

Internet Governance in April 2015

28 April 2015

Geneva Internet Platform



Major events in April

12-19 April: Thirteenth UN Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (Doha)

16-17 April: Global Conference on Cyberspace 2015 (Netherlands)

20 April: IANA Transition Naming community expected to publish second draft proposal

27-29 April: Riga Summit 2015 on the Multilingual Digital Single Market



Internet Governance BAROMETER (APRIL 2015)

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



In focus during Global Conference on Cyberspace (The Hague, 16-17 April). New US executive order (1 April) enables sanctions against persons and entities abroad engaged in 'significant malicious cyber-enabled activities`. Google dropping Chinese root certificate authority following trust breach.

Global IG Architecture



Global Forum on Cyber Expertise established during Cyberspace Conference: is there similarity or overlap with IGF and Netmundial Initiative (NMI)? Meanwhile, NMI published terms of reference and is inviting comments.

IANA Transition



Naming Community (entrusted to develop a stewardship transition proposal on naming-related functions) has published its second draft proposal; the public comment period has commenced.
Will the transition be delayed?

ICANN and New Domains



Trademark controversy unfolds over the registration fee of a gTLD: registry set to charge trademark owners high annual fee instead of normal registration fee.

Online Privacy & Data Protection



In focus during Global Conference on Cyberspace (The Hague, 16-17 April). Trend towards wider access to Internet data by governments: US officials considering technical options to allow them access to encrypted data on smartphones or other devices through a digital key; both parties in UK election race pledging to extend powers of security agencies; French Intelligence Bill set to increase powers of intelligence services.

Net Neutrality



FCC filed rules with Federal Register: the new rules will come into effect two months from publication in register; once published, wave of lawsuits is expected.

Jurisdiction



No major developments

E-commerce



EU has been considering the establishment of a new regulator to address concerns over dominance of big Internet companies.

Google facing anti-trust action in the EU for alleged abuse of its dominant market. Uber criticised for unfair competition, and slammed by injunctions across Europe.



Cybersecurity

Cybersecurity was in focus during Global Conference on Cyberspace (The Hague, 16-17 April).

New US executive order (1 April) enables sanctions against persons and entities abroad engaged in 'significant malicious cyber-enabled activities.

Google dropping Chinese root certificate authority following trust breach.











Global IG Architecture

Global Forum on Cyber Expertise established during Cyberspace: is there similarity or overlap with IGF and Netmundial Initiative (NMI)?

NMI publishes terms of reference and is inviting comments.







IANA Transition

Naming Community – entrusted to develop a stewardship transition proposal on naming-related functions – has published its second draft proposal. The public comment period has commenced.

Will the transition be delayed?







ICANN and **New Domains**

Trademark controversy unfolds over the registration fee of a gTLD: registry set to charge trademark owners high annual fee instead of normal registration fee.









Online Privacy & Data Protection

Privacy and data protection were in focus during Global Conference on Cyberspace (The Hague, 16-17 April).

Trend towards wider access to Internet data by governments: US officials considering technical options to allow them access to encrypted data on smartphones or other devices through a digital key; both parties in UK election race pledging to extend powers of security agencies; French Intelligence Bill set to increase powers of intelligence services.











Net Neutrality



FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler





E-commerce

EU has been considering establishment of new regulator to address concerns over dominance of big Internet companies.

Google facing anti-trust action in the EU for alleged abuse of its dominant market.

Uber criticised for unfair competition, and slammed by injunctions across Europe.









Main events in May

4-5 May: Freedom Online Conference 2015

4-8 May: CSTD Eighteenth Session

7 May: Asia Internet Symposium

11-15 May: RIPE 70 in Amsterdam

12-14 May: 6th Annual Internet of Things European Summit

12-22 May: ITU Council 2015 Session

17 May: ITU 150th celebrations

20-22 May: IGF MAG and Open Consultations

24 May-5 June: Africa Internet Summit

25-29 May: WSIS Forum 2015

28 May: European Commission's Second High-Level Cybersecurity

Conference



Next steps...

Time for your questions & suggestions

