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Highlights of January

Some of the trending digital topics in January include, European Parliament adopting the Digital Service Act, China bringing in more regulations for BigTech, #antitrust initiatives against BigTech globally, UN Secretary General sharing UNs Priority for 2022, violations in #dataprivacy, #databreaches, #cybercrime #content moderation and more.

With a new year, comes new predictions. From digital policy perspective, read Jovan Kurbalija of Diplo Foundation's [10 Governance and Diplomacy Trends for 2022](#) and the [Internet Governance Outlook 2022](#) by Wolfgang Kleinwächter.

UN's Priority 2022

The UN Secretary General António Guterres while [addressing the General Assembly on his priorities for 2022](#), warned against the "5-alarm global fire" (the COVID-19 pandemic, global finance, climate action, lawlessness in cyber space, and peace and security). It may be mentioned these risks have also been highlighted in the [Global Risks Report 2022](#). Criticizing the way tech companies operate including their business models, the Secretary General referenced the report Our Common Agenda, which calls for a Global Digital Compact as part of the Summit of the Future in 2023, stating that it offers a roadmap for the world to work together to address the governance challenges and reinvigorate multilateralism.

European Parliament adopts the Digital Services Act

This month the European Parliament adopted the draft [Digital Services Act](#) aimed at regulating digital platforms, with a [few amendments](#) that include: prohibiting advertising targeted to minors, prohibiting use of highly sensitive personal data for behavioral targeting, ban on manipulating users or forcing consent to use their personal data, and a requirement that refusal to grant consent to the use of personal data may not limit the functionality of the platform. This draft is expected to next be discussed by the European Parliaments, the Council of the European Union, and the European Commission.

More regulations for Big Tech in China

China continues to bring in more regulations for tightening its grip over BigTech.

This month, the Cyberspace Administration of China (CAC), the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology, the Ministry of Public Security and the State Administration for Market Regulation have jointly issued the final version of the [Internet Information Service Algorithm Recommendation Management Regulations](#). The new rules are aimed to regulate the algorithms used by tech companies such as information filtering, personalised push, sorting and selection, and requires providers to make public the basic principles, purposes and operating mechanisms of the algorithms that tend to influence online opinions including purchase. The regulations will come into effect from 1 March.

Further, CAC has [published a draft of amendments](#) to the Administrative Regulations on the Management of Mobile Internet Application Information Services from 2016, proposing stricter regulation of app providers and

distribution platforms with objective of enhancing data security, user privacy, and national security. Under the [proposed rules](#) app providers and distribution platforms have to protect ‘public order,’ enrich the spiritual and cultural life of their users, promote socialist core values, and adhere to the ‘correct political direction.’ Any app provider offering news services must obtain a license and are prohibited to disseminate news that is beyond the scope of the license.

CAC is also inviting comments on its draft regulation on deep fakes "[Administrative Regulations on the Deep Synthesis of Internet Information Services \(Draft for Comments\)](#)" by 28 February.

Online platforms in China have been asked to do more to protect gig workers. Four government agencies met 11 internet platforms in a meeting that include ride hailing service provider Didi Chuxing, Geely-backed Cao Cao Mobility, food delivery services Meituan and Ele.me, a subsidiary of Alibaba, and advised [them to do more to protect gig workers](#). The statement released by MHRSS noted that, while companies have made progress in implementing the new rules, they need to do more to protect worker rights. Last year, China issued new guidelines to protect gig workers and address their issues, such as income and work safety.

Issue based updates:

Cybercrime

This month, over [130 organisations and experts have called upon the UN to include human rights safeguards](#) in proposed UN cybercrime treaty. However, due to the pandemic the Cybercrime Ad Hoc Committee 1st substantive session which was to be held between 17 to 28 January was postponed.

Russia [declared](#) that it has dismantled the ransomware crime group REvil at the request of the United States and [charged](#) six members of the group in a Moscow court.

Some of the reported data breaches in January were:

Ukraine hit by a “[massive](#)” [cyber-attack](#), with several government departments including that of the ministry of foreign affairs and education been taken down. Ukraine has accused Russia for these cyberattacks alleging that it was due to the failure in talks between Russia and NATO over Ukraine. This attack has been condemned by [NATO](#) and the USA.

The [International Committee of the Red Cross \(ICRC\) reported a data breach](#). The attack compromised personal data and confidential information of more than 515,000 vulnerable people (including those separated from their families due to conflict, migration and disaster, missing persons and their families, and people in detention) stored by an external Swiss company contracted by ICRC.

[Aditya Birla Fashion and Retail reported a databreach](#), where it is alleged that 5.4 million of its customers and employee’s data was leaked by a hacking group called ShinyHunters. However, the company has stated that there has been no operational or business impact.

In terms of safety of children online, Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) [has reported a sharp increase in child sexual abuse material online](#) due to the COVID-19 lockdowns with younger children between 7 to 10 years or less are being targeted ‘on an industrial scale’ by criminals. IWF cautioned parents against online sex predators who are targeting and grooming children.

Anti-Trust

Big Tech across the globe continue to be under the lens of competition authorities. Some of the key developments in January are shared below.

In terms of fines, the Dutch Anti-Trust Regulator, [Authority for Consumers and Markets \(ACM\)](#) has fined Apple US\$5.57 million (€5 million) for not complying with a 2021 ruling whereby Apple was to allow dating-app providers to use an alternative payment system other than its own payment system. China's Market Regulator [fined Chinese tech companies for undeclared acquisitions](#). These include Tencent for 9 cases, Alibaba for 2, and 1 case each from JD.com and Bilibili.

[Intel has won an antitrust case](#) whereby the court annulled a 2009 fine of US\$1.18 billion (€1.06 billion) [imposed by the European Commission](#) for trying to block its rivals by offering rebates to companies for buying and Intel chips.

In the US, the antitrust investigations and litigations against Big Tech continues.

[34 states appealed against Apple's restrictive practices](#) and are now backing Epic Games in its antitrust battle against Apple, alleging that Apple is stifling competition through its mobile app store.

[FTC was given a go ahead](#) by a US Federal Judge to proceed with antitrust lawsuit against Meta which could force the company to sell Instagram and WhatsApp. However, the scope of the case will not include claims about the company's policies on interoperability. Reacting to the ruling [Meta has stated](#) that FTC 'faces a "tall task" proving its case regarding two acquisitions which was cleared years ago', adding that Instagram and WhatsApp 'have been good for competition, and good for the people and businesses that choose to use our products'

US legislators have [advanced](#) the antitrust legislation "[The American Innovation and Choice Online Act](#)", introduced in October 2022, to the Senate floor. The bill seeks to prevent online platforms such as Amazon from giving preference to their own products and services over those of their competitors.

The US Federal and Trade Commission (FTC) and the US Department of Justice (DOJ) have launched [a joint public inquiry to review the existing merger and acquisition guidelines](#) to better detect and prevent anticompetitive deals. Comments are being sought from the public in this regard by 1 March.

In an antitrust complaint filed against Google in Texas and 15 other states it was revealed that [Facebook and Google CEOs were aware of a deal of formal advertising](#) dubbed as "Jedi Blue".

In the Indian context, the Competition Commission of India (CCI) has ordered a [probe into Apple over alleged business practices and violation of antitrust laws](#). A month earlier, a case was filed with the CCI over Apple misusing its dominant position in the app market and forcing developers to use its proprietary in-app purchase system. Apple has denied the allegations, asking the regulator to dismiss the case as the company's market share in India was an "insignificant" 0-5%. CCI had rejected Apple's argument, stating it was 'completely misdirected' and that the allegations were about anticompetitive restrictions on app developers and not the end users.

The [CCI is also seeking details from app makers](#) over Google's alleged unfair business practices with respect to its Google Play payment policies

Content Moderation

In terms of content moderation, the demand for accountability from Meta continues. This month [25 advocacy groups including whistleblowers Frances Haugen and Sophie Zhang wrote to Miranda Simmons, Director of Human Rights at Meta](#), urging the company to release to the public, the complete and unredacted Human Rights Impact Assessment (HRIA), which Facebook commissioned in 2020.

Twitter has [lost an online moderation case in France](#) which was filed by six anti-discrimination advocacy groups. Twitter will now have to disclose details on what it is doing to fight hate speech.

The Select Committee of the US Congress to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the Capitol [issued subpoenas](#) to 4 social media companies (Alphabet, Meta, Reddit, and Twitter) for records relating to the spread of misinformation, efforts to overturn the 2020 election, domestic violent extremism, and foreign influence in the 2020 election.

In the Indian context, in preparation to the upcoming assembly elections in several states, [Twitter And Koo have adopted measures](#). Further, the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting [criticised](#) BigTech companies (such as Google, Meta, Twitter, etc.) in a meeting for their inaction against fake news and hate speech.

Privacy and Data Protection

Violations of data privacy regulations continue to make headlines.

[Google is being sued by several US states](#) for tracking people's location using deceptive tactics or 'dark patterns.' It is alleged that whatever settings consumers of Google products (such as its operating system, Google apps or and web-based services such as search and map) select, they have no option but to allow the company to collect, store and use their location.

The Austrian data regulator has ruled that [Google Analytics violates GDPR](#) since it transferred users' data to the USA.

The European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS) has [ordered Europol](#) to erase personal data of individuals that is not related to crime, following [investigation that Europol did not comply](#) with the principles of data minimization or storage limitation. EDPS has asked Europol to comply with the decision within 12 months and established a six-month temporary retention period to assess the data it gathers. However, [Europol has argued](#) that six months is too short and would impact Europol's ability to investigate and analyse complex and large datasets, related to terrorism, cybercrime, child abuse, etc.

In terms of fine, the French privacy regulator, [Commission Nationale de l'Informatique et des Libertés \(CNIL\)](#) [has fined](#) Facebook €60 million and Google €150 million for non-compliance with cookie tracking rules. [Meta is being sued for US\\$3.15 billion](#) (€2.75 billion) in the UK for gathering users' data without compensating them.

The demand for clarity from WhatsApp over the change in its privacy policy in 2021 continues. This month, the [European Commission and the network of national consumer authorities \(CPC\) has written to WhatsApp](#), giving the company until February end to clarify the privacy policy changes. In the Indian context the CCI is already investigating the change in the privacy policy and the Delhi High court has given an [extension to Meta to respond](#).

GIG Workers

[The European Trade Union Confederation \(ETUC\)](#), has shared that Uber and Deliveroo workers will fail the majority of the five tests laid down by the EU (in its [proposal to improve the working conditions of people working through digital labour platforms](#)) to determine whether their staff are genuinely self-employed or not. ETUC claimed that workers of such organisations would automatically be reclassified from self-employed to employees under the draft rules.

Cryptocurrency

This month Meta backed cryptocurrency Diem (previously known as Libra) [shut service and its intellectual property](#) and other assets were sold to Silvergate Capital Corporation.

Russia's central bank has released a [consultation paper](#) proposing a ban on all crypto operations by cryptocurrency exchanges and P2P platforms operating in Russian.

The [Financial Services Authority \(OJK\) in Indonesia has warned financial firms not to offer, or facilitate crypto asset trading](#). As the value of crypto assets fluctuates, OJK warned that people buying them should understand the risks involved.

Other Updates:

- Tonga has been facing Internet outage [due to the volcanic eruption since 15 January](#). Except for a few, mostly private satellite connections, almost 105,000 residents are almost entirely unreachable, according to the [BBC](#). It is reported that [a fault](#) in the international cable 37 kilometres from Tonga's capital has developed, with a further fault in a domestic cable 47 km from the capital, and that it may take weeks to repair the fibre-optic cable that has been cut on the seabed.
- [Nigeria lifted its seven month ban on Twitter](#) after the company agreed to register in the country and pay local taxes and agreed to take down content in line with Nigerian laws.
- The European Commission has presented a draft declaration to the European Parliament and Council for "[Establishing a European Declaration on Digital rights and principles for the Digital Decade](#)". The declaration is aimed to ensure that the digital transformation in the EU follows a set of rights and principles that place people and their rights at the centre and support principles of internet access and inclusion for all, a secure cyberspace, ensuring the freedom of choice online, fostering participation in the digital public space, the right to learn digital skills, algorithms that respect rights, and the protection of children online and empowerment of individuals, and promoting the sustainability of the digital future.
- [France launched a quantum computing platform](#) to facilitate access to super computers and quantum machines to researchers and companies.
- Government backed Chinese Institute Purple Mountain Laboratories [announced a breakthrough in 6G mobile technology](#) by achieving a transmission speed of 206.25 GB per second.
- According to a report of Wall Street journal [Meta charged users](#) in Pakistan for using Free Basics offered via Meta Connectivity internet services which is supposed to be provided free of charge. Meta has clarified the issue occurred due to a glitch in its software which has now been corrected.

Other updates from India

- The [Election Law Amendment Bill](#) passed in the Parliament, that [seeks to link Aadhaar with Voter ID](#)
- The Department of Telecom (DoT) has [amended the licenses and extended the duration of archiving](#) call data and internet usage records of subscribers to two years from the current one year
- The RBI has [set up a FinTech department](#) for facilitating innovation, identifying and addressing challenges and opportunities related to new technologies in the financial sector.
- With an aim to create a semiconductor chip ecosystem in India, MeitY is inviting [applications](#) from [domestic companies for semiconductor design](#) under its [Design Linked Incentive \(DLI\) Scheme](#).
- [Google announced investing upto \\$1 billion](#) and acquire 1.28% ownership in Airtel to co-create India specific network domain use case for 5G and other standards.
- The [India EdTech Consortium](#) (IEC) has been set up under the aegis of IAMAI, for regulating EdTech industry following allegations of malpractices.
- Hughes Communications India Private Limited, and Bharti Airtel announced a [joint venture to provide satellite broadband services in India](#).
- The long-running commercial dispute between Amazon and Future Group saga of the 2019 deal continues. This month Amazon faced a setback with the [Delhi High court halted Amazon, Future arbitration proceedings](#), citing antitrust suspension of their 2019 deal. [As per Reuters](#) report, in retaliation, Amazon has approached the Supreme Court for halting the order and approached the Indian tribunal NCLAT

against antitrust suspension. This legal standoff between Amazon and Future group for over a year has [halted the sale of Future Group assets Reliance Industries](#).

CCAOI- CUTS-ISOC Delhi event

CCAOI, Consumer Unity & Trust Society (CUTS) and Internet Society Delhi Chapter (ISOC Delhi) organised an online discussion '[Data Protection Bill 2021: Deciphering the Privacy & Rights of Minors](#)'.

Moderated by CCAOIs Amrita Choudhury, the keynote speakers were Hon'ble Members of Parliament (MPs), Manish Tewari, MP Lok Sabha and Dr Amar Patnaik, MP Rajya Sabha, who are also members of the JPC on PDPB'19. Other speakers were Aparajita Bharti, Young Leaders for Active Citizenship, Sreenidhi Srinivasan, Ikigai Law, Uthara Ganesh, Snapchat; Nikhil Pahwa, MediaNama, S. Chandrasekhar, K&S Partners; and Amol Kulkarni and Sidharth Narayan of CUTS.

The session was attended by over 120 participants on Zoom and 60 people in live stream, belonging to different stakeholder groups from across the country.

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18 January 2022 | 3:00 PM – 5:30 PM IST

Dr. Amar Patnaik
MP Rajya Sabha, &
Member of JPC on
PDPB'19
(Keynote Speaker)

Manish Tewari
MP Lok Sabha, &
Member of JPC on PDPB'19
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Ikigai Law

Registration Link:
<https://bit.ly/3fpJJOQ>

Age of a minor, age gating or age verification, parental consent and tracking and profiling were identified as areas that need to be relooked. For more details [read the summary report](#) and view the [session recording](#).

As the next steps, based on the inputs received during the session, a community document will be created, where all interested organizations and individuals can contribute (and will be attributed) on what constructive regulations or codes of practice should look like when dealing with data of minors. Once finalized this document would be handed over to the concerned authorities.

ICANN Updates

In January, ICANN,

- Appointed John Crain [as ICANN Senior Vice President and Chief Technology Officer](#).
- Published the [Operational Design Assessment \(ODA\)](#), the final output of the System for Standardized Access/ Disclosure (SSAD) to Nonpublic generic Top-Level Domain Registration Data Operational Design Phase (ODP).

- Launched the Domain Name System Security Extensions (DNSSEC) [Survey for the Africa region](#).
- The [GNSO Council and ICANN Board met for a formal consultation](#) on the detailed findings of the System for Standardized Access/Disclosure (SSAD) Operational Design Phase (ODP).
- Announced the participants for [NextGen for ICANN73](#)

ICANN is seeking public comments on:

- [Inputs](#) on [ICANN's Draft Fiscal Year 2023–2027 \(FY23-27\) Operating and Financial Plan and Draft FY23 Operating Plan and Budget](#) by 7 February.
- [Additional scripts to support through the Internationalized Domain Names \(IDNs\)](#) by 14 February.
- [Myanmar Script Root Zone Label Generation Rules](#) by 3 March.
- ICANN Bylaws Amendment that proposes changes to Article 10 and Annex B by 3 March. The proposed changes are based on the ccNSO2 Review address issues of definition of membership and voting rights when there are multiple ccTLD managers from the same country or territory that is important for the effectiveness of ccNSO processes.
- On the [two draft work products](#) ([A Perspective Study of DNS Queries for Non-Existent Top-Level Domains](#) and [Case Study of Collision Strings](#)) that contribute to the Name Collision Analysis Project NCAP Study 2.

Proposals are invited:

- For conducting [end user survey for ALAC](#) by 7 February.
- For a [Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion \(DEI\) consulting services](#) to help implementing specific recommendations developed by the ICANN community regarding increasing, measuring, and reporting upon the diversity of the constituent groups of the ICANN community.

Opportunities:

- [Fellowship applications are invited for ICANN75](#) Annual General Meeting scheduled for 17–22 September 2022 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia by 3 March
- The [NomCom is inviting applications](#) for the ICANN and PTI Board and leadership positions in SO/AC till 11 March 2022.
- Applications are [invited for NextGen@ICANN 74](#) from Europe by 11 March. The ICANN74 Policy Forum Meeting is scheduled to be held in The Hague, Netherlands from 13 to 16 June 2022.
- [Nomination](#) period is open [till 21 March 2022](#) for the ICANN Community Excellence Award.

APAC Space Update

At the APAC Space web conference ICANN’s Sarmad Hussain, Senior Director, IDN and UA Programs provided an overview of the Public Comment on Additional Unicode Scripts for Support in Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs). ICANN’s Pitinan Kooarmornpatana, Senior Manager, IDN Program and Yin May Oo, Co-Chair, Myanmar Script Generation Panel, provided an update on the Proposal for Myanmar Script Root Zone Label Generation Rules (RZ-LGR). For more details view the [slide deck](#) and [session recording](#) in the [community wiki page](#).

ISOC Updates

Internet Society published released its [Action Plan 2022](#) “[A Healthy Internet For Future Generations](#)”. The plan rests on three pillars: growing the Internet, strengthening the Internet, and empowering people to take action.

APNIC Updates

ISIF Asia has announced [granting funds to 22 projects](#). The projects awarded the grant fall in three categories: Infrastructure (developing the Internet), Inclusion (accessing the Internet) and Knowledge (skills and research about the Internet). Four projects from India projects were awarded a grant. These are: Connectivity Bridges: Reaching remote locations with high-speed Internet services. Rural Broadband from AirJaldi (USD 150,000); Bamboo towers for low-cost and sustainable rural Internet connectivity, by National Institute of Technology Silchar (USD 85,000); Webinar series to support IPv6 knowledge transfer by IIESoc (USD 30,000) and DIY COW — An inclusive community operated wireless kit for enabling local communications at remote locations by Servelots Infotech (USD 30,000)

[APRICOT 2022 and APNIC53](#) will be held online between 21 February to 3 March. View here the [tutorial](#) and [conference](#) schedule. Register for the meeting [here](#).

For more updates on APNIC read the [APNIC Blog](#).

Opportunity: [Nominations are invited](#) for the [APNIC Executive Council](#) (EC) position till 10 February.

TRAI Updates

TRAI released the [Indian Telecom Services Performance Indicator Report for the quarter ending September, 2021](#) that indicates that total telecom subscribers reduced by 1.12% from June (1,202.57 million) to September (1,189.15 million). Tele-density in India decreased from 88.07% in quarter ending June 21 to 86.89% in quarter ending September 21. The Internet subscribers grew by 1.02% to 833.71 million (Urban Internet Subscribers at 496.84 million and Rural Internet Subscribers at 336.87 million) of which 792.78 million are broadband subscribers. Broadband subscribers grew by 0.27% from 792.78 million at the end of June 21 to 794.88 million at the end of September 21

The [Telecom Subscription Data as on 30 November](#) reflects an increase in total telephone subscribers from previous month by 1191.05 million subscribers, while the total Broadband subscribers increased to 801.60 million.

TRAI issued the [Telecom Tariff \(66th Amendment\) Order, 2022](#) and [direction to all Distribution Platform Operators \(DPOs\)](#) to ensure compliance with the provisions of the Telecommunication (B&CS) Interconnection (Addressable Systems) Regulations, 2017 dated 3rd March, 2017, regarding listing of channels in electronic programme guide.

During this period the Regulator released the following consultation papers:

- [Ease of Doing Business in Telecom and Broadcasting Sector](#)". Comments are invited by 9 February and counter comments by 23 February.
- [Promoting Local Manufacturing in the Television Broadcasting Sector](#). Comments are invited by 3 February and counter comments by 23 February.
- [Regulatory Framework for Promoting Data Economy Through Establishment of Data Centres, Content Delivery Networks, and Interconnect Exchanges in India](#). Comments are invited by 10 February and counter comments by 24 February.

Other Updates

Articles & Reports:

- The World Economic Forum has released the [Global Risks Report 2022](#) that looks at risks across five categories: economic, environmental, geopolitical, societal, and technological. Environmental risks (such as climate change, extreme weather) was listed as top risks in the short, medium-and long-term outlooks. In terms of digital the growing dependency on digital systems, issues of digital inequality, backlash against science, geopolitical and technological risks including “cybersecurity failure” as top risks. Artificial intelligence, cross-border cyberattacks and misinformation were rated as the areas of international concern.
- The ICANN Office of the Chief Technology Officer (OCTO) has published "[The IETF Year in Review for 2021](#)"
- The Telecommunication Engineering Centre (TEC) which is under the Ministry of communication, Government of India, has released a report “[Code of Practice for Securing Consumer Internet of Things \(IoT\)](#) aimed for IoT device manufacturers, service providers, system integrators, and application developers.
- The final [IGF 2021 Summary report](#) has been released. is now available. The Summary highlights the key outputs of the 2021 meeting – including the Katowice IGF Messages and Parliamentary Output – as well as the main outcomes of IGF policy and capacity development work over the past year.
- "[Encryption in India: Preserving the Online Engine of Privacy, Free Expression, Security, and Economic Growth](#)" is an article with an India focus and the traceability mandate and explores a more widely applicable case for protecting encryption, explaining that encryption should be protected and encouraged because it guards against unwarranted surveillance and preserves privacy and expression, is a crucial tool to protect human rights in the digital age, strengthens national security, and benefits the economy.
- Aarambh India has released a report "[The Ideal Internet Report 2019-20: Understanding the Internet of Children & Young People in India](#)"
- The Dialogue and DeepStrat have released a report “[Report on Analysing the National Security Implications of Weakening Encryption](#)”
- ISOC India Mumbai Chapter has launched its new publication ‘[Heterotopia](#)’ with the issue on FinTech.

Events:

- MediaNama organized a member call on 'Key Takeaways from the Data Protection Bill 2021' on 11 January
- The Dialogue and DeepStrat organized a Report Launch on Encryption & National Security on 12 January
- CCAOI Director participated in Arizona State University's (ASU) [2022 Smart Region Summit](#) on 13 January and spoke on the topic of [Connecting the Under-connected - Insights From Around the World](#).
- MediaNama organized a discussion “Decoding India's Data Protection Bill” 19 and 20 January.

Upcoming Events & Opportunities

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- **CCAOI and The Dialogue will organise a Consultation on Non-Personal Data Regulation and its Intersection with the PDP Bill on 10 February 4:00 PM IST. Register using [this link](#).**
- [2022 International Conference on AI in Work, Innovation, Productivity and Skills](#) (AI- WIPS 2022) from 21 - 24 February
- First open consultation and MAG meeting will be held online from 23 -25 February.
- [Global Standards Symposium](#) will be held on 28 February at Geneva, Switzerland.
- [World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly \(WTSA-20\)](#) will be held 1-9 March in Hyderabad.

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- [APRICOT 2022](#) from 21 February to 3 March 2022.
- The [Asia Pacific \(APAC\) Domain Name System \(DNS\) Forum](#) will be held virtually from 30 March to 1 April.
- 11th edition of RightsCon will be held online from 6-10 June.
- ICANN74 Policy Forum Meeting is scheduled to be held in The Hague, Netherlands from 13 to 16 June.
- ICANN75 Annual General Meeting is scheduled for 17–22 September in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Opportunities

- IT For Change is hiring for multiple positions. For more details visit [here](#).
- [Nominations are invited](#) for the [APNIC Executive Council](#) (EC) position till 10 February.
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