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

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*


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

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

   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

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 (APTLD58); 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**

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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.