

Updates and Recent News from the Federal Communications Commission

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Open Internet Roundtables

In the [2014 Open Internet Notice of Proposed Rulemaking](#), the FCC began the process of closing the gap created by January 2014 D.C. Circuit Court decision, which left no legally enforceable rules for the Commission to prevent broadband providers from acting to limit Internet openness. The 2014 Open Internet NPRM sought public comment on how the FCC should ensure that the Internet remains open, and proposed new rules and enhancements to current rules. To further develop an understanding of the issues, the Commission hosted a [series](#) of staff-led Open Internet Roundtable Discussions. These discussions provided an opportunity for FCC staff and interested parties to further examine the actions the Commission should take towards its goal of determining the best approach to protecting and promoting an open Internet.



Chairman Tom Wheeler giving opening remarks at Policy Approaches Open Internet Roundtable, the first of the series

The roundtable discussions focused on public policy considerations and how they should be addressed to protect and promote Internet openness in both the fixed and mobile markets; the technological considerations involved in protecting the open Internet; how the competitive landscape and the economics of providing broadband and online services affects Internet openness; how the Commission can effectively enforce the current and proposed open Internet requirements; and the various legal theories underlying possible Commission actions in this area.

For more information and to watch the webcasts of the roundtables, please visit:

[Open Internet Roundtable - Policy Approaches](#)

[Open Internet Roundtable - Mobile Broadband](#)

[Open Internet Roundtable - Enforcement](#)

[Open Internet Roundtable Technological Aspects](#)

[Open Internet Roundtable - Economics](#)

[Open Internet Roundtable - Law](#)

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **National Cybersecurity Month Awareness Expo:**
October 28, 2014
1:00 pm. - 4:00 p.m.
- To see all events, visit: www.fcc.gov/events

Recent Events and Outreach

Accessing Social Media Event

The FCC's Accessibility and Innovation Initiative hosted a public event, "Accessing Social Media," on Thursday, July 17, 2014, to facilitate a collaborative, cross-sector exchange of information about making social media tools and content accessible to people with disabilities.

This included information about authoring tools, client apps, and best practices. The event panels included industry, consumer, and government representatives. The showcase featured hands-on technology demonstrations of accessible tools and technologies.

Please click to visit:

[Event page](#)

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Jamal Mazrui, Accessibility and Innovation Initiative

CAOD participated in several conferences during the past quarter including National Urban League, National Association for Multi-ethnicity in Communications, Congressional Black Caucus, American Library Association, NTCA - The Rural Broadband Association, AARP, Organization of Chinese Americans, WTA - Advocates for Rural Broadband, Congressional Hispanic Caucus and Governors Highway and Safety Administration. Below are a few highlights from CAOD team members.



CAOD's African American and Children and Youth Outreach Team attended the 2014 White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU's) in Washington, DC September 22 - 23, 2014. The annual conference is hosted by the White House and the Department of Education to provide in-depth information on strengthening HBCU schools and provide tools and innovative ideas to propel all students towards a successful future. Secretary Arne Duncan stressed the need for students to go into the Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) fields, as well as the teaching profession. There were 21 workshops on various educational topics. For more information, please visit: <http://www.ed.gov/edblogs/whhbcu/hbcu-week-conference/>

CAOD's Asian American and Pacific Islander Team attended the 6th Annual Asian Americans Advancing Justice Conference (AAAJ) in Washington, DC September 24 - 25, 2014, and staffed an exhibit with consumer information. The theme of the conference was "Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders Standing Together for Racial Justice." The plenaries and workshops provided valuable information on capacity building, language access, civil rights, racial justice, and census data issues facing the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities. A plethora of new data and information was made available to attendees in hard copy and on thumb drives that were distributed to the approximately 400 attendees. AAJ formally announced their new office in Atlanta, Georgia, to assist rapidly growing AAPI populations in the Southeastern United States. In addition, the latest in their series of A Community of Contrasts reports entitled "A Community of Contrasts, Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders in the South" was distributed as well as another recent report in the series devoted to Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders in the United States. The need for disaggregated data and its uses was a major theme throughout the conference. Visit <http://www.advancingjustice.org/> for more information about the conference or to download the reports.

