2017 Chapter Success Highlights
Chapter Development Team

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APAC

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NEW CHAPTERS AND COLLABORATIONS

Mumbai Chapter chartered as the 22nd Chapter of the region. The Chapter has organized three public outreach events, and has participated in different activities.

Great cross Chapter collaboration: Three Chapters from India—Trivandrum, Delhi and Kolkata—collaborated to host the second India School on Internet Governance (inSIG) in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India.

Mumbai chapter

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NATIONAL IGF + EVENTS

- **Indonesia Jakarta Chapter** partnered to organise Indonesia IGF as well as hosted a Digital Accessibility Workshop organised by ISOC APAC Bureau

- **Afghanistan Chapter** organised **first National IGF**

- **Sri Lanka Chapter** in collaboration with the Sri Lankan Ministry of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure hosted a National IGF, which also happen to be the first women IGF in the region.

- **Hong Kong Chapter** are very active and organise different programmes for startups, iot, security, hosted privacy workshop and more.

- **InterCommunity 2017** celebrated in India's national capital New Delhi.

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PROJECTS AND POLICY IMPACT

- **Nepal Chapter** has been working on bringing Internet back to the country after the earthquake in 2015.

- **Kolkata Chapter** helped set up a neutral IXP and an online safety programme for school kids with collaboration of police.

- **Philippines Chapter** is working on open access law that looks to be passed soon; and local access and connectivity issues; assisted with a privacy workshop.

- **Singapore Chapter** are hosting local consultations on data protection law and assisting with the regional privacy workshop.

EUROPE

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CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS

- **Germany Chapter** is celebrating their 25th Anniversary on 30 November.
- **UK Chapter** organized an event titled "Fake News: annoying symptom or life-threatening disease?" on 13 July.
- **France Chapter** organized a Data Protection event in line with their BtN Project for the simplification of Standard Terms online on 6 July.
- **NL Chapter** organized a Meeting Of The Minds: IoT event on 28 September.
- **Armenian Chapter** organized a ArmSIG in July and Armenian IGF in October.
- **Georgia Chapter** organized the 2nd Georgian IGF in September.
- **Portugal Chapter** organized the ISOC/INFORUM prize ceremony on 13 October, at the closing session of INForum 2017 to reward postgraduate university students that most contribute to the objectives of ISOC.

ArmIGF

GeoIGF

EUROPE
ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **Georgia Chapter** successfully launched a community network project for bringing access to the remote mountain area of Tusheti.

- **Armenia Chapte**r's BTN project Radio MENQ, an Internet radio station created by Armenian blind and visually impaired individuals, has been selected as a World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Prizes 2017 Champion.

- The material developed by **Turkey Chapter** for the Online Kids BTN project will be available on the Ministry of Education portal accessible to all teachers and students. They are also working on translation of the material to English to be shared with other chapters.

- **Israel Chapter** received an award from Wikimedia-Israel on 8 September for promoting open knowledge in the country.

Community network Georgia

EUROPE

EUROPEAN CHAPTERS WORKSHOP

European Chapters Workshop was held in Amsterdam on 22-23 February with 23 Chapter Representatives sharing their national online trust agendas.

ISOC EURODIG FELLOWS

12 EuroDIG Fellows from ISOC Chapters in Europe were selected to attend EuroDIG 2017 in Tallinn, where also a Fellows,Chapters&Members Meeting was held, focusing on emerging local IG issues.

INTERCOMMUNITY

11 European Chapters were Celebration Nodes at ICOMM17, organizing events and bringing members together.

CHAPTERTHON

9 Chapters from Europe are participating Chapterthon 2017 with various educational projects.

European Chapters Workshop, Amsterdam

EURODIG Chapters&Members Meeting

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LOCAL IGF

- **12 Chapters** were precursors and part of coordination committees of **local IGFs t**his year. **3 Chapter** began preparatory dialogues for local IGFs. Some examples:

  The Guatemala Chapter successfully held its first IGF. Guatemala experienced a historic moment on July 27, when the multiple stakeholders of the Internet ecosystem gathered in the first national IGF.

  The **Argentina Chapter** organized the first Argentinian School of Internet Governance of the country..

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CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

- **15 of our Chapters** are participating in the **Chapterthon** : Digital Schools Some of our Chapters are working on **Capacity Building** for Schools in high schools. Some projects:

    The Honduras Chapters begins a cycle of talks in primary schools. The Chapter shared tips of privacy in social networks with students at a local school.

    The Paraguay Chapter develops a project to improve the Internet access of the National School of Lambaré (CNL).

The Honduras Chapter at schools

LAC

THE WORK OF OUT CHAPTERS

- **Panama Chapter** reaffirms its mission and organizes a meeting about cybersecurity in the context of LACIGF. In a letter addressed to the LACIGF Program Committee, the Chapter reaffirms its mission and commitment with the development of the Internet.
- **Dominican Republic Chapter** celebrated the Internet Day. It reminded its members the 12 guiding principles of their work, based on the concept of the Internet as a tool to facilitate Human Rights.
- **Honduras Chapter** was officially launched at an event held in July. Members of the Chapter presented ISOC action lines and urged the Honduran population to collaborate in the development of the Internet.

ISOC Panama

AFRICA

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NEW CHAPTERS

Namibia Chapter was inaugurated on November 16. The inauguration was attended by a Minister of ICT and four members of parliament, CEO of the regulator, UN country representative, ISPs and deans of three Universities. The Minister said that their vision is to have 100% connectivity by 2020. There is a lot of opportunity for community network there.

Namibia Chater

AFRICA

LOCAL IGF AND OTHER EVENTS

- **Burkina Faso Chapter** had a session to present the Internet Society's **2017 Internet Futures** report during the opening ceremony of the "National Week of Internet and ICT."
- **Tunisia Chapter** organized the first Tunisia IGF on 26 October 2017.
- **North Africa Chapter** is organizing the first North Africa IGF in Sharm El Sheikh on 2-3 December 2017.
- **Ghana Chapter** organized a roundtable discussion on **IETF participation**. The objective was to create the awareness on IETF among IT Engineers and form a committee of 6 officers who will plan a workshop and IETF awareness raising conference 2018.
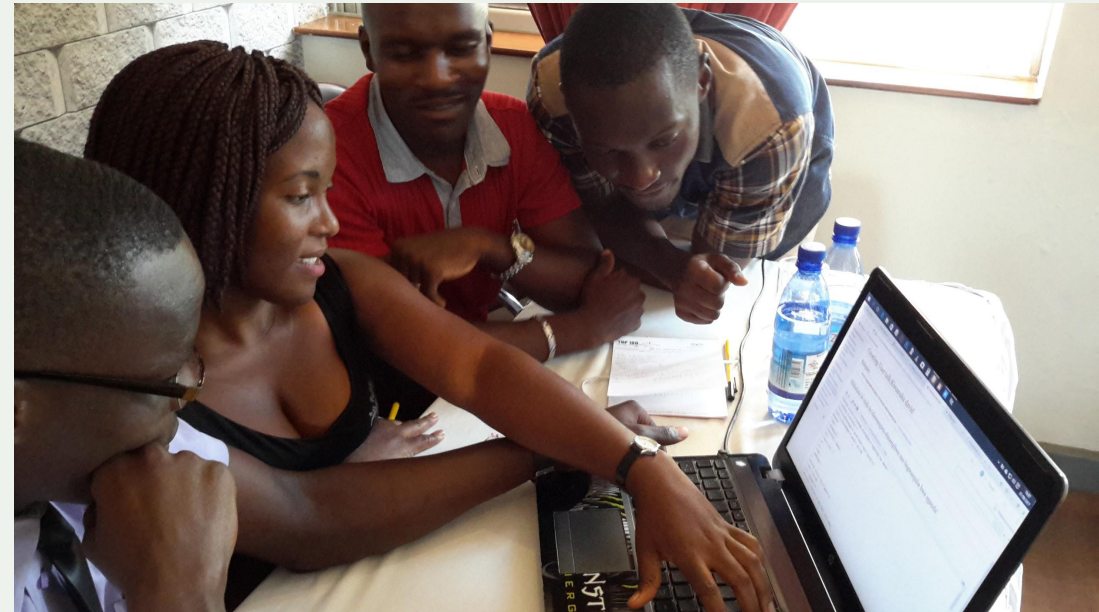

Burkina Faso ICOMM17

AFRICA

CHAPTER PROJECTS

- **Uganda Chapter** is working on a local content project called "Wikipedia 2016 - 2017". The project translated **150 articles from English to Luganda** and trained four students from Makerere University to become Wikipedia editors.

- **South Africa Gauteng Chapter,** supported by ISOC's Beyond the Net, are assisting Zenzeleni Networks to upgrade the system in order to create a powerful and stable network, helping to get more people online.

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Uganda Wikipedia editors

MIDDLE EAST

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CHAPTER ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

- **Yemen Chapter:** The Yemen Chapter successfully completed a Beyond the Net project called Internet@MySchool – a pilot project connecting Yemeni schools in Sanaa and Aden. The local group managed to work on this project despite the very difficult context in Yemen.

- **Lebanon Chapter:** The Lebanon Chapter successfully launched the #NetNite events, a series of workshops taking on a regular basis, to provide knowledge and information on the new technologies in the world related to the internet.

Internet@MySchool

MIDDLE EAST

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Palestine Chapter** mange the IXP. From 2015, Chapter makes all efforts to operate the PIX in a professional manner and to provide an excellent service to its Peers.

- **Middle East and Africa Chapters** collaborated with ISOC to develop the "Digital Opportunities in the Middle East" booklet https://www.internetsociety.org/resources/doc/2017/enabling-digital-opportunities-middle-east/

Enabling digital opportunities in the Middle East

NORTH AMERICA

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CHAPTER ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

- **The Washington DC Chapter** was the Secretariat and organizational home of the IGF-USA this year. The Chapter has served in this role since 2014.

- **Canada Quebec Chapter, New Mexico Chapter, Canada Chapter, North Carolina Chapter** participated in the 25th Anniversary as Celebration Nodes.

- **Canadian Chapter** has commented on 5 Government of Canada Internet-related consultation on the past year.

IGFUSA 2017

NORTH AMERICA

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

- The **New Mexico** Chapter was a partner in the Indigenous Connectivity Summit in Santa Fe Nov. 6-9 (more than 200 participants – 154 in-person, 50 virtual).

- The **Canada Chapter** is both a partner of Canada's Digital Access Day and is organizing the event. On October 24, they organized the kick off which included a Member of Parliament.

- The **Quebec Chapter** organized and hosted the first-ever Quebec Internet Governance Forum (in French) on September 19 in Montreal.

Commectivity Summit

NORTH AMERICA

CHAPTER PROJECTS

- **The SF-Bay Area Chapter** attended and partnered with the annual Apps for Ag Hackathon competition in July as part of the Rural Broadband Project supported by Beyond the Net.

- As part of the NYC Mesh Project, the **NYC Chapter,** have 81 nodes reports as installed and active.12 buildings are now connected to supernode-1, and using it as their primary internet connection. Within each building we have between 1 and 6 apartments connected.

SF-Bay Area Project

SIG

SIGs

SIGs ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

- **Youth SIG** hosted the only SIG node at the 2017 Intercommunity. The node was held in Guadalajara. The event brought together a Youth SIG members to hold an interesting discussion regarding Youth and the Internet and personal freedoms
- **Internet of Food SIG** have been engaging in the creation of a digital ID for food. A closed micro trial was set up on developing a Universally Unique Identifier (UUID) for food to understand how such a program would need to be structured. Plans for conducting a larger scale trial are in the works for the remainder of year and into 2018.
- **Cybersecurity SIG** has hosted a number of interesting Webinars focused on various cybersecurity topics such as cybercrime and cyber defence.

ICOMM17 Youth SIG

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