

Day 1: 18 August 2024 Sunday

Time	Session Title	Resource Person	Session Synopsis
09.00-09.45	Inaugural Session		
09.00-09.15	Welcome by Chair APSIG and Local Taiwanese host		
09.15-09.25	APSIG Program Fellowship Highlights		
09.25-09.45	Inaugural Address		
09.45-10.00	Group Photo		
10.00-10.15	Tea break		
10.15-11.00	The Internet Governance Landscape	Amrita Choudhary	<p>Internet Governance Landscape This session will highlight the evolving nature of Internet Governance (IG) landscape globally as well as in Asia Pacific, briefly touching upon the accepted core principles of the Internet; the definition of Internet Governance; the key milestones in the evolution of IG starting with the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), IANA transition, to the present day discussion related to the Global Digital Compact (GDC) and renewal of the WSIS+20 mandate in 2024; the policy topics that are gaining importance; the evolution of the different actors, platforms and processes and the opportunities and challenges they present and finally explore what could be our role in this entire landscape.</p>
11.00-11.45	Green Internet and Environmental Sustainability	Edmon Chung, DotAsia	<p>Summary of the session: The session will organize the time into 3 parts:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DotAsia, Ajitora & the EcoInternet Index 2. ICANN and Sustainability (CEO Goal & Strategic Plan) 3. IGF, SDGs and the broader Internet Governance community on Sustainability (NetMundial+10, GDC, etc.)
11.45-12.30	Managing The Robust Interoperable Global Internet		<p>Panel:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Yein Chyn-ICANN; 2. Sarah Lake, ISOC; 3. Pablo Hinojosa, APNIC,

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			4. Moderator - Ashirwad Tripathy
12.30-13.30	Lunch		
13.30-15.00	Role Play: Cyber Security Policy	Pablo Hinojosa and Adli Wahid, APNIC	This session will organize a “cyber drill” where participants, grouped into different stakeholder groups, will run through a simulated and high-stakes cyber-attack scenario. Different responses are expected from different disciplines and tensions will soar, as a countdown clock ticks away, and real-time updates of each team's successes and setbacks are reported. This session will highlight the importance of adaptive defense and collaboration strategies in cybersecurity.
15.00-15.45	Multilingual Internet: IDNs and Universal Acceptance	Satish Babu, ALAC, ICANN	<p>A Multilingual Internet: IDNs and Universal Acceptance</p> <p>For the Internet to be truly inclusive, it must support the world's diverse writing systems and be fully multilingual. The Unicode standard represents a significant step toward this goal, enabling the encoding of both current and many historical writing systems for online use.</p> <p>The Domain Name System (DNS) is a critical component of the Internet that enables the use of domain names. While originally designed to support ASCII characters, the DNS has supported non-ASCII generic top-level domains (gTLDs)-- known as Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs)-- since 2003. In 2009, ICANN further expanded this capability by enabling country code top-level domains (ccTLDs) to use IDNs, leading to a significant increase in their adoption.</p> <p>Certain script communities, such as Chinese and Arabic, include the concept of IDN variants, which are different strings considered equivalent by their respective communities. To prevent user confusion, all variants of a particular string must be owned by the same entity. However, the DNS treats these variants as independent domain names. This year, ICANN approved policy changes allowing the entire set of variant gTLDs to be managed as a single bundle for operations like renewal and transfer, with similar policies for the second level currently in development.</p>

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15.45-16.00	Tea break		
16.00-16.45	Platform Governance Regulations, Content Moderation	<p>Panel:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Max Chen, META ; 2. Mei Ching Chen, NCC Taiwan; 3. Prof Chih-Liang, YZU, 4. Moderator: Santosh Sigdel 	<p>Society is increasingly facing a rise in hate speech, misinformation, censorship of content, an increase in the power of BigTech, and questions on the liability of an Intermediary. The session will examine the rules and policies that govern the platforms, and explore how the platforms regulate user behavior and content. Examine the legal frameworks governing digital platforms, It will discuss the Government interventions and balancing innovation with free speech, It will also explore methods used by platforms to monitor and manage content and will also address the ineffectiveness and transparency of content moderation practices and challenges.</p>
16.45-18.00	Flash Talks by Fellows	Brief presentations by selected Fellows on topics of their choice	<p>This session by selected fellows will involve delivering information or sharing ideas within a very limited time frame, usually around 5-7 minutes. The key elements of a flash talk include a clear and engaging introduction, a focused and structured content delivery, impactful visual aids or props, and a compelling conclusion that leaves a lasting impression on the audience. It requires strict time management, precise articulation, and the ability to convey complex thoughts in a simplified manner. Flash talks are normally used in conferences, pitch events, and presentations to deliver quick yet effective messages.</p>

Day 2: 19 August 2024 Monday

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09.00-09.45	Growing Cyber Crime and its Mitigation	1. Prof. Christy Chiang, Taiwan; 2. Nabinda Aryal, DIG, Nepal Police, Nepal	
09.45-10.30	Stakeholder perspectives on Information Integrity	META; ; Eve Chiu, TFC Centre; Omar Rajarathnam Moderator: Sathish Babu	
10.30-10.45	Tea break		
10.45-11.30	Digital Rights and Principles	Michael Caster, Article-19	What are digital rights? Do we have the same human rights online as we do offline? If human rights law is meant to government States, then what principles guide the actions of private tech actors or frame rights-based internet governance norms? This session will dive into these questions and more, introduce participants to international human rights law on freedom of expression and fundamental internet freedom norms, from hard laws to the guiding principles. Participants should leave this session with a firmer grasp of digital rights laws and principles to inform their research and advocacy.
11.30-12.15	Internet Core Technologies-Names,Numbers and Protocols	Anthony Lee and Dr.Ching Heng, TWNIC	
12.15-13.15	Lunch		
13.15-14.30	Access, Disability, Gender, and the Digital Divide	1. Manique, Sri Lanka; 2. Photchanan Ratanajaipan, Thailand	<p>Session Outline: Internet Governance, Accessibility, and Digital Rights for Persons with Disabilities</p> <p>Objective: To engage participants in understanding the challenges faced by persons with disabilities in the context of Internet governance, accessibility, and digital rights, and to collaboratively find and discuss solutions.</p> <p>Duration: 45 minutes</p>

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			<p>Materials Needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 cards with difficulties • 30 cards with solutions • We will bring the cards. <p>Session Agenda:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction (5 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and introduction to the session. • Brief overview of the importance of Internet governance, accessibility, and digital rights for persons with disabilities. • Explanation of the activity and its goals. 2. Activity Instructions (5 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Explain the "Find Your Match" activity. o Each participant will receive a card with either a difficulty or a solution. o Participants must find their matching partner (difficulty with the corresponding solution). o Once a pair is formed, they will discuss the issue and solution in detail. 3. Activity: Find Your Match (15 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Distribute cards to the participants. o Allow participants to move around and find their match. o Once matched, participants sit together and discuss their cards. 4. Group Discussion (15 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o After all pairs are formed, each pair will briefly present their difficulty and solution to the group. o Facilitator will note key points on the computer which will be on screen.. o Encourage discussion and insights from other participants. 5. Conclusion (5 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Summarize the key points discussed. <p>The session, Empowering Women: Achieving Gender Equity in Digital Access, by Photchanan, explores the critical issue of gender disparity in Internet connectivity. It examines the current state of digital gender equity, highlighting global usage statistics and key barriers women face, such as affordability, education, and socio-cultural norms. The session addresses the impact of gender bias, with case studies illustrating the economic and social consequences. Solutions are discussed through policy measures, educational programs, and gender-inclusive technologies. The presentation emphasizes the importance of multi-stakeholder cooperation and showcases successful models of digital inclusion, aiming to inspire</p>

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			continued efforts and innovation towards achieving gender equity in digital access.
14.30-15.45	Role Play on Internet Shutdowns	Waqas Hassan / Dr Govind	This session will demonstrate how Internet Shutdowns play out in a city or region. The participants would be grouped into different stakeholder groups viz. Business, Security Authority, Civil Society, Technical Community, etc.. A sudden disturbance in the city spreads wild rumors and is likely to affect the lives of innocent people. The Law and Order authorities want to impose Internet Shutdowns, however, different stakeholders respond with their perspectives. As the situation is changing dynamically, real-time updates of each stakeholder's arguments and counterarguments are taken into consideration and each stakeholder explains their point of view on the situation.. Ultimately, this session will highlight the importance of the consultation process in helping to make an informed decision and collaboration strategies to tackle Internet Shutdowns.
15.45-16.00	Tea break		
16.00-16.45	Multistakeholderism and Emerging Challenges	Panel: 1. Noelle Guzman, ISOC; 2. Joy Chan, TWNIC; 3. Moderator-Yien Chyn ICANN	Multistakeholderism and Emerging Challenges - The session will be touching on the continuing relevance of the multistakeholder approach to emerging Internet issues, especially in Asia-Pacific, and initiatives of technical community members like the Internet Society to reinforce the use of this approach in Internet governance discussions
19.00-21.00	Socials and Dinner (With respective country costumes)	Hosted by TWNIC, Restaurant: GARDEN CAFETERIA of Howard Civil Service International	

Day 3: 20 August 2024 Tuesday

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09.00-09.45	Cross Border Data Flow and Privacy Concerns	Ken-Ying Tseng, Former Special Advisor to the Taiwan Government	
09.45-10.30	Internet Fragmentation Impacting Online Communication	Neeti Biyani, ISOC,	Internet Fragmentation Impacting Online Communication and Internet Protocols: I will be presenting on how to understand and identify fragmentation, the various axes against which the Internet could fragment, how we could use tools to analyze and advocate against fragmentation. As key takeaways, I hope to inform the audience about the role they could play in creating a bottom-up advocacy movement to protect the open, global Internet.
10.30-11.00	Tea Break		
11.00-11.45	AI Governance: Managing Risks and Addressing Ethical Concerns	1. Alice Siu, Stanford University, 2. Isabel Hou, Taiwan AI Academy	Discussing Deliberative Polling and Deliberative Democracy and how technology can help democracy
11.45-12.30			
12.30-13.30	Closing Lunch		
13.30-15.00	Feedback and Closing Session		
	Rajnish Singh, Guest of Honour at the Closing Session		
	Distribution of Certificates and Address to the Fellows		