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IGO Updates

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Agenda

Introduction

IGO Updates

- Internet Governance Forum 2026
 - Jennifer Chung, MAG Chair
 - ICANN preparations for IGF26
- International Telecommunication Union (ITU)
- CSTD 29th Session
- UNESCO
- Briefing at UN

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Jennifer Chung
IGF 2026 MAG Chair



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ICANN preparations for IGF 2026

Becky McGilley

IGF 2026 Engagement for ICANN

Sustained Support and Participation

- Engagement at the highest levels
- Bilateral meetings with government officials, IGOs, key stakeholders
- Participation in Multistakeholder Advisory Committee (MAG)

Programmatic Contributions

- ICANN will propose to hold Open Forum
- At least 1-2 additional sessions, including potential collaborative sessions (with ISOC, ITU, ATU, UNESCO, government partner, etc.)

Strategic Direction

- Advance priorities around “**The IGF We Want**” paper
- Support efforts toward a more sustainable and impactful permanent IGF, consistent with Multistakeholder model



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ITU Updates

Elizabeth Oluoch

ITU Plenipotentiary Conference 2026 (PP-26)

Background

- Supreme decision making body of the ITU
- **Governance Cycle:** Every 4 years
- **Treaty Conference:** Each Member State delegation accredited
- **Mandate:** Sets the strategic direction and activities of the Union
- **Governance Tasks:** ITU Leadership elections, adopt resolutions (Modify/Suppress/New)
- **Outcome:** Final Acts (Treaty instrument)
- **Conference Date & Location:** 9 – 27 Nov. 2026; Doha, Qatar

ICANN Objectives @PP26

ICANN FY'26-30 Strategic Alignment: Evolve and Promote ICANN's multistakeholder model to sustain its inclusive approach to Internet Governance

- **Promote and sustain** the single, globally interoperable Internet
- **Cultivate and** deepen partnerships with stakeholders at PP-26
- **Broaden** awareness about ICANN's technical mission and various initiatives
- **Collaborate** with partners in the Internet ecosystem and other stakeholders
- **Trusted and independent** information resource to all stakeholders on the technical aspects of the DNS and the Internet

ITU PP-26 Hot Topics

- Internet-related Resolutions
- International Telecommunication Regulations (ITRs)
- Cybersecurity (Spam, CERTs)
- Connectivity infrastructure: Submarine Cables and LEO Satelites
- AI: security, ethical, regulatory and policy considerations
- Quantum technologies: security and standards considerations
- Human Rights considerations in standards

ITU Regional PP-26 Prep. Meetings

Asia Pacific Telecommunity (APT)

- 28-29 Jan. (Virtual)
- 30 Mar.-2 April, Thailand
- 15-19 June, Malaysia
- 24-28 Aug., Australia
- 8 Sept ACPs Consultations
- 6 Oct ACPs Consultation

ICANN is an Affiliate Member

Africa Telecommunication Union (ATU)

- 25-29 May, Zimbabwe
- 7-11 September, TBC

ICANN is an observer

European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications (CEPT)

- 25-27 March, Czech Republic
- 1-3 June, Lithuania
- 16-18 September, Germany

ICANN is an observer

Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL)

- 17-19 March 20, Costa Rica
- 20-24 April, Panama
- 7-11 September, Paraguay

ICANN is an Associate Member

ITU Plenipotentiary Internet Related Resolutions

- **Res. 101, Rev. Bucharest, 2022**, Internet Protocol-based networks
- **Res. 102, Rev. Bucharest, 2022**, ITU's role with regard to international public policy issues pertaining to the Internet and the management of Internet resources, including domain names and addresses
- **Res. 130, Rev. Bucharest, 2022**, Strengthening the role of ITU in building confidence and security in the use of ICTs
- **Res. 133, Rev. Bucharest, 2022**, Role of administrations of Member States in the management of internationalized (multilingual) domain names
- **Res. 140, Rev. Bucharest, 2022**, ITU's role in implementing the WSIS Outcomes
- **Res. 180, Rev., Bucharest 2022**, Promoting Deployment of IPv6
- **Res. 184, Rev., Bucharest 2022**, Facilitating digital inclusion for indigenous peoples
- **Res. 197, Rev., Bucharest, 2022**, Facilitating the IoT and SS&C



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CSTD 29th Session

Janis Karklins

CSTD 29th Session

- Took place in Geneva 20-24 April 2026. Chair: China
- Key topics: AI and WSIS + 20 implementation
- On AI:
 - preparations for the UN Global dialogue on AI (6-7 July 2026, Geneva), including dialogue with co-facilitators of the preparatory process (ambassadors of El Salvador and Estonia)
 - introduction of the International Scientific panel on AI
 - debate “Science, Technology and Innovation in the age of AI
- On WSIS:
 - introduction of the Report of the UN SG on WSIS implementation (ICANN mentioned 3 times) and the debate
 - consultations on the Joint WSIS/GDC Implementation roadmap
- Third topic: report of the WG on Data governance

CSTD 29th Session

- Highlights of the WSIS resolution
 - Recognition that Internet must be open, global, interoperable, stable and secure
 - International cooperation among all stakeholders should prevent, identify and address risks of fragmentation of the Internet
 - Recognition that IG must remain global and MS in nature
 - IG should follow provisions set forth by WSIS Geneva un Tunis decisions, including in relations to enhanced cooperation
 - Permanency of IGF in the UN welcomed
 - Recognition of the need to increase participation in the IGF of governments and other stakeholders from developing countries
 - Requested the IGF to report annually on progress towards WSIS implementation to the CSTD
 - Biennialization of the review of the WSIS resolution starting in 2028
- Next session - April 2027, Chair - Latvia



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UNESCO
Elena Plexida

UNESCO Engagement 2026

- ICANN-UNESCO Memorandum of Understanding to support the introduction of Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs) and promote Universal Acceptance (UA) for a multilingual Internet
- Universal Acceptance Policy Brief
- Collaboration on Universal Acceptance Day events



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UN Briefing

Alexey Trepkhalin

Briefing at UN

- 18 May 2026 GE conducted a briefing in the U.N.:
 - “The Role of Governments in the Launch of the New Round of gTLDs”
- Co-hosts:
 - PM of Kenya and PM of Albania in U.N. (New York)
- Target Audience:
 - Diplomats from U.N. permanent missions, U.N. staff from organisations and agencies (New York)



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