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WSIS+20 Outreach Network Update

THIS IS AN UPDATE OF OUR RECENT ACTIVITIES.

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Outreach Network Webinars

WSIS+20 Outreach Network: GDC Third Revision

The WSIS+20 Outreach Network hosted its fourth interactive webinar on the Global Digital Compact in July. The webinars were organized to discuss each revision of the Global Digital Compact and its potential implications. They provided a space for community stakeholders to share information and engage in discussions on preserving and continuing to evolve the multistakeholder model of Internet governance. We always welcome feedback on topics for future webinars.

All Outreach Network Webinar recordings can be found under the [Webinar Recordings](#) tab on the Network webpage.

Calendar of Past and Upcoming Events

JUNE

3-4 June

GIG-ARTS 2024 - Global Internet Governance Actors, Regulations, Transactions and Strategies

The Hague

- The event brought together approximately 60 leading scholars to assess the successes and challenges of multistakeholder governance over the past three decades and discuss its future prospects. Discussions included:
 - How multistakeholder approaches have impacted Internet governance since the 1990s, highlighting both fulfilled promises and persistent problems.
 - How to advance multistakeholder governance in the future, emphasizing the need for ongoing adaptation and improvement.
 - Proposals for new collaborative efforts among scholars and practitioners to address current and emerging challenges in Internet governance.
- See [website](#) for more details on key issues, agenda, documents, etc.

9 June

ICANN80 High Level Government Meeting

Kigali, Rwanda

- Eighty delegations discussed a number of focused topics including:
 1. ICANN and the Multistakeholder Model, including an overview discussion of ICANN's evolution, the role of the GAC, accomplishments of the multistakeholder community over the last 25 years;
 2. Cooperation and Governance, including a discussion of the future of Internet governance (e.g., Global Digital Compact, WSIS+20, Summit for the Future) highlighting ICANN's role in the ecosystem and allow for discussion of such topics as cybersecurity, DNS abuse, Internet fragmentation, and the value of the single Internet ecosystem.
 3. Digital Inclusion: including discussion of open Internet and meaningful connectivity, Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs) and Universal Acceptance, multilingualism, the next round of new generic top-level domains applications, country code top-level domains (ccTLDs), and the development of digital economies in Africa and other underserved regions, such as the Coalition for Digital Africa.
 4. Support for the Development of Meaningful Connectivity in Africa; including an overview of Digital Divide challenges and Meaningful Connectivity initiatives in Africa.
- The participants expressed support for the multistakeholder model, recognized ICANN's role in fostering an interoperable and secure Internet, urged ICANN to expand its role and help shape the future based on inclusiveness, and called for an improved conversation between the technical community and the government.
- ICANN leadership met with participating ministers and government officials, including the Rwanda Minister and Permanent Secretary, as well as Rwanda Parliamentarians
- Conducted technical engagement training for Rwandan Technical Stakeholders
- See [website](#) for more details on key issues, agenda, documents, etc.

26 June

IGF 2024 Second Open Consultations and MAG Meeting

Geneva, Switzerland

- [Agenda](#)
- Discussions focused on key issues in digital governance including setting thematic priorities for IGF 2024, strategies for digital inclusion, cybersecurity, Internet governance frameworks, and aligning digital policies with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- The meeting aimed to enhance stakeholder engagement, review preparatory work, and draft the agenda for IGF 2024. It also emphasized forming working groups and increasing community outreach for broader participation.

JULY

1-2 July

Interactive Webinar on Global Digital Compact Revision 2

Virtual

- The WSIS+20 Outreach Network hosted two webinars to discuss the Second Revision Global Digital Compact and its implications.
- Recordings: [1 July](#), [2 July](#)
 - 160 registered and 134 attended 1 July, 80 registered and 44 attended 2 July.

15-16 July

Interactive Webinar on Global Digital Compact Revision 3

Virtual

- The WSIS+20 Outreach Network hosted two webinars to discuss the Third Revision of the Global Digital Compact.
- Recordings:
 - [15 July, 13:00 UTC](#) | 97 participants (120 registrations)
 - [16 July, 00:00 UTC](#) | 60 participants (66 registrations)

23-24 July

APAC DNS Forum 2024

Hybrid

- The APAC DNS Forum seeks to gather the regional community to discuss latest developments, opportunities, and challenges in the domain name marketplace. The Forum also served as a platform to exchange ideas and explore collaboration opportunities.
- The Forum discussed various topics, including the Internet's future, digital transformation in Asia Pacific, emerging technologies, trusted notifier network, Internet resilience, tech policies and regulations, digital ethics, cybersecurity, and the role of the multistakeholder model.
- The Forum's session recordings, photos, and presenters' slides are now available via [the event website](#).
- Regional GAC members who attended the Forum met for a regional APAC GAC network meeting and capacity building workshop. Topics discussed included: DNS Abuse, new gTLD program, and Internet Governance. The APAC GAC members also heard a presentation from INTERPOL.

AUGUST

21-23 August

Asia Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum (APrIGF)

Taipei, Taiwan

- Overarching Theme: Evolving Ecosystems, Enduring Principles: Shaping Responsible Internet Governance
- This regional hybrid event will discuss various issues related to Internet governance in the Asia-Pacific region and is a precursor to the global IGF meeting.
- [Website](#), [Registration](#)

22 August

Global digital compact consultations with stakeholders

New York, USA

- Informal consultations on the Global Digital Compact with stakeholders ([to be held remotely without physical presence](#)).

SEPTEMBER

20-21 September

[Summit of the Future Action Days](#)

New York, USA

The Secretary-General of the United Nations is convening the Summit of the Future Action Days on 20 and 21 September 2024 at UN Headquarters in New York:

- To generate additional opportunities for the engagement and inclusion of all actors ahead of the Summit of the Future.
- To put a focus on youth, digital and technology, peace and security, sustainable development and financing, and future generations.

Expected participants include Heads of State, Ministers, senior UN officials and representatives from the private sector, civil society and other actors.

21 September

SDG Digital

SDG Digital will be part of the digital track of the Summit of the Future Action Days. The Digital Track (A Digital Future for All), co-convened by ITU, UNDP and the Office of the Special Envoy on Technology will gather leaders from government, civil society, the private sector, youth and academia to harness innovation, science and data in a more inclusive, safe and sustainable manner.

[Website](#)

22-23 September

Summit of the Future

New York, USA

World leaders will convene at the United Nations to adopt the Pact for the Future, which will include a Global Digital Compact (GDC) and a Declaration on Future Generations as annexes.

- This summit will conclude the GDC process, aiming to set principles for digital cooperation and governance for the coming years.
- Goals include:
 - To adopt an "action-oriented Outcome Document" called the "Pact for the Future" through intergovernmental negotiations prior to the Summit.
 - To potentially establish a new UN Special Envoy for Future Generations position to advocate for long-term interests.
 - To consider institutional reforms or new initiatives to better govern global commons like oceans, atmosphere, outer space, etc. One proposal is to repurpose the UN Trusteeship Council.
 - To breathe new life into the multilateral system so it can better deliver on key priorities like the Sustainable Development Goals.
- [Website](#)
- ICANN will send a delegate from the Government and IGO engagement team to participate in-person at the Summit of the Future Action Days and the SoTF.

Additional Information

Contribution Opportunities to External Bodies

Visit ICANN Community contribution opportunities for impending public comments to proceedings to ICANN. [Website](#).

- The ITU Council Working Group on International Internet-related Public Policy Issues (CWG-Internet) is holding an open consultation on “the developmental aspects to strengthen the Internet.” Deadline: September 3. [ITU Website](#).

Resources

GDC

- [Joint Statement from a Technical Community Coalition for Multistakeholderism](#)
- Blog: [Internet Governance and the Global Digital Compact: ICANN's Observations](#)
- Article: [UN Attempts AI Power Grab. The West is Unhappy](#)

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- WSIS+20 Outreach Network [web page](#)
- Government Engagement [home page](#)

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