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Geopolitical, Legislative and Regulatory Developments Update

24 February 2026

Agenda

Legislative and Regulatory Developments

- Asia and the Pacific
- European Union
- North America
- Russian Federation

IGO Updates

- United Nations
- International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

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Asia and the Pacific

India

- Digitalisation journey
- Regulatory focus: personal data protection and content-related matters

General Observations in APAC

- Focus on content-related measures
- Review of cybersecurity rules
- Development of supportive national standards

European Union

Prevailing Themes

- Digital Sovereignty
- Supply chain security
- Competitiveness and simplification of internal market rules

Regulatory Initiatives

- Digital Omnibus (Regulation)
 - GDPR Provisions | **Definition** of Personal Data
- Targeted Amendment to NIS2 Directive
 - **Scope** reclassification for DNS service providers
- Review of the Cybersecurity Act (Regulation)
 - Public core of the open internet and core network function

European Union

- Digital Networks Act (Regulation)
 - Revival of “network fees” debate & IP interconnection

Non-Regulatory Initiatives

- Action Plan on Fighting Online Fraud
 - DNS Abuse
- BEREC Call for Input
 - Guidance on 5G Network Slicing
- Recommendation on Piracy of Live Content
 - Blocking and filtering
- Multistakeholder Forum on Internet Standards Deployment
- Research project on Web 4.0: Blockchain-based naming services

North America

United States

- Cyber Incident Reporting Act of 2022
 - Final rule delayed until May 2026

Canada

- Digital Sovereignty

Russian Federation

- From 1 March 2026 ROSKOMNADZOR (subsidiary to telecom Ministry) will have the obligation to take over the “centralized management” of the Russian segment of the Internet in case there are threats to:
 - the integration of the Russian segment with the Internet located on the territory of one or several foreign jurisdictions;
 - the Russian segment of the Internet functioning in own jurisdiction,
 - the integration of the technical networks that have the autonomous system number located in the regions of the Russian Federation causing the failure to connect.
- New draft rules on domain name registration
 - the .RU .PФ and .SU Coordination Centers (p. 35)

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- And also: UNESCO, WTO, WIPO, UNDP, UNDESA, UNCTAD (CSTD), ECOSOC, ODET...

Permanency of the discussions

UNGA First, Second and Third Committees

- 26 - 30 January 2026 AHC: 1st session of the Conference of the State Parties of the Global Cybercrime Convention
- Global Mechanism on developments in the field of ICTs in the context of international security and advancing responsible State behaviour in the use of ICTs:
 - 30 – 31 March 2026 Organizational session
 - June-July 2026 1st substantive session
- December 2026: IGF
 - Budgetary discussions (Fifth Committee)

International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

2026 Engagement Outlook

- January 2026 Cluster of Council Working Groups - **PAST**
 - CWG WSIS&SDGs, EG-ITRs, CWG-Internet (Closed meeting), IEG-WTPF-26
- ITU Regional Office for Africa Joint Webinar, 25 February
- ITU Regional Development Forum Europe, 24 March | Prague, Czech Republic
- ITU-D Study Group Meeting, 13 - 17 April | Geneva, Switzerland
- 2026 Session of ITU Council, 28 April - 8 May | Geneva, Switzerland
- GSR 2026, 12-15 May | Istanbul, Türkiye
- WTPF-26, 9 - 11 June, 2026 | Nassau, Bahamas
- ITU WSIS Forum, 6 - 10 July | Geneva, Switzerland
- ITU Plenipotentiary, 9 - 27 November | Doha, Qatar

WTDC 2025



ITU Plenipotentiary 2026

Conference Date & Location

- 9-27 November; Doha Qatar
- Treaty conference with IG considerations post WSIS+20

ICANN's Objectives

- Outcomes that support the MSM of IG and preserve the globally interoperable Internet

Key Issues

- Internet related issues
- Future of the CWG-Internet
- ITRs
- LEO Satellite Systems
- AI/Security
- Quantum technologies

Regional PP-26 Preparations

- APT, CITEL, ATU, CEPT



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