT 83: May 2025-June 2025; Completed Activities; July 2025 planned activities

COMPLETED ACTIVITIES: MAY-JUNE 2025

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

I. Africa

A. Public Meetings

1. 12-16 May: Kenya and East Africa IGF (Africa Tech Policy Forum Week); Nairobi, Kenya.
2. 13-16 May: OSIANE 2025; Brazzaville, Republic of Congo. *Topics: Internet Measurement, ICANN Ecosystem.*
3. 14 May: Meet & Greet for the Middle East and Africa region, with Kurtis Lindqvist, ICANN's President and CEO; Online. *Topics: getting to know the new ICANN CEO, ICANN's activities in MEA.*
4. 14-16 May: World Summit on the Information Society in Africa (WSIS+20) 2025 Africa Regional Review; Cotonou, Benin. Topic: Discussion on Contribution from Africa
5. 19-21 May: West Africa School on Internet Governance; Abuja, Nigeria. *Topic: Knowing ICANN*
6. 19-23 May: Eswatini ccTLD Capacity Building with the Eswatini Communications Commission (ESSCOM); Eswatini.
7. 22-23 May: West Africa IGF; Abuja, Nigeria. *Topics: DNSSEC Contribution to the Security of the Internet Ecosystem in West Africa.*
8. 23-28 May: AfriSIG 2025; Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. *Topics: Understanding ICANN Ecosystem.*
9. 28 May: NxR Outreach Meeting in partnership with the Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA); Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.
10. 29-31 May: Africa IGF; Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.
11. 3 June: Webinar on the Next Round with Juristic (French speaking lawyers); Online.
12. 3 June: ICANN Kenyan community informal dinner; Nairobi, Kenya, NxR , ASP, RSP, Public Responsibility programs: Fellowship and NextGen.

13. 17-22 June: SIT Africa 2025; Marrakech, Morocco. *Topics: DNS ecosystem security.*
14. 24 June: Next Round Outreach; Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire.
15. 25 June: Webinar on the Next Round for FRATEL (Forum of French Speaking Regulators); Online.
16. 03 July: Next Round Presentation during the Ghana School of Internet Governance; Accra, Ghana.
17. 4 July: Webinar on Universal Acceptance for National Identification and Registration Authority (NIRA) Staff; Online.
18. 21-25 July: General Conference of the Association of African Universities; Rabat, Morocco. *Topics: ICANN Ecosystem, Next Round, IDN-UA, Coalition for Digital Africa (CDA).*

B. Bilateral Meetings

1. 3 June: Bilateral meeting with the Ministry of ICT and the Digital Economy; Nairobi, Kenya. *Topics: NxR, ASP, RSP, Grant Program, WSIS+20, CDA.*
2. 4 June: Bilateral meeting with the Communications Authority of Kenya Director General (GAC Rep and industry regulator); Nairobi, Kenya. *Topics: NxR, ASP, RSP, Grant Program, GAC Engagement, CDA.*
3. 4 June: Bilateral meeting with Kenya Network Information Center (KeNIC) .ke ccTLD Manager; Nairobi, Kenya. *Topics: NxR, ASP, RSP, Grant Program, ccNSO Engagement, CDA*
4. 4 June: African Telecommunications Union; Nairobi, Kenya. *Topics: NxR, ASP, RSP, Grant Program, GAC Engagement, CDA, UA.*
5. 10 June: Bilateral meeting with Smart Africa Director General; Prague, Czech Republic. *Topics: ICANN/Smart Africa collaboration.*
6. 23 June: Bilateral meeting at IGF25 with Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) Executive Vice Chairman & CEO; Lillestrøm, Norway. *Topics: Internet governance, Universal Acceptance (UA), CDA, Digital inclusion.*
7. 25 June: Bilateral meeting at IGF25 with Togo Minister of Digital Economy and Transformation; Lillestrøm, Norway.
8. 25 June: Bilateral meeting at IGF25 with Smart Africa Director General, Algeria Minister of Post and Telecommunications and ICT Ministers from Lesotho and Chad; Lillestrøm, Norway.

9. 26 June: Bilateral meeting at IGF25 with Smart Africa Director General; Lillestrøm, Norway. *Topics: ICANN/Smart Africa collaboration.*

II. Asia / Australasia Pacific Islands

A. Public Meetings

1. 7 May: APAC ccTLD Session; Hanoi, Vietnam.
2. 8 May: UA Day 2025; Hanoi, Vietnam.
3. 7-9 May: APAC DNS Forum 2025; Hanoi, Vietnam.
4. 15 May: The 8th Chinese IDN Innovative Application Forum 2025; Beijing, China.
5. 28-31 May: Asia Pacific Telecommunity (APT) Ministerial Meeting 2025; Tokyo, Japan.
6. 21-26 May: New gTLD Policy Briefing; Seoul, Republic of Korea.
7. 15 May: Manthan: A Stakeholder Discussion on WSIS+20 Review & what it means for India?; Online.
8. 27-28 May: INNOG 8; New Delhi, India.
9. 9 June: APAC GAC network meeting @ ICANN83; Prague, Czech Republic
10. 10 June: APAC Space @ ICANN83; Prague, Czech Republic.

B. Bilateral Meetings

1. 7 May: VNNIC; Hanoi, Vietnam. *Topics: evolution of Internet identifiers, Internet governance, registration data access.*
2. 8 May: Ministry of Science and Technology of Vietnam; Hanoi, Vietnam; *Topic: collaborations.*
3. 15 May; Ministry of External Affairs of India; New Delhi, India; *Topic: WSIS+20.*
4. 21 May: Korea National Policy Agency; Seoul, South Korea; *Topics: RDAP and RDRS.*
5. 10 June: Indonesia's PANDI; Prague, Czech Republic. *Topic: collaborations.*
6. 11 June: China GAC; Prague, Czech Republic. *Topics: Next Round gTLD, UA.*
7. 24 June: Bilateral meeting at IGF25 with Director General, Bureau of International Cooperation, Cyberspace Administration of China (CAC); Lillestrøm, Norway. *Topics: WSIS+20 Review.*
8. 25 June: Bilateral meeting at IGF25 with ICANN CEO and Secretary General

of World Internet Conference (WIC); Lillestrøm, Norway. *Topics: ICANN meetings and WIC Summit.*

9. 25 June: Bilateral meeting at IGF25 with ICANN CEO and Australia Ambassador for Cyber Affairs and Critical Technology; Lillestrøm, Norway. *Topics: ICANN's priorities over the coming years, including multilateral and regional opportunities, WSIS+20 Review, WSIS HLE.*
10. 26 June: Bilateral meeting at IGF25 with the Chairman of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI); Lillestrøm, Norway.

III. Eastern Europe Central Asia

A. Public Meetings

1. 21 May: Central Asia IGF, Tashkent, Uzbekistan. *Topics: Next Round, DNS Abuse and Internet infrastructure development.*
2. 18-19 June: RIPE NCC Days; Chişinău, Moldova. *Topics: Root DNS service, New gTLD Program.*

B. Bilateral Meetings

1. 18 June: Meeting with the Senior cybersecurity and infrastructure advisor to the Prime Minister's office; Chisinau, Moldova. *Topics: WSIS +20 and next steps for IGF.*

IV. Europe

A. Public Meetings

1. 12-14 May: EuroDIG 2025; Strasbourg, France. *Topics: emerging issues and challenges concerning the Internet.*
2. 21-23 May: CENTR Jamboree; Lyon, France. *Topics: geopolitical developments & IG.*
3. 6 June: AFNIC Annual Dinner; Paris, France.
4. 11 June: Smart Africa ICANN83 side-event: Third Meeting of the IG Working Group; Prague, Czech Republic. *Topic: Blueprint on IG progression.*
5. 12-13 June: OriGIn Expert Meeting on the latest global developments, challenges and strategies for effective GI protection and enforcement; Geneva, Switzerland.
6. 17 June: High-Level Expert Group on Internet Governance (HLIG) meeting; Brussels, Belgium & Online. *Topics: New gTLD program.*

B. Bilateral Meetings

1. 20 May: Bilateral meeting with the cabinet of the Belgian Minister for

Government Modernization, responsible for Public Enterprises, Civil Service, State Building Management, Digitalization and Science Policy; Brussels, Belgium. *Topics: Introduction to the DNS and ICANN's role, WSIS+20.*

2. 6 June: Bilateral meeting with a member of the ARCEP Executive Board; Paris, France. *Topics: ITU, WSIS+20.*
3. 23 June: Bilateral meeting at IGF25 with ICANN CEO and Finland Undersecretary of State for International Trade, Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Lillestrøm, Norway. *Topics: Internet governance, ICANN's role, WSIS+20 Review.*
4. 23 June: Bilateral meeting at IGF25 with ICANN CEO and French Digital Ambassador & Deputy Digital Ambassador; Lillestrøm, Norway. *Topics: WSIS+20 Review, GAC participation, EU updates.*
5. 24 June: Bilateral meeting at IGF25 with ICANN CEO and Director General of Sweden Post and Telecom Authority (PTS); Lillestrøm, Norway.
6. 24 June: Bilateral meeting at IGF25 with ICANN CEO and Netherlands IGF delegation (Deputy Director Digital Economy, Netherlands Ministry of Economic Affairs; Cyberambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs); Lillestrøm, Norway. *Topics: WSIS+20 Review, New gTLD Program, ICANN Policy on Diversity, Equality and Inclusion, processes regarding transparency and accountability.*
7. 24 June: Bilateral meeting at IGF25 with ICANN CEO and European Commission Executive Vice-President for Technological Sovereignty, Security and Democracy; Lillestrøm, Norway. *Topics: WSIS+20 Review, EU International Digital Strategy.*
8. 26 June: Bilateral meeting at IGF25 with ICANN CEO and Norway Minister of Digitalization and Public Governance; Lillestrøm, Norway. *Topics: AI future and governance, WSIS+20 Review.*
9. 26 June: Bilateral meeting at IGF25 with ICANN CEO and Members of the European Parliament; Lillestrøm, Norway. *Topics: WSIS+20 Review, the future of ICANN and the MSM.*
10. 27 June: Bilateral meeting at IGF25 with ICANN CEO and UK Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT); Lillestrøm, Norway. *Topics: ICANN's role, WSIS+20 Review.*

V. Latin America and Caribbean

A. Public Meetings

1. 8 May: Workshop for an Open, Secure, and Trustworthy Internet (TIASC workshop for Judges, Prosecutors and Law Enforcement agencies from LAC region); Sao Paulo, Brasil.

2. 27-30 May: IGF Brazil and 30 Anniversary of CGI; Salvador Bahia Brazil.
3. 18 June: Workshop for REGULATEL (Regulators from the Latinamerica region); Montevideo, Uruguay.
4. 16 - 20 June: School of Digital Transformation and innovation in the Caribbean, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago

B. Bilateral Meetings

1. 15 May: National ICT Regulator from Argentina ENACOM.

VI. Middle East

A. Public Meetings

1. 29 May: 15th International Electronic Communications and Postal Regulators Conference; Ankara, Türkiye.

B. Bilateral Meetings

1. No Bilateral meetings were held during this period.

VII. North America

A. Public Meetings

1. 25 June: "Foreign Online Piracy: How the Courts Can Protect American IP" briefing hosted by the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation (ITIF); Washington DC, United States of America. *Topics: Online Piracy, DNS blocking.*
2. 16 June: Empowering Women to Leadership in Cyber; Washington DC, United States of America.

B. Bilateral Meetings

1. 9 June: ICANN83 Check-in with GAC Canada; Prague, Czech Republic.
2. 23 June: Bilateral meeting at IGF25 with ICANN CEO and United States IGF delegation (Associate Administrator for International Affairs at the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), Acting Head of Bureau for the Bureau of Cyberspace and Digital Policy); Lillestrøm, Norway. *Topics: ICANN evolution, New gTLD Program, DNS Abuse.*
3. 25 June: Bilateral meeting at IGF25 with Acting Director of the AI Hub in Innovation, Science, and Economic Development (ISED) Canada; Lillestrøm, Norway. *Topics: New gTLD Program, WSIS+20 Review.*

VIII. IGO and Global Meetings

A. Public Meetings

1. 10 May: STI Forum/Action day; U.N. New York, USA.
2. 10 May: STI Forum side-event: IGF 2025 "Building Digital Governance Together": The road to WSIS+20 and beyond; U.N. New York, USA.
3. 11 - 12 May: Science and Technology Forum; U.N. New York, USA.
4. 19 May: Informal Interactive dialogue on the implementation of the Pact for the Future, (remote participation); U.N. New York, USA.
5. 21 May: Participation in the ARIN Forum for Caribbean diplomats; New York, USA.
6. 30 May: First Preparatory Meeting and Stocktaking Session for WSIS+20 overall review by the United Nations General Assembly; U.N., New York, USA.
7. 10 June: Remote WSIS+20 Interactive Stakeholders Consultation (Europe); New York, USA.
8. 16 June: Global Digital Compact - Remote Stakeholder Townhall; New York, USA.
9. 23-27 June: IGF; Lillestrøm, Norway.

B. Bilateral Meetings

1. 14 May: Meeting with the WSIS+20 review Co-facilitator, Ambassador Lokaale; New York, USA.
2. 20 May: Meeting with the WSIS+20 review Co-facilitator, Ambassador Janina; New York, USA.
3. 23 June: Bilateral meeting at IGF25 with U.N. Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs; Lillestrøm, Norway. *Topics: ICANN/UN DESA collaboration, WSIS+20 Review.*
4. 24 June: Bilateral meeting at IGF25 with U.N. Under-Secretary and Special Envoy for Digital and Emerging Technologies. *Topics: GDC and its "integration" with the WSIS, Preservation of the multistakeholder model of IG, Continuation of the IGF, Role of technical community.*
5. 25 June: Bilateral meeting at IGF25 with UNESCO Assistant Director-General for Communication and Information; Lillestrøm, Norway. *Topics: Universal Acceptance, UNESCO/ICANN cooperation.*
6. 25 June: Bilateral meeting at IGF25 with the Permanent Representatives of Kenya and Albania to the United Nations (WSIS+20 Co-Facilitators); Lillestrøm, Norway. *Topic: WSIS+20 Review.*

PLANNED ACTIVITIES: July 2025

II. Africa

A. Public Meetings

1. No public meetings planned for July at this time.

B. Bilateral Meetings

1. 9 July: Bilateral meeting with South Africa Department of Communications and Digital Technologies (DCDT) Director General; Geneva, Switzerland. *Topic: WSIS+20 Review.*
2. July: Bilateral meeting with Secretary General of the Association of African Universities during the AAU General Conference in Rabat (Morocco) on 21-25 July 2025; *Topics: AAU-ICANN collaboration*

III. Asia / Australasia Pacific Islands

A. Public Meetings

1. 25 July: VNNIC Internet Conference; Hanoi, Vietnam.

B. Bilateral Meetings

1. 7 July: Bilateral meeting with Mongolia Commissioner and Head of Executive Office of the Communications Regulatory Commission (CRC); Geneva, Switzerland. *Topic: WSIS+20 Review.*

IV. Eastern Europe Central Asia

A. Public Meetings

1. No public meetings planned for July at this time.

B. Bilateral Meetings

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

V. Europe

A. Public Meetings

1. No public meetings planned for July at this time.

B. Bilateral Meetings

1. 9 July: Bilateral with Denmark Tech Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Geneva, Switzerland. *Topic: WSIS+20 Review.*
2. 9 July: Bilateral meeting with Greece Deputy Minister of Digital Governance; Geneva, Switzerland. *Topic: WSIS+20 Review.*
3. 10 July: Bilateral meeting with Belgium Minister for Modernization of Public Administration, in charge of Public Enterprises, State property Management, Digitization and Science Policy; Geneva, Switzerland. *Topics: Internet governance, WSIS+20 Review.*

VI. Latin America and Caribbean

A. Public Meetings

1. 13 to 16 July 2025: CANTO 2025 Conference & Trade Exhibition,; Nassau Bahamas.

B. Bilateral Meetings

1. 7 July: Bilateral meeting with CGI, Brazil ; Geneva, Switzerland. *Topic: WSIS+20 Review.*
2. 8 July: Bilateral meeting with the Chairman of the Dominican Telecommunications Institute (INDOTEL); Geneva, Switzerland. *Topic: WSIS+20 Review.*
3. 8 July: Bilateral meeting with Costa Rica Vice Minister for Telecommunications, Ministry of Science, Innovation, Technology, and Telecommunications (MICITT); Geneva, Switzerland. *Topic: WSIS+20 Review.*
4. 10 July: Bilateral meeting with Peruvian Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Geneva, Switzerland. *Topic: WSIS+20 Review.*

VII. Middle East

A. Public Meetings

1. No public meetings planned for July at this time.

B. Bilateral Meetings

1. 8 July: Bilateral meeting with Türkiye Deputy Minister of Transport and Infrastructure; Geneva, Switzerland. *Topic: WSIS+20 Review.*
2. 8 July: Bilateral meeting with TRA Bahrain General Director; Geneva, Switzerland. *Topic: WSIS+20 Review.*

VIII. North America

A. Public Meetings

1. 21-23 July: Transatlantic Policy Network Transatlantic Week 2025; Washington DC, United States of America. *Topic: Annual EU/US conference.*

B. Bilateral Meetings

1. Week of 14 July: Planned meeting with .GOV TLD Operator
2. Week of 14 July: Planned meeting with .US ccTLD

IX. IGO and Global Meetings

A. Public Meetings

1. 3 July: Remote OEWG Informals for Stateholders; New York, USA.
2. 5-6 July: International Organization of La Francophonie (OIF) Forum on digital governance and AI; Geneva, Switzerland.
3. 7-11 July: WSIS+20 High-Level Event 2025; Geneva, Switzerland.
4. 7 - 12 July: UN OEWG; New York, USA.

B. Bilateral Meetings

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