



# Internet Governance in **May 2015**

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# Major events in May

4-5 May: Freedom Online Conference

4-8 May: 18th CSTD session

19 May: Swiss IGF

20-22 May: MAG meeting & Open Consultations

25-29 May: WSIS Forum

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# Internet Governance BAROMETER (MAY 2015)

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

## Cybersecurity



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## Global IG Architecture



No new developments

## IANA Transition



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## ICANN and New Domains



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## Online Privacy & Data Protection



In USA, House passes USA Freedom Act with the aim of reforming NSA; tech companies, civil liberties and privacy activists urge White House to pull back efforts to weaken encryption or include law enforcement "backdoors" on technology products. France passes new surveillance law despite a "24 hours before 1984" protest campaign; among others, law will require ISPs and phone companies to give up data upon request, and intelligence services will have the right to place cameras and recording devices in private homes and install keylogger devices.

## Net Neutrality



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## Jurisdiction



No major developments

## E-commerce



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Secretary of State John Kerry speaks about cybersecurity and Internet freedom at Korea University in Seoul, South Korea, May 18, 2015. Credit: Saul Loeb/Pool/AP Photo

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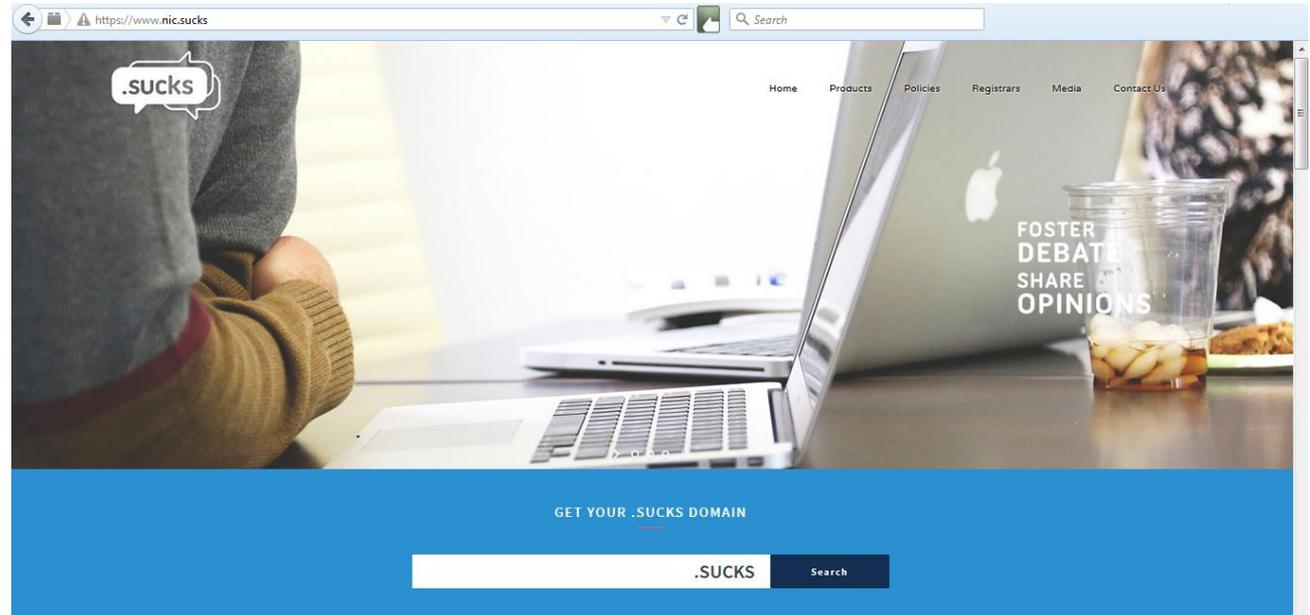


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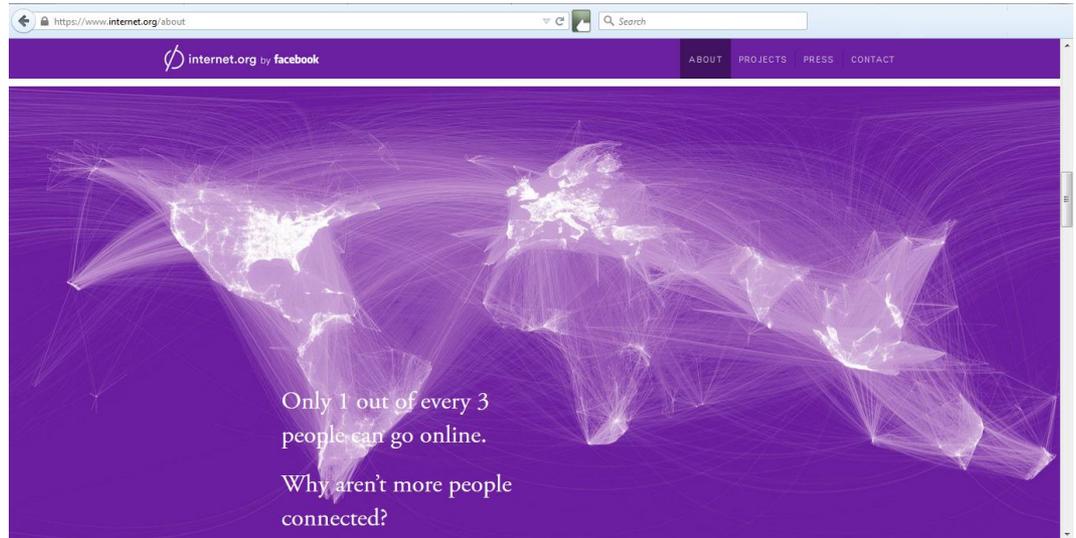
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24 May-5 June: African Internet Summit

2 June: French IGF

4-5 June: EuroDIG in Sofia, Bulgaria

7-8 June: G7 Summit 2015 in Germany

8 June: WIPO seminar on global IP strategy & WIPO services

8-9 June: Expert Group Meeting on Advancing a Sustainable Information Society for All

9-11 June: Global Symposium for Regulators 2015: Mind the Digital Gap

10 June: Canadian IGF

15-16 June: Nigerian IGF

15-26 June: Internet L@w Summer School at University of Geneva

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16 June: UK IGF

17-18 June: Jurisdiction and Dispute Resolution in the Internet era:  
Governance and Good Practices

17-19 June: Octopus Conference 2015: Cooperation against Cybercrime

18-19 June: West Africa IGF

18-19 June: ICG fifth face-to-face meeting in Buenos Aires

21-25 June: ICANN53 in Buenos Aires

30 June-3 July: Asia Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum (APrIGF)

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