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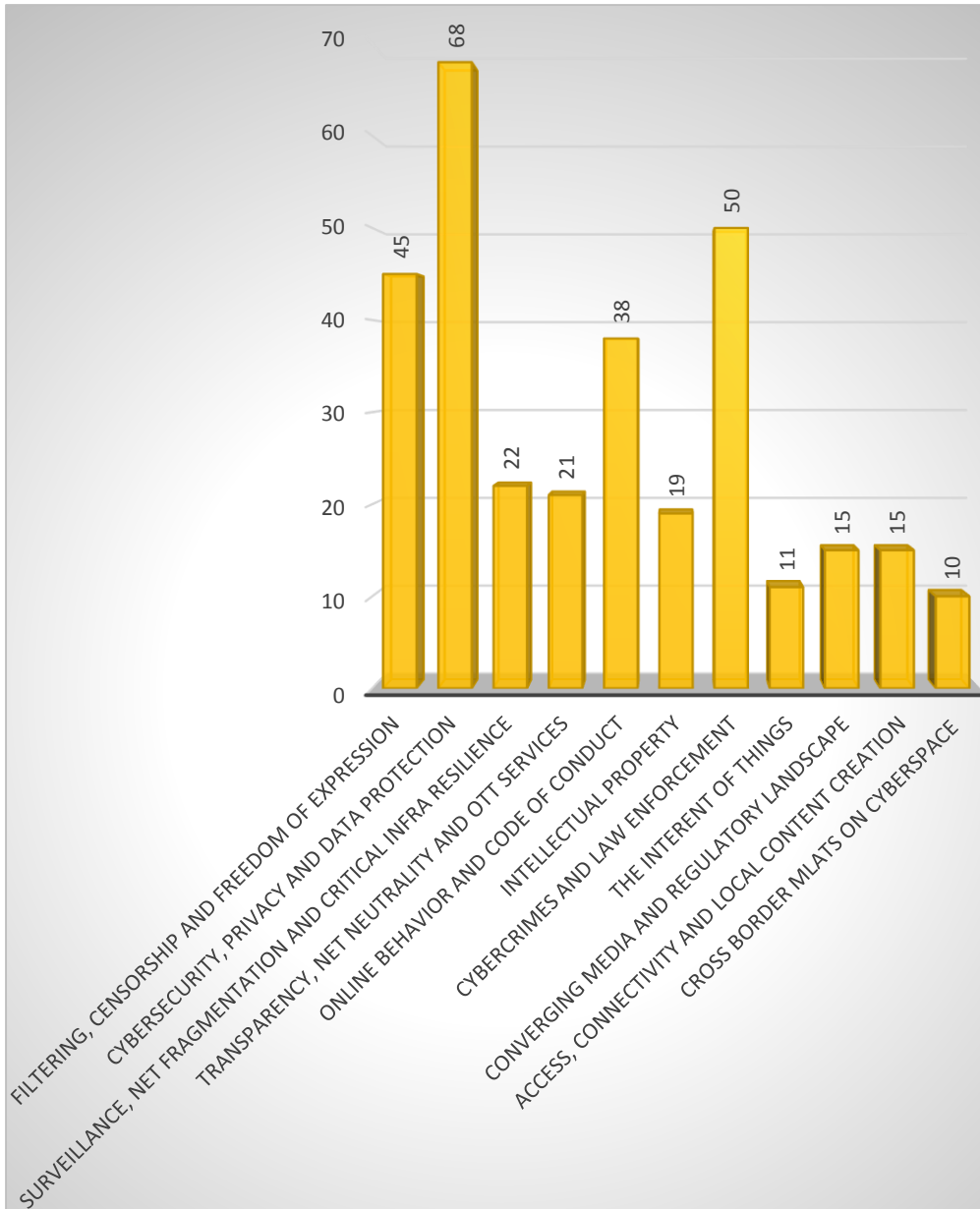
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Event Title
Asia Internet Symposium – **Islamabad**

Theme
Internet Governance in Pakistan – Building Multi-Stakeholder Collaborations

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Event Handler
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Agenda

Following is the agenda followed during the event.

Time	Schema
10:15 - 10:30	Registration *Participants to be seated*
10:30 - 10:40	Welcome and Event Highlights *Internet Society Pakistan Islamabad Chapter*
10:40 - 10:50	Speech by Chief Guest **Dr. Syed Ismail Shah**, *Chairman, Pakistan Telecommunication Authority*
10:50 - 11:00	Opening Remarks **Mr. Rajnesh Singh**, *Internet Society, Asia-Pacific Bureau*
11:00 - 11:10	Key Note (Access and Internet Resources) **Mr.Muhammad Amir Malik**, *Member (IT), Ministry of IT & Telecom*
11:10 - 11.20	Key Note (Multilingualism and Diversity) **Dr. Sarmad Hussain**, *Professor and Head, Center for Language Engineering*
11:20 - 11.30	Key Note (Privacy and Freedom of Speech) **Mr. Wahaj-us-Siraj**, *Chief Executive Officer, NayaTel Limited.*
11:30 - 11.40	Key Note (Social and Economic Development) **Mr. Parvez Iftikhar**, *International ICT Consultant*
11:40 - 12.15	Session Wrap up and Networking Break
12:15 - 13:30	Moderated Panel Discussion **Mr. Ameen Sharif**, *CTO, ITnIS Consulting (Moderator)* **Mr. Muhammad Aslam Hayat**, *Chief Corporate Office, Telenor Pakistan* **Mr. Badar Khushnood**, *Google Pakistan Country Consultant* **Mr. Fouad Riaz Bajwa**, *Internet Policy Analyst* **Mr. Ali Asghar**, *Director General, Pakistan Telecommunication Authority* **Mr. Khurram Rahat**, *Managing Director, Teradata Pakistan* **Mr. Naveed Haq**, *Internet Society*
13:30- 14:00	Question & Answer Session and Note of Thanks
14:00 - 15:30	Lunch

Key Note Speakers & Panellists

Mr. Rajnesh Singh

Mr. Rajnesh Singh is Regional Director of the Asia-Pacific Regional Bureau at the Internet Society where he oversees projects, initiatives and activities across the Internet Society's functional and programmatic areas in the Asia and Pacific region. In his professional capacity, Mr. Rajnesh has consulted on communications & power infrastructure, project management and business strategy for medium to large companies and organizations in the Asia-Pacific region. Having previously held several leadership roles within the Asia-Pacific Internet community, he has continuously expanded ISOC's involvement in the region since 2008.

Mr. Muhammad Amir Malik

Mr. Amir Malik is presently working as Member IT, Ministry of Information Technology. He has also served as the Chief Executive of Pak Datacom Limited, Pakistan. He has previously worked as Head of Regulatory Compliance at Ufone, PTML and at Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) in the capacity of Director (ICT) for four years.

Mr. Wahaj-us-Siraj

Wahaj-us-Siraj is CEO and co-founder of Nayatel which has installed Pakistan's first fiber to the home network in 2006 in Islamabad and Rawalpindi to provide ultra-broadband Internet, high definition TV and telephony services to business and home users. Earlier, Mr. Siraj has been part of teams that launched Pakistan's first broadband network in 2002 and Pakistan's first country wide ISP in 1996. Mr. Siraj worked with the Government of Pakistan for fifteen years before switching his career as entrepreneur.

Dr. Sarmad Hussain

Dr. Sarmad Hussain is currently a professor of Computer Science and heads the Center for Language Engineering at Al-Khawarizmi Institute of Computer Science, University of Engineering and Technology, Lahore. His research is focused on developing computing solutions for Pakistani languages, including research in linguistics, localization, language computing standards, speech processing and computational linguistics. He has been serving on many national and international committees including Security and Stability Advisor Committee of ICANN, Executive Committee of Asian Federation of Natural Language Processing and as Pakistan's representative on the International Committee for the Co-ordination and Standardization of Speech Databases and Assessment Techniques.

Mr. Pervez Iftekhar

With 30+ years of experience in Telecom sector, Parvez Iftikhar is a renowned International Consultant with passion to enable each & every person enjoying the fruits of ICTs. He has served as CEO of Universal Service Fund (USF) Company & Country-Head of Siemens Telecom in Pakistan. He is now involved with ITU, USAID and World Bank on providing consultancy services on ICT Policy & Regulatory issues, particularly on Universal Service. Mr. Parvez is known as a key mind behind the success of Universal Service Fund in Pakistan, making it a promising case-study for regional and International telecommunication markets.

Mr. Muhammad Aslam Hayat

Mr. Muhammad Aslam Hayat is an ICT regulatory professional and Chief Corporate Affairs & Security Officer of Telenor Pakistan. Before joining Telenor in July 2013, he was working as Centre Director (CEO) of Pacific ICT Regulatory Resource Centre (PIRRC) in Suva, Fiji, a World Bank Project. In his role at PIRRC, he was responsible to engage with all Pacific ICT Regulators and Ministries. Before joining PIRRC, he worked in Grameenphone for five years mainly advising in legal, regulatory and stakeholder management matters, making strategies and building capacity of Corporate Affairs Division.

Mr. Fouad Riaz Bajwa

Mr. Fouad Riaz Bajwa is an ICT and Internet Public Policy Analyst, Researcher and Advocate. He has been contributing to the ICANN Community since 2009. Mr. Fouad has been working towards guiding global ICT public policy at the multilateral and bilateral levels consulting on policy issues as an ICT Expert occasionally with various United Nations bodies etc. He serves as a Principle Digital Rights Policy Advisor for a national level digital and human rights protection body in Pakistan. He has also acted as the Webmaster for State Bank of Pakistan. He has been serving as the Co Vice-Chair of ICANN's Asia Pacific Regional At Large Organization (APRALO), since 2010.

Mr. Badar Khushnood

Badar Khushnood is the Country Consultant Pakistan for Google Inc. and acts as the local evangelist for Google. He is responsible for establishing quality relationships with people/organizations of interest to Google Inc. Mr. Badar enjoys helping companies focus on digital strategies that significantly contribute to their overall success. He helps organizations, large and small; develop highly targeted & effective, cost-efficient digital marketing programs that incorporate emerging technologies like website usability, search engine marketing, social media & analytics.

Mr. Khurram Rahat

Mr. Khuram Rahat is currently the Managing Director for Teradata in Pakistan, Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka. He has been actively involved in management and technology issues for over 25 years. Mr. Rahat has held various senior and project management positions at the country and regional level and has a wide exposure to the, Financial and Telecommunication and Public sectors. Mr. Rahat is well known for his in-depth knowledge of leading edge Business Intelligence and Innovative solutions. He is past President and founding member of Project Management Institute's Islamabad Chapter and has always supported creative ideas and efforts to support the technology, IT and management community in this region.

Mr. Ali Asghar

Ali Asghar is Director General (Law) at Pakistan Telecommunication Authority where he leads all legal and regulatory matters related with telecommunication industry. He has also served as Joint Secretary at Ministry of IT & Telecom and Deputy Secretary at Economic Affairs Division, Government of Pakistan. Mr. Ali Ashgar did his Masters of Law (LLM) from University of London with specialization in International Business Transactions and Telecommunication Law. He carries a deep knowledge and interest in legal and policy matters relating to Internet, E-Commerce, Intellectual Property and cybercrimes.
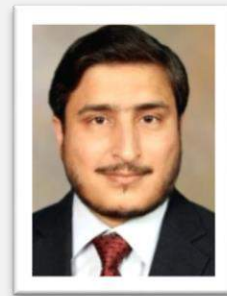
Mr. Naveed-ul-Haq

Mr. Naveed Haq is the Chapter Development Manager for Asia-Pacific Bureau at the Internet Society. He helps to enhance Internet Society's global impact by working with ISOC chapters in the region, enabling them to efficiently grow and manage their resources, community engagements, programs and membership base. Prior to joining ISOC, Naveed was working with Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) as Assistant Director, Information & Communication Technologies (ICT).

Event Moderators

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Mr. Ameen Sharif
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Media Links and Event Coverage

Following are the media clippings and cuttings from the national daily newspapers.

Internet Governance in Pakistan – Building Multi-stakeholder Collaboration

This era of digital age or information-based societies is bringing a fundamental transformation of relationships among societies, cultures, individuals, businesses, agencies and governments. It is expected that regional and cross border cooperation will continue to grow as the boundaries within which communication services are increasingly becoming artificial.

While leaping towards digital society era, technologies have wrapped the communication infrastructure with endless innovation and services arriving every second day. It is quite pertinent to look into governance issues surrounded around these information and communication medium especially the Internet.

Internet governance subjects such as management of critical resources, Security and Privacy, Access and Diversity, Piracy and Innovation, Content Regulations Network Neutrality and Internet for Development are placing new working agenda for developing nations calling upon a multi-stakeholder collaboration. Globally, such multi-stakeholder dialogues are capturing a firm attention, instituting regional and national Internet Governance Forums.

Asia Internet Symposium at Islamabad will draw from its proceedings to deliberate on capturing Internet Governance subjects and to invite a multi-stakeholder deliberation on building a strong future of Internet in the country. With a recent up rise in Broadband Internet penetration and digital literacy ratio in Pakistan, Internet is understood as the right tool for innovation, social empowerment, economic development and future progress of the public at large. The event is focused to a stepping stone to stimulate future discussion on Internet Governance taking in account a multi-stakeholder model.

The following key points of consideration will be debated to determine the future outlook of the following 'How To' with regards to Internet Governance in Pakistan:

- Identifying key issues of attention to cheer a good governance of Internet in Pakistan
- Leverage experience from global, regional and national Internet Governance Forums.
- Utilize Internet resources to enable innovation and economic empowerment
- Identify challenges, opportunities to develop collaboration among the Internet Stakeholders.

Issues Highlighted in the Event

Some of the key issues highlighted in the symposium are as follows:

Freedom of Usage

YouTube is still blocked in Pakistan and it came up as an important topic of discussion. Participants were of the view that likewise in other Muslim economies, a workable solution is much awaited as Internet users in Pakistan are suffering from this shutdown especially the student's community who regularly consult this largest video sharing portal to seek help on their courses material. An update was shared by concern authorities on latest proceedings of YouTube issue inside legislative corners as well as legal courts of the country. Panelist and speakers affirm the need of educating legal community including lawyers and judges on Internet subject; especially topics that would help them to better understand the Internet's structural principles to assist them in such cases.

Policy Development Process

A general consensus was observed among the speakers, panelists and the participants on promoting an Internet policy development process in Pakistan lead by a multi-stakeholder approach. It was discussed that existing telecommunication and IT policies don't address Internet as a separate policy subject and that only the Internet Access is covered under existing policies framework. However, if we want to take in account the impact of the Internet in our society and want to promote online productivity, there is a dire requirement of initiating such policy dialogue. Internet Governance has now became a more local subject rather a global and regional only, we are already behind this discussion, shared the panelists.

Mobile Internet

A number of points were raised with regards to recent spectrum auctioning in Pakistan to introduce 3G & 4G mobile data services. It was believed that government needs to support and facilitate the mobile Industry through certain measures including tax reductions. The cost of service would appear as big price dissatisfaction to present and future mobile Internet subscribers in Pakistan, in case these measures are not taken in account. It was also agreed that much needed high speed mobile Internet services will open new opportunities and usage experiences.

Event Pictures

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