



Internet Governance in **September 2015**

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Internet Governance BAROMETER (SEPTEMBER 2015)

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Cybersecurity



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Cybercrime: In Wikipedia extortion scam, rogue editors targeted small businesses and celebrities. Lizard Squad cyber-attackers disrupt UK National Crime Agency website after teenagers arrested and released on bail over alleged Lizard Squad cyberattack. Cyber threats are evolving, warns US National Intelligence director: we might soon see cyber operations that will change or manipulate electronic information to compromise its integrity, instead of deleting or disrupting access to it.

Global IG Architecture



Governments unanimously adopt 17 Sustainable Development Goals, and commit to 'significantly increase access to ICT and strive to provide universal and affordable access to the Internet in least developed countries by 2020' (Goal 9.c). The Internet will also be essential for the implementation and monitoring of the SDGs.

German Foreign Minister Steinmeier: 'The Internet is a global public good that we need to protect'. (Statement delivered during open business forum on ICT, technology and foreign policy in Berlin).

IANA Transition



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ICANN and New Domains



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Activists propose the 'Snowden Treaty', or, the International Treaty on the Right to Privacy, Protection Against Improper Surveillance and Protection of Whistleblowers. Treaty unveiled in New York.

Law enters into force: Data of Russian users held on Internet servers, such as Facebook and Twitter, to be stored in Russia.

In Thailand, a cabinet resolution unearthed by a Bangkok-based reporter, shows Thailand's intention to create a China-style Great Firewall - or a 'single internet gateway'. The gateway would be used 'to control inappropriate websites and to control the flow of information into the country from overseas via the internet'.

New US Justice Department policy will require federal law enforcement officials to obtain warrant before using Stingray technology to surveil mobile communications. Policy does not apply to state and local agencies, or federal agencies using the device abroad.

Net Neutrality



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Jurisdiction



French data regulator has rejected Google's appeal against the global enforcement of the right to be forgotten. Google must now comply with the formal notice or face fines.

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E-commerce



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Main events in September

1-3 Sept: 3rd AfICTA Summit - ICT: Lighting the way to Development and Prosperity Across Africa (Johannesburg, South Africa)

2-4 Sept : IGF 2015 Third Open Consultations and MAG meeting (Paris)

9-10 Sept : Global Cyberspace Cooperation Summit VI (New York)

14 Sept – 2 Oct: UN Human Rights Council - 30th regular session (Geneva)

15 Sept : UNGA 70th session starts today (New York)

18-19 Sept: IANA ICG Face-to-Face Meeting (Los Angeles)

25-27 Sept: UN Summit to adopt the post-2015 development agenda (New York)

28-29 Sept: European Cybersecurity Forum (Kraków, Poland)

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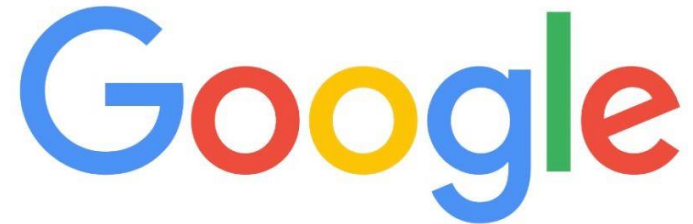


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- 1 Oct: Netherlands IGF (The Hague)
- 1 Oct: IGF Bosnia and Herzegovina (Sarajevo)
- 1-2 Oct: 6th Meeting of CWG on Int'l Internet-related Public Policy Issues (Geneva)
- 3-5 Oct: Port Hackathon at CERN
- 6-7 Oct: Australian IGF (Melbourne)
- 7-8 Oct: Annual Privacy Forum 2015 (Luxembourg)
- 8 Oct: ISOC Q4 Community Forum (online)
- 9 Oct: TEDxCERN: Breaking the Rules (Cessy, France)
- 10-18 Oct: Europe Code Week 2015 (various)
- 12-15 Oct: ITU Telecom World 2015 (Budapest)

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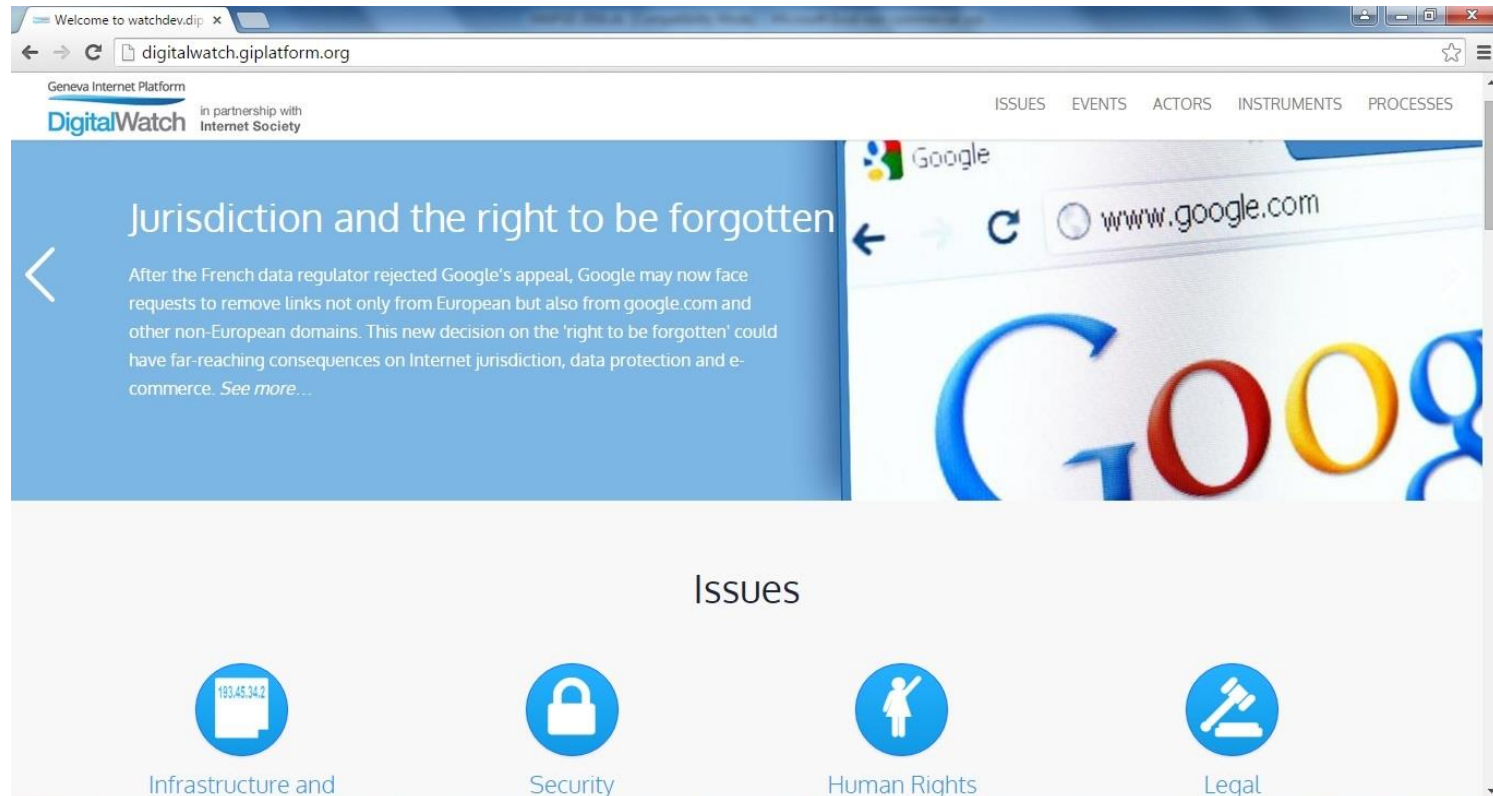
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- 13-14 Oct: CoE Conference on Freedom of Expression: New Battlefronts (Strasbourg)
- 17-21 Oct: 133rd Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (Geneva)
- 18-22 Oct: ICANN54 (Dublin)
- 19 Oct: Second WSIS+10 Informal Interactive Stakeholder Consultations (New York)
- 19 Oct: Forum on Internet of Things: Empowering the New Urban Agenda (Geneva)
- 20-21 Oct: The GSMA Mobil 360 Middle East (Dubai)
- 20-22 Oct: ICT 2015 Innovate, Connect, Transform (Lisbon)
- 23-26 Oct: Amsterdam Privacy Conference (Amsterdam)
- 26-27 Oct: Internet of Things Global Summit (Washington)
- 27-29 Oct: Open Government Partnership Global Summit (Mexico City)
- 27-29 Oct: GSMA Mobile 360 North America (Atlanta, GA)
- 28-30 Oct: 2015 World Internet Conference (Zhejiang Province, China)
- 29-30 Oct: OSCE CBM meeting (Serbia) (TBC)

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28 Sept: Launch of the *GIP Digital Watch*, in partnership with Internet Society



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