Main Events

ICANN 52 – Singapore (8-12 February)

President Obama Speech at White House Summit on Cybersecurity and Consumer Protection in Silicon Valley (13 February)

FCC Ruling on Net Neutrality (26 February)
# Main Topics

**Internet Governance BAROMETER (FEBRUARY 2015)**

IG Barometer indicates the presence of specific IG issues in the public policy debate in comparison to the previous month

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Cybersecurity

President Obama talks about collaboration between industry and governments on tackling cybersecurity, and signs executive order on private-sector cybersecurity collaboration, during White House Summit on Cybersecurity and Consumer Protection, Stanford University (13 February).

IG Barometer:
Global IG Architecture

European Parliament adopts resolution on IGF renewal (11 February)

No other major developments

IG Barometer:
IANA Transition

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More discussions during ICANN 52 meeting in Singapore.

IG Barometer:
ICANN and New Domains

Approx. $33 million in net proceeds from new gTLD auctions – discussions on how to use the funds.

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GAC discussion on gTLD safeguards for public interest strings.

Geo-TLD Registries Interest Group formed within the Registry Stakeholder Group (RySG) – the bringing together of geo-TLD operators (city names, region names, and broader geographic indications) – is now in the process of formalisation.

IG Barometer:
Google leans towards EU-only 'right to be forgotten' – described as a good compromise by Advisory Council.

Updates its Privacy Policy after pressure to modify rules that were perceived as too vague with regards to how users’ data is being used.

IG Barometer:
Net Neutrality

FCC decision on 26 February on Net Neutrality: to reclassify ‘broadband Internet access service’ as a telecommunications service under Title II

IG Barometer:
Main Events in March 2015

UN Human Rights Council (Privacy)

UNESCO – CONNECTing the Dots

NETmundial Initiative – First Meeting of the Steering Council

Internet Social Forum – First Preparatory Meeting

GIP event on Cybercrime
From Diplo’s Creative Lab – IG Biorhythm?
Next Steps.....

Time for Your Questions & Suggestions
Last Friday: Obama in Silicon Valley
Security: new ways of collecting data
Last Friday: Google and Facebook were absent
Economy: new ways of making money