

Internet governance in September 2016 Regional perspectives from Indonesia

ASEAN Leaders adopt Master Plan on Connectivity 2025

ASEAN Leaders adopted the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity 2025 (MPAC 2025) during the course of ASEAN Summit on 6 September 2016 in Vientiane, Lao PDR which focuses on five strategic areas, including digital innovation. The key feature of this Master Plan is the inclusion of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) as the center of connectivity development strategy, noting that digital technologies in ASEAN could potentially be worth up to US\$625 billion (8 percent of ASEAN's GDP) in 2030. The MPAC 2025 also highlighted the strategy to improve data management and digital financial services within the region.

Indonesian Tax Authority Launches Investigation over Google

The Indonesian tax authority is pursuing Google Asia Pacific over what officials allege are unpaid taxes from advertising revenue, which is estimated more than \$400 million in the year of 2015. The Authority is concerned about the discrepancies in tax being paid by Google Indonesia, a limited liability company and already subject of Indonesian tax regulation, compared to potential tax generated from the revenue of Google Asia Pacific from its business in Indonesia. It is noted that Google Indonesia already pays taxes on revenues booked through its local office in Indonesia, which are lower than the amount of business transaction derived from Google's operations in Indonesia through its Asia-Pacific headquarters in Singapore.

Asia Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum (APrIGF) 2016 Taipei - Synthesis Document Recently Published

Asia Pacific held its regional IGF in August 2016 and has published a Synthesis document. One of the concerns expressed was over the security of emerging technologies, such as Internet of Things and when Critical National Infrastructure is merging with Industrial Control systems. This includes difficulties to patch large amounts of outdated devices, privacy violations from big data and linked data. Security issues arising from the new technologies should be considered from the design-stage of the devices.

Indonesia to host National IGF Dialogue

The National Dialogue of Indonesia – Internet Governance Forum will be held on 15 November 2016 in Jakarta.