

GSE/GE GOVERNMENT AND IGO RELATED ACTIVITIES

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COMPLETED ACTIVITIES: FEBRUARY – MARCH 2024

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

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.
2. February 15: Webinar on Universal Acceptance Curricula in collaboration with the Association of African Universities (AAU).
3. February 26-28: Continental Workshop for ICT Directors from member Universities of the Association of African Universities; Accra, Ghana.
4. March 7, 8: Annual conference of the West and Central Africa Research and Education Network; Abuja; Nigeria.
5. March 12-15: IWeek; Cape Town; South Africa.

B. Bilateral Meetings

1. February 2-5: GSE Africa roadshow to Nairobi; Nairobi, Kenya.
2. March 7: Meeting with the ECOWAS Commission; Abuja; Nigeria.
3. March 8: Meeting with the West African Telecommunication Regulatory Association; Abuja; Nigeria.

II. Asia / Australia and Pacific Islands

A. Public Meetings

1. February 5-6: The 2nd Meeting of the APT Preparatory Group for WTSA-24; remote.
2. February 5-6: [IIC Asia Forum 2024](#); Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
3. February 20-21: Asia Pacific Top Level Domain 85 (APTL85); Goa, India.

4. February 21-23: Raisina Dialogue; New Delhi, India.
5. February 29: UA Workshop for govt institutions in Sri Lanka.
6. February 21-1 March: Asia Pacific Regional Internet Conference on Operational Technologies 2024/ Asia Pacific Network Information Center 57 (APRICOT/APNIC57); Bangkok, Thailand.
7. March 6: APAC Space at ICANN79; San Juan, Puerto Rico.
8. March 14: APAC GAC Meeting; remote.
9. March 15: Myanmar Network Operators Group (MMNOG6).
10. March 21: UA Day 2024; New Delhi, India.
11. March 28: UA Day 2024; Colombo, Sri Lanka.

B. Bilateral Meetings

1. February 14: Meeting with India's Ministry of External Affairs; *ICANN, UN processes, multilingual Internet, and the High Level Government Meeting (HLGM)*.
2. February 21-23: Meeting with India's Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MEITY), the National Cybersecurity Coordinator (NCSC), and the Chair Designate for WTSA-24; *HLGM, UN processes, WSIS+20, cybersecurity, multilingual Internet, RDRS, and ITU WTSA-24*.
3. March 3: Meeting with the Vietnam Internet Network Information Center (VNNIC); *VNNIC's Internet Conference, APAC DNS Forum, HLGM, UN processes, RDRS and Next gTLD round*.
4. March 27: Meeting with Japan's Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC); *UN processes, Summit of the Future and HLGM*.

III. Eastern Europe, Central Asia

A. Public Meetings

1. March 4: Meeting with the Kyrgyz Ministry of digital development; Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic.

B. Bilateral Meetings

No bilateral meetings were arranged in February and March.

IV. Europe

A. Public Meetings

1. February 7-8: Tomorrow's Tech Today conference; Ghent, Belgium. *Event organized by the Belgian presidency of the Council of the European Union.*
2. February 19: DSIT's UK Digital Standards Showcase: Upholding integrity, accelerating innovation; London, United Kingdom. *Event on the digital standards ecosystem.*
3. February 20: RIPE NCC Government Roundtable Meeting (Europe); Brussels, Belgium. *Current and Future Challenges in Internet Governance.*
4. February 20: Exchange with the Director-General of the European Commission's department for Communications Networks, Content and Technology (DG CNECT); Brussels, Belgium. *Exchange on future priorities of the European Union.*
5. February 26-29: Mobile World Congress; Barcelona, Spain. *Large telecoms and connectivity event organized by GSMA [see below for related bilaterals].*
6. March 26: 12th Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC) Stakeholder Forum; Brussels, Belgium. *Event to facilitate discussions with BEREC chairs.*

B. Bilateral Meetings

1. February 14: Bilateral meeting with the European External Action Service (EEAS); Brussels, Belgium. *Internet governance, EU Digital Diplomacy, WSIS+20.*
2. March 13: Bilateral meeting with the Electronic Communications Office of Iceland (ECOI) and the Ministry for Higher Education, Science and Innovation (HVIN); Reykjavik; Iceland. *Bilateral relations.*
3. February 26: Bilateral meeting with the Chairwoman of the US Federal Communications Commission (FCC), and the Assistant Secretary for International Information and Communications Policy, Bureau of Cyberspace and Digital Policy, US Department of State; Barcelona, Spain. *UN processes, Internet governance.*

4. February 26: Bilateral meeting with the Niger Minister for Communications, Posts, and Digital Economy; Barcelona, Spain. *UN processes, Coalition for Digital Africa (CDA), HLGM 2024.*
5. February 26: Bilateral meeting with the President of the Turkish Information and Communication Technologies Authority; Barcelona, Spain. *ICANN81, HLGM 2024, bilateral relations.*
6. February 26: Bilateral meeting with the Japanese Vice-Minister for Policy Coordination, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications; Barcelona, Spain. *Bilateral relations, UN processes.*
7. February 26: Bilateral meeting with Rwanda ICT Minister; Barcelona, Spain. *ICANN80, WSIS+20, HLGM 2024, Coalition for Digital Africa (CDA).*
8. February 26: Bilateral meeting with Commissioner of the Georgian National Communication Commission; Barcelona, Spain. *UN processes, bilateral relations, DNS abuse.*
9. March 19: Bilateral meeting with the UK Minister for Tech and the Digital Economy; London, United Kingdom. *Bilateral relations, ICANN Projects, HLGM.*

V. Latin America – Caribbean

A. Public Meetings

1. March 12-14: UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean Preparatory Meeting for the ELAC Ministerial to be held later 2024; online.
2. March 13-14: Launching of the Caribbean Data Center Association (CDA); Willemstad, Curacao.
3. March 25: Technical Training for the Electronic Government and Information and Communication Technologies Agency (AGETIC), La Paz, Bolivia.

B. Bilateral Meetings

1. March 7: Meeting with the Head of Information Society Department of the Council of Europe; San Juan, Puerto Rico. *Meet and greet with ICANN CEO.*

2. March 3: Meeting with Caribbean GAC Reps at ICANN79 from St. Kitts & Nevis, Barbados, Grenada and the CTU; San Juan, Puerto Rico.
3. March and April: NETmundial+10 Participation subgroup, Consultant subgroup, Program Subgroup meetings. HLEC meetings. Online.
4. March 13: Caribbean Data Center Association Launch, Prime Minister of Curacao, Ministers of Trinidad & Tobago, Saint Lucia, Permanent secretary from Montserrat.

VI. Middle East

A. Public Meetings

No public meetings involving governments were attended in February and March.

B. Bilateral Meetings

1. February 27: Meeting with CRA President; Doha, Qatar | Courtesy meeting with the new President. *ICANN, IDNs and UA, Web Summit Qatar 2024*
2. March 4: Meeting with TRA Bahrain; San Juan; *IDNs/UA and HLGM.*
3. March 5: Meeting with UAE GAC representative; San Juan; *UA Day, HLGM.*

VII. North America

A. Public Meetings

1. February 12: State of the Net; (virtual); *Annual conference with US Government speakers that gathers stakeholders from across the Internet ecosystems.*
2. February 26: The [NIST] Cybersecurity Framework at 10; Washington DC, United States of America; *Panel discussion hosted by the Aspen Institute.*
3. March 12: Planning call with Kent Leadership Program; Virtual.

B. Bilateral Meetings

1. March 3: Meeting with Canadian GAC at ICANN79. *Regular check-in with the Canadian GAC reps that occurs at every ICANN*

Public Meeting. Topics covered included: Introductions to the new Canadian GAC representative by ICANN org, technical engagement, WSIS+20, Government/IGO engagement, and the next round of new gTLDs.

VIII. IGO/IOs and Country Missions

A. Public Meetings

1. February 1 - 9: UN Ad Hoc Committee, Concluding session; UN New York, USA.
2. February 13: Global Digital Compact: 1st round, Informal consultations with stakeholders; New York, USA; virtual.
3. February 27: Bilateral meeting on DNS abuse with the European Commission (3) [Structured Dialogue]; Brussels, Belgium. *Meeting on current ICANN issues.*
4. February 27-29: IGF MAG Open Consultations and meeting, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; Hybrid.
5. March 1: Global Digital Compact: 2nd round, Informal consultations with stakeholders; New York, USA; virtual.
6. March 4 - 8: UN OEWG, 7th session; UN New York, USA.
7. March 18: Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications 47 session; Geneva, Switzerland.

B. Bilateral Meetings

1. February 1 - 9: Informal bilateral meetings on the margins of the AHC discussing the UN Cybercrime convention (USA, Canada, EU, The Netherlands); New York, USA.
2. February 26: Bilateral meeting with the Deputy Secretary General of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD); Barcelona, Spain. *Internet fragmentation, UN processes, HLGM 2024.*
2. February 26: Bilateral meeting with the Vice-President for Infrastructure of the World Bank; Barcelona, Spain. *UN processes, Coalition for Digital Africa (CDA), potential collaboration.*

3. February 26: Bilateral meeting with the Assistant Director-General for Communication and Information of the UNESCO; Barcelona, Spain. *IDNs and ICANN's engagement with UNESCO, UN processes, HLGM 2024.*
7. February 26: Bilateral meeting with the Secretary General of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU); Barcelona, Spain. *ICANN-ITU collaboration, ITU participation in GAC Meetings, Coalition for Digital Africa, HLGM 2024.*
8. February 26: Bilateral meeting with DG CNECT Director for Future networks Directorate, European Commission. *Meet and greet, HLGM 2024.*
9. February 27: Bilateral meeting on DNS abuse with the European Commission (3) [Structured Dialogue]; Brussels, Belgium. *Meeting on current ICANN issues.*
10. March 4 - 8: Informal bilateral meetings on the margins of the OEWG session and side-events (EU, The Netherlands, Ukraine); New York, USA
11. March 19: Meeting with the Secretary General of the Commonwealth Telecommunications Organization (CTO); London, United Kingdom. *Bilateral relations, HLGM 2024.*

PLANNED ACTIVITIES: APRIL 2024

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I. Africa

A. Public Meetings

1. April 05: Working session with the At Large structures ISOC Togo; Lome; Togo
2. April 09: Engagement with Academia at Ecole Polytechnique de Lome; Lome; Togo
3. April 22-26: Salon OSIANE 2024 (www.osiane.cg); Brazzaville, Republic of Congo
4. April 26 April: Workshop on Universal Acceptance in Rabat, Morocco

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

II. Asia / Australia and Pacific Islands

- A. Public Meetings
 - 1. April 2: ICANN79 China Readout; Beijing, China.
 - 2. April 16: ICANN79 Japan Readout; remote.
 - 3. April 20: UA Day 2024; Dhaka, Bangladesh.
 - 4. April 23 - 24: 5th ICANN APAC-TWNIC Engagement Forum; Chinese Taipei.
 - 5. April 26: ISOC Hyderabad-UA Awareness; remote.
 - 6. April 29 - May 2: PITA 28 AGM and Business Conference Expo; Vanuatu.
 - 7. April 29 - May 2: 3rd APT Preparatory Meeting for WTSA-24; Siem Reap, Cambodia.
- 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
 - 1. April 29-30: IGF Moldova; Chisinau; Republic of Moldova.
- 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. April 3: Geopolitical Europe 2030; Brussels, Belgium. *Event on future priorities of the European Union.*
 - 2. April 3: Transatlantic Week 2024 Conference; Brussels, Belgium. *Event on future priorities of the European Union.*

3. April 9: Renew Europe Digital Day; Brussels, Belgium. *Event on future priorities of the European Union.*
4. April 17: 2nd ENISA Cybersecurity Policy Conference; Brussels, Belgium. *Event on the European Union's future cybersecurity policy priorities.*

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

1. April 29-30: NETmundial+10 Global challenges for the governance of the digital world; São Paulo, Brazil

B. Bilateral Meetings

1. April 15: Meeting with Communications Secretariat for the Brazilian Presidency about Universal Acceptance; Brasilia, Brazil.
2. April 16: Meeting with SERPRO (National Data Processing Service) *about Universal Acceptance*; Brasilia, Brazil.
3. April 11-13: 50 Executive Council Meeting and Caribbean Ministers Seminar and Retreat; San Ignacio, Belize.

VI. Middle East

A. Public Meetings

No public meetings planned at this time for April.

B. Bilateral Meetings

1. Meeting with Moroccan Minister of Digital Transition and Digital Reform; *Meeting with ICANN CEO to discuss ICANN101, mission, IDNs and UA, and ICANN engagement with Morocco over the years.*
2. Meeting with the Director General National Telecommunications Regulatory Agency (ANRT); Meeting with ICANN CEO, *courtesy meeting to emphasize on our continuous engagement with the Moroccan government and Internet community.*

VII. North America

A. Public Meetings

No Public meetings planned at this time for April.

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. April 5: Presentation of the Global Digital Compact (GDC) Zero Draft, U.N., New York, USA.
2. April 15-19: U.N. Commission on Science and Technology for Development, 27th Session held in UN, Geneva. *Annual session of the CSTD which holds discussions on two thematic priorities and reviews the progress on the follow up on the implementation of WSIS.*
3. April 24: Global Digital Compact meeting with the Stakeholders; UN, New York, USA.

B. Bilateral Meetings

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