Telecommunications and Media Forum, North America
2023 – in person

Date: 5th - 6th December 2023
Location: Washington DC, USA

Agenda: Tuesday 5 December 2023

08:15: Registration

09:00: Welcome

Lynn Robinson, Director General, International Institute of Communications

Will Johnson, Senior Vice President & Deputy General Counsel, Federal Regulatory & Legal Affairs, Verizon Communications

09:15: Keynote

Brendan Carr, Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

09:30: Session 1: National and international priorities for US government

Moderator

Ambassador David A Gross, Partner, Wiley Rein LLP, USA

Speakers

Jaisha Wray, Associate Administrator, National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), USA

Mark Cullinane, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Information and Communications Policy, U.S. Department of State

Jared Carlson, Deputy Chief, Office of International Affairs, Federal Communications Commission
10:30: Networking Break

11:00: Session 2: Net neutrality and why it’s back on the agenda

Moderator
Jay Kerr-Wilson, Partner, Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP

Speakers include
Selina Chadha, Director of Connectivity, Networks and Communications, Ofcom, UK
Jeff Marks, Vice President, Government and Policy Advocacy, Ericsson
Jay A. Schwarz, Vice President, Global Public Policy, Comcast NBCUniversal
John Bergmayer, Legal Director, Public Knowledge

12:15: Session 3: In Conversation: Spectrum decision-making

Moderator
Ambassador David A Gross, Partner, Wiley Rein LLP, USA

Umair Javed, Senior Vice President, Spectrum, CTIA
Becky Tangren, Vice President & Associate General Counsel, NCTA – The Internet & Television Association

13:00: Networking Lunch

14:00: Session 4: Privacy, data protection and lawful intercept

Moderator
Eric Miller, Senior Executive & Policy Leader, Rideau Potomas Strategy Group LLC

Speakers include
Chad Breckinridge, Vice President and Deputy General Counsel, Cisco
Christina Ayiotis, Associate General Counsel, Cyber Security & Privacy, Lumen Technologies
Jamie M Danker, Senior Director of Cybersecurity and Privacy Services, Venable LLP
Christopher Calabrese, Senior Director Privacy Policy, Microsoft

15:15: Session 5: Deep-dive: Protecting Canadians from unsolicited communications: when it’s too good (or bad) to be true

Steven Harroun, Chief Compliance and Enforcement Officer, Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC)

16:15: Networking Break
16:30: Session 6: Future of Internet governance: key readouts from recent multistakeholder meetings globally, and looking ahead to 2024/25
Moderator
Jacquelynn Ruff, Consulting Counsel, Wiley Rein LLP, USA; Director, International Institute of Communications
Speakers include
Byron Holland, President and CEO, Canadian Internet Registration Authority (CIRA)
Fiona Alexander, Co-Founder, Salt Point Strategies
Elizabeth Oluoch, Government and IGO Engagement Director – UN/ITU, ICANN
Stan Adams, Lead Public Policy Specialist, Wikimedia Foundation

17:30: Close of Day one followed by Networking Reception
Closing remarks
Lynn Robinson, Director General, International Institute of Communications
Followed by:
Networking Reception
Time: 17:30-19:00

Agenda: Wednesday 6 December 2023

08:30: Registration

09:00: Welcome and Keynote
Lynn Robinson, Director General, International Institute of Communications
Keynote
Donna M. Epps, Senior Vice President, Public Policy and Strategic Alliances, Verizon Communications

09:15: Session 7: Building and maintaining trust and authenticity in online content
Moderator
Dr The Hon. Allyson Leacock OR, Chairman, Barbados Broadcasting Authority; Director, International Institute of Communications
Speakers include
José Fernando Parada Rodriguez, Commissioner, Audiovisual Content, Commission for Communications Regulation, Colombia
Stan Adams, Lead Public Policy Specialist, Wikimedia Foundation
Steven Waldman, President, Rebuild Local News; Co-Founder, Report for America
10:30: Networking Break

11:00: Session 8: Responsible AI – how are regulatory models developing globally?
Moderator
Gordon Moir, Partner, Wiggin LLP
Speakers include
Jeff Dygert, Executive Director, Public Policy, AT&T
Russell Hanser, Associate Administrator for Policy Analysis and Development, National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)
Amber Ezzell, Policy Counsel, Artificial Intelligence, Future of Privacy Forum
Shaundra Watson, Director, Policy, BSA – The Software Alliance, USA
Shane Cahill, Director, Legislation and Policy Development (EMEA and Global AI), Meta

12:15: Session 9: Deep dive: Regulatory collaboration in practice - UK’s Digital Regulation Cooperation Forum (DRCF) as a case study
Selina Chadha, Director of Connectivity, Networks and Communications, Ofcom, UK

13.15: Networking Lunch

14:00: Session 10: Deep dive: Setting up the FCC’s Space Bureau
Julie Kearney, Chief, Space Bureau, Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

14:45: Session 11: Deep dive: Inclusive Metaverse Index (IMI) - building a successful metaverse
Dr Robert Pepper, Head, Global Connectivity Policy and Planning, Meta

15:30: Close of Forum
Lynn Robinson, Director General, International Institute of Communications