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## Synopsis

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At the **International Telecoms Week Conference** experts described **terrestrial fibre constraints** as a major hurdle to implementing faster connectivity and **internet penetration** across the continent.

**Nigeria’s** only digital bank, **ALAT** have attempted to encourage more young women to get involved in the Nigerian technology sector by launching **Tech Chicks** a platform that celebrates young women in technology roles.

**Digital Europe**, an organisation that represents the digital technology industry spent a week in **Tokyo** to engage with business leaders and the Government where they discussed **cybersecurity, digital skills** and **infrastructure**.

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## Europe

### Internet governance

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#### [Internet Safety Green Paper](#)

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*“The Internet is a powerful force for good. It serves humanity, spreads ideas and enhances freedom and opportunity across the world. Combined with new technologies, such as artificial intelligence (AI), it is set to change society perhaps more than any previous technological revolution – connecting people, making us more productive, and raising living standards. However, alongside these new opportunities come new challenges and risks.”*

*“We strongly support the freedom of speech but that does not mean that we should turn a blind eye to abuse or bullying. Research suggests up to 25% of children and young people in the UK experience cyberbullying.<sup>1</sup> When the Internet is misused by individuals, and that misuse is amplified by the connectivity provided by social media platforms, it can cause real and lasting harm, especially to young people and the vulnerable.”*

### Cybersecurity

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**Computer Weekly**

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### **Computer Weekly**

#### **[European cyber-attacks up nearly a third in first quarter 2018](#)**

According to a cyber-crime report by risk firm ThreatMetrix, digital transactions in Europe were hit by a third more cyber-attacks in the first quarter of 2018 compared with the same period in 2017.

*“The volume of cyber attacks hitting digital transactions in Europe was up by almost a third in the first quarter of 2018 compared with same period a year ago, a report reveals.”*

*“Digital transactions in Europe were hit by 30% more cyber attacks in the first three months of 2018 than in the first quarter of the previous year, data shows.”*

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### **Computer Weekly**

#### **[NCSC calls for greater interaction with UK business](#)**

The UK National Cyber Security Centre have urged businesses to report cybercrime so crucial evidence and intelligence is not lost. According to Deputy Director Peter Yapp of the NCSC, the department is there to help ‘victims of serious cyber attacks.’

*“The UK’s cyber security agency has called for greater interaction with business, particularly when it comes to cyber security incidents.”*

*“Under-reporting of cybercrime by businesses means crucial evidence and intelligence about cyber threats and offenders is lost, according to Peter Yapp, a deputy director at the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC).”*

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### **Public Technology**

#### **[Police chiefs look to address ‘inconsistent’ use of social media with nationwide strategy](#)**

The National Police Chiefs Council are looking to create a social media strategy to help police forces harness the online platform. The hope is to use this

platform, so individuals can contact the police, to address local needs and be used as a tool to engage with children and young people.

*“The National Police Chiefs Council (NPCC) has kicked off a project to address the lack of governance, standards, and common practices in forces’ use of social media.”*

*“The NPCC’s Digital Public Contact (DPC) programme is to undertake a project to map police forces’ current use of social media. The project will then move on to the creation of a single, nationwide strategy for using social platforms, as well as a plan for implementation.”*

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#### **[Pen testers find weaknesses in banks’ cyber security](#)**

According to a new report by software company Positive Technologies, banks have the most impenetrable external defences against cyber attacks however the weakest link in bank security is the human factor. Hackers are often able to infiltrate these systems by simply using phishing messages.

*“Humans are the biggest weakness in banks’ cyber defences, but there are several others that also need attention, penetration testers have revealed.”*

*“Banks have formidable barriers to external cyber attacks, but some are still vulnerable to internal attacks using social engineering, vulnerabilities in web applications and the help of insiders, a report reveals.”*

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### **Computer Weekly**

#### **[Openreach launches Scottish fibre training school](#)**

Telecommunications company, Openreach have announced their ambition to train more than 400 broadband specialists to run its fibre roll out.

*“Openreach has launched its Scottish engineering school in Livingston as it prepares to train 400 new broadband specialists to run its full-fibre roll-out.”*

*“Broadband network infrastructure builder Openreach has unveiled its second fibre engineering school in Livingston, near Edinburgh, as part of a multi-million-pound investment in supporting the roll-out of full-fibre broadband.”*

## Privacy

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### [Commission demands EU leaders approve deadlocked ePrivacy bill](#)

The European Commission have urged EU leaders to ‘accelerate’ and approve the Privacy Bill which has been deadlocked in legal talks for over a year, after Political Consultancy firm Cambridge Analytica used the data of millions of internet giant Facebook users to influence the US Presidential elections and Brexit vote.

*“The European Commission is amping up pressure on EU leaders to approve a controversial privacy bill, deadlocked in legal talks for more than a year, after the data breach scandal involving Facebook and Cambridge Analytica.”*

*“In a stern warning to leaders before they gather at a summit in Sofia on Thursday (17 May), the EU executive demanded that they “accelerate” and “conclude negotiations as soon as possible on the ePrivacy regulation.”*

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**Channel NewsAsia**

### [Former Cambridge Analytica boss to appear before British lawmakers on June 6](#)

Political Consultancy firm Cambridge Analytica’s ex-boss, Alexander Nix, have been summoned to appear before the Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee on June 6 because of their involvement in a major data scandal.

*“The ex-boss of Cambridge Analytica, a political consultancy that closed down after being involved in a scandal about the improper use of the data of millions of Facebook users, will appear in front of British lawmakers on June 6.”*

*“The Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee said that Alexander Nix had accepted its summons. While Nix has testified once to the committee, lawmakers want him to give further evidence - a request he had previously declined.”*

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### **Gadgets Now**

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## Internet Inclusion

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### [Digital Skills: Mind the gap](#)

Newswire Euractiv and technology company Microsoft held a conference on digital skills and AI where they discussed the digital divide, the AI revolution and the need for more digital skills in the UK.

*“on 10 June 2016 the European Commission published a New Skills Agenda for Europe: Working together to strengthen human capital, employability and competitiveness. It presents a number of actions and initiatives with the ambition to tackle the digital skills deficit in Europe.”*

*“Digital economy is recognised to be one of the main sources of growth for the coming decade. The spread of digital is having a massive impact on the labour market and the type of skills needed in the economy and society. Yet, Eurostat reports that only a little more than half the European population (age 16-74) possesses basic or above basic digital skills (i.e. using the internet for information, communication, problem solving, content creation).”*

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### [If we want equality in tech, we need to ‘evolve the conversation’, says panel](#)

According to a panel of experts at the Salesforce World Tour event in London individuals need to ‘evolve the conversation’ on gender equality because to achieve equality in the workplace, there needs to be ‘equality in conversation about gaining more diversity.’

*“Achieving parity in the technology industry depends on moving away from an entirely gender-focused discussion, say experts.”*

*“To increase diversity in the technology industry, we need to “evolve the conversation” and talk about more than just getting women into tech, according to a panel of experts.”*

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### **Public Technology**

#### **[AI will save lives of 22,000 cancer patients a year, prime minister announces](#)**

The UK Prime Minister Theresa May has announced that artificial intelligence technologies could save up to 22,000 cancer patients a year. The technology could be used to speed up the diagnostic procedures using data related to patients’ genetics, lifestyle and medical history.

*“Prime minister Theresa May believes that better use of artificial-intelligence technologies could reduce the number of people in the UK dying from cancer each year by 22,000.”*

*“In a speech today, the PM challenged the AI sector to work with the NHS and health charities to improve diagnostic procedures for cancer.”*

## United States of America

### Internet governance

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Channel NewsAsia

#### [US net neutrality bill advances in the Senate](#)

The Net Neutrality Bill has advanced to the next stage in the Senate, a Bill which seeks to repeal the Federal Communications decision to revoke net neutrality rules which assure an open free internet.

*“The U.S. Senate voted 52 to 47 to advance a bill that would reverse the Federal Communications Commission decision in December to repeal landmark 2015 net neutrality rules.”*

*“The margin was larger than expected with three Republicans voting with 47 Democrats and two independents. Many politicians are convinced the issue will help motivate younger people to vote in the 2018 congressional elections. A final vote by the Senate was expected later on Wednesday.”*

### Cybersecurity

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The Hill

#### [Google offers free cyber protection to US political groups](#)

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*“Jigsaw, a company owned by Google's parent company Alphabet, is offering free cybersecurity protection to U.S.-based political organizations.”*

*“The company said Wednesday it will offer political groups registered with election authorities — including candidates, campaigns, 527 organizations and political action committees — its Project Shield service. The service protects against distributed denial of service (DDoS) attacks, which are used to take down websites.”*

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### **The Hill**

#### **[Ryan to delay election security briefing, make it classified](#)**

The United States election security briefing has been delayed after Democrats have urged the Republican Party to make the briefing classified so officials can go into more detail about the threats US election infrastructure faces.

*“Speaker Paul Ryan (R-Wis.) has postponed a briefing for members of Congress on the security of U.S. voting systems so that it can be classified.”*

*“The move comes after Democrats, including House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.), pressed GOP leadership to make the briefing classified so that officials could go into sufficient detail about the scope of the threat and the Trump administration’s efforts to protect digital election systems from hackers.”*

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### **The Hill**

#### **[Dem lawmaker moves to block White House from eliminating cyber post](#)**

A Democratic Congressman Seth Moulton has attempted to block US President Donald Trump’s decision to remove the cybersecurity coordinator position at the National Security Council.

*“A Democratic congressman is looking to block the Trump administration from eliminating a top cybersecurity position in the White House.”*

*“Rep. Seth Moulton (D-Mass.) filed an amendment to annual defense policy legislation that would prohibit President Trump from eliminating the cybersecurity coordinator position at the National Security Council (NSC).”*

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**SC Media**

**[DHS, DoT team up to secure federal vehicle fleets](#)**

The US Department of Transport and the US Department of Homeland Security have announced a new cybersecurity plan to help secure federal electric vehicle fleets from being hacked.

*“The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Department of Transportation (DoT) joined forces to create a cybersecurity implementation and operational primer to secure federal vehicle fleets.”*

*“Executive Order (EO) 13693, also known as “Planning for Federal Sustainability in the Next Decade” was issued in March 2015 and requires all federal fleet managers to implement telematics systems for all their vehicles, according to a May 15 press release.”*

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**SC media**

**[Sun Team's RedDawn campaign targets North Korean defectors and journalist](#)**

Malware was found on internet giant Google’s Play Store after the Sun Team hacking group used it to target journalists and North Korean defectors in South Korea. Once the malware is installed in a device, hackers can retrieve personal photos, contacts and SMS messages.

*“The second campaign from the “Sun Team” hacking group managed to sneak its way into the Google Play Store to targeted North Korean defectors.”*

*“The malware looks to copy sensitive information including personal photos, contacts, and SMS messages and sends them to the threat actors,” according to a May 17 blog post.<sup>2</sup>*

## Privacy

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**Reuters**

### [US investigating Cambridge Analytica - New York Times](#)

The United States Justice Department and the FBI have announced they will be investigating political consultancy firm Cambridge Analytica after a scandal which saw the company use data from millions of internet giant Facebook users to influence the US Presidential elections.

*“The U.S. Justice Department and the FBI are investigating Cambridge Analytica, a now-defunct political data firm embroiled in a scandal over its handling of Facebook Inc user information, the New York Times reported on Tuesday.”*

*“Prosecutors have sought to question former Cambridge Analytica employees and banks that handled its business, the newspaper said, citing an American official and others familiar with the inquiry.”*

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**Politico**

### [‘Too inconvenient’: Trump goes rogue on phone security](#)

According to two senior officials, US President Donald Trump has refused to implement security features on his iPhones which means he is vulnerable to being hacked. It has been five months since security experts have checked his phone.

*“President Donald Trump uses a White House cellphone that isn’t equipped with sophisticated security features designed to shield his communications, according to two senior administration officials — a departure from the practice of his predecessors that potentially exposes him to hacking or surveillance.”*

*“The president, who relies on cellphones to reach his friends and millions of Twitter followers, has rebuffed staff efforts to strengthen security around his phone use, according to the administration officials.”*

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**Channel NewsAsia**

**[Microsoft, Google find fresh flaw in chips, but risk is low](#)**

Technology company Microsoft have found another vulnerability in chips used in hundreds of millions of computers and mobile devices. However, the company have announced that the risk is relatively low.

*“Cyber security researchers have found a new security flaw that affects a broad swath of modern computing chips and is related to the Spectre and Meltdown chip flaws that emerged in January.”*

*“The newest chip problem, known as Speculative Store Bypass or “Variant 4” because it’s in the same family as the original group of flaws, was disclosed by security researchers at Microsoft Corp and Alphabet Inc’s Google on Monday (May 21).”*

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**The Hill**

**[DHS secretary says she hasn’t seen assessment that Russia interfered to help Trump win](#)**

According to Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen there has been no evidence to conclude that Russia interfered in the 2016 election to help US President Donald Trump secure the leadership.

*“Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen said Tuesday that she has not seen the U.S. intelligence community’s specific judgment that Russia interfered in the 2016 election to help President Trump win.”*

*“I do not believe that I have seen that conclusion,” Nielsen told reporters following a closed-door briefing on election security with members of Congress, though she added that she has “no reason to doubt any intelligence community assessment” in general.”*

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## **Internet Inclusion**

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**South China Morning Post**

### **[White House assures Google, Facebook AI won’t get heavy hand](#)**

The White House have told US tech and business giants not to fear artificial intelligence regulation claiming they will take a ‘hands-off regulatory approach’ to the development of AI. This means major companies including Google, Facebook, Goldman Sachs and Boeing will have the ‘greatest possible latitude to develop AI.’

*“The White House unveiled a hands-off regulatory approach to foster the development of artificial intelligence (AI) at a gathering of more than 40 companies in Washington on Thursday.”*



*“A top White House technology adviser, Michael Kratsios, told representatives of companies including Alphabet’s Google, Facebook, Goldman Sachs and Boeing that they’ll have the greatest possible latitude to develop AI, according to a copy of his remarks that was provided to Bloomberg.”*

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**NextGov**

### **[Pentagon is Planning Another Bug Bounty Contract](#)**

The US Pentagon have announced plans for another bug bounty contract, a contest where ethical hackers are offered cash prizes if they are able to find vulnerabilities in websites apps and other software.

*“The Pentagon is considering offering a broad bug bounty contract that would accommodate a variety of different bounty models on either short-term or continuous timeframes, according to contracting documents released earlier this month.”*

*“The move comes after two years during which the Defense Department and military services have launched five high-profile bug bounties targeting the Pentagon, Air Force, Army and the department’s travel booking system.”*

## Pan-Asia

### Internet governance

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#### Gadgets Now

##### [Trai asks telcos to put all tariffs online](#)

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India have asked all telecom operators to file all tariffs offered to consumers on a beta version of their online tariff filling portal, so consumers can see and compare all service providers.

*“Close on the heels of unveiling its plan-comparison portal, Trai today directed all telecom operators to start online filing of all tariffs offered to consumers in a specific format from June 30, but industry body COAI flagged concerns on inadequate implementation of timeline.”*

*“The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai) said it has launched beta version of online tariff filing portal to enable consumers to view plans of all service providers and compare them.”*

### Cybersecurity

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#### Security Brief Asia

##### [Hong Kong, Japan, Singapore most cyber-resilient APAC nations](#)

The 2018 FM Global Resilience Index which ranked 130 countries 12 areas including political risk and cyber risk found that Hong Kong came 19<sup>th</sup> worldwide and South Korea 44<sup>th</sup>.

*“Hong Kong may be Asia’s best place to do business in terms of its overall resilience – and its cyber resilience, overtaking other Asia countries including Japan and Singapore.”*

*“The 2018 FM Global Resilience Index ranked 130 countries and territories on their business environment resilience in 12 key areas including political risk, urbanization rate, natural hazard exposure, control of corruption, and inherent cyber risk.”*

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### Security Brief Asia

#### [NTT Security extends managed security footprint to cover India & the Philippines](#)

Computer security service firm NTT Security have announced plans to expand their operations into India and the Philippines in a bid to become the leading managed security service provider in Asia Pacific.

*“NTT Group’s security division NTT Security is taking two steps further into the Asia Pacific region with new expansion into India and the Philippines.”*

*“The company’s strategic growth plan heavily concentrates on NTT Security’s mission to be the leading managed security service provider in Asia Pacific – just four months after it launched new services in Thailand.”*

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### Daily Mail

#### [Air University to open first-ever centre for cyber security](#)

Pakistan is set to open its first ever ‘National Centre for CyberSecurity’ a hub for innovation, research and education which they hope will help protect the country from cyber attacks.

*“Pakistan first-ever ‘National Centre for Cyber Security’ is all set to be inaugurated on Monday (today) at the Air University Islamabad.”*

*“According to a press statement issued by the university on Sunday, Federal Minister for Interior Ahsan Iqbal will be the chief guest at the ceremony. On the occasion, Air Chief Marshal Mujahid Anwar Khan, Vice Chancellor of Air University AVM (r) Faaiz Amir along with VCs of various partner universities and other dignitaries will attend.”*

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### NextGov

#### [North Korea’s Hackers—Many Living Abroad—Have Nabbed It \\$650 Million](#)

According to Simon Choi a consultant to South Korea’s National Intelligence Service, North Korea has become a hacking superpower and the Government has stolen up to \$650 million from cyber attacks.

*“North Korea has gradually become a hacking superpower, and has earned a pretty penny in the process.”*

*“Agents acting on behalf of the ruling regime have stolen about \$650 million through cyberattacks, according to research from Simon Choi, a consultant to South Korea’s CIA-esque National Intelligence Service. And that’s “just a portion” of their overall activity, he says, speaking to Patrick Winn of Public Radio International.”*

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### **Security Brief Asia**

#### **[Singapore IMDA launches GoSecure cybersecurity programme for Singapore ICT firms](#)**

Singapore’s Infocomm Media Development Authority a Government office in Singapore have announced a new GoSecure cybersecurity programme which will help more than 200 Singapore ICT firms improve the security of their companies.

*“Singapore’s Infocomm Media Development Authority (IMDA) will work with Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT) as part of an initiative to help ICT companies improve their product security posture and increase their cybersecurity capabilities.”*

*“The initiative, called GoSecure, will run from July 2018 to July 2020. According to IMDA, the programme will benefit 200 Singapore-based ICT companies over the two-year period.”*

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### **Security Brief Asia**

#### **[New cybersecurity partnership to strengthen Japan's automotive market](#)**

Cybersecurity companies Upstream Security and Asgent have announced plans to use C4 the first ‘cloud-based cybersecurity platform for the automotive market’ which they claim is the only viable solution to protecting the cybersecurity of vehicle fleets.

*“Upstream Security and Asgent have plans to bring state-of-the-art cybersecurity to Japan’s automotive manufacturers and vehicle fleets.”*

*“The two companies have partnered to combine Upstream Security’s cloud-based cybersecurity platform and Asgent’s systems integration expertise to the automotive industry – a partnership that will provide major market opportunity for Upstream.”*

## Privacy

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### **Digital Europe**

#### [Digital Europe reiterates Commitment to Free Trade and Open Markets in Japan](#)

Digital Europe, an organisation that represents the digital technology industry spent a week in Tokyo to engage with business leaders and the Government where they discussed cybersecurity, digital skills and infrastructure.

*“DIGITALEUROPE DG Cecilia Bonefeld-Dahl spent one week in Tokyo to engage with business leaders and government, reiterating DIGITALEUROPE’s continued commitment to free and multilateral trade as well as open access to markets. By engaging with various public and private stakeholders, the DG sought to establish a trustworthy dialogue on a likeminded approach to technology.”*

*“In Tokyo, DIGITALEUROPE DG Cecilia Bonefeld-Dahl participated in the 7<sup>th</sup> ICT Strategies Workshop Dialogue, jointly organised by the European Commission and the Japanese Government. Both parties reiterated their anticipation towards the coming into force of the Economic Partnership Agreement. At the same time, they highlighted the need for adequate and*

*effective implementation. During the one-day event, both Japanese and European digital policy initiatives were reviewed in detail, including in-depth discussions on cyber security, platforms, digital skills, infrastructure, AI, IoT and big data.”*

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### **Computer Weekly**

#### **Singapore ropes in local polytechnics in AI talent boost**

A Singaporean Government led Artificial Intelligence group have announced plans to work with three polytechnic schools to host workshops to train lecturers and students how to harness AI tools such as robotic process automation.

*“AI Singapore is working with three polytechnics to train lecturers and students on artificial intelligence while boosting AI adoption among SMEs.”*

*“A Singapore government-led artificial intelligence (AI) group has teamed up with local polytechnics to groom AI talent and promote the use of AI among small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the city-state.”*

## Rest of the World

### Internet governance

*No new items of relevance*

### Cybersecurity

*No new items of relevance*

### Privacy

**22.05.18**

**The Hill**

#### [DHS secretary says she hasn't seen assessment that Russia interfered to help Trump win](#)

According to Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen there has been no evidence to conclude that Russia interfered in the 2016 election to help US President Donald Trump secure the leadership.

*"Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen said Tuesday that she has not seen the U.S. intelligence community's specific judgment that Russia interfered in the 2016 election to help President Trump win."*

*"I do not believe that I have seen that conclusion," Nielsen told reporters following a closed-door briefing on election security with members of Congress, though she added that she has "no reason to doubt any intelligence community assessment" in general."*

### Internet Inclusion

**23.05.18**

**The Guardian**

#### ['Constraints to terrestrial fibre hindering connectivity in Africa'](#)

At the International Telecoms Week Conference experts described terrestrial fibre constraints as a major hurdle to implementing faster connectivity and internet penetration across the continent.

*“The several bottlenecks confronting terrestrial fibre deployment, especially in Africa is hindering faster connectivity across the continent.”*

*“This, formed part of the deliberations by experts at the Africa Session of the International Telecoms Week conference in Chicago, USA, where they described terrestrial fibre constraints as the mother of all bottlenecks hindering increased Internet penetration in the region.”*

**18.05.18**

**The Guardian**

**[ALAT celebrates young women In technology, launches Tech Chicks platform](#)**

Nigeria’s only digital bank, ALAT have attempted to encourage more young women to get involved in the Nigerian technology sector by launching Tech Chicks a platform that celebrates young women in technology roles.

*“ALAT by Wema, Nigeria’s only fully digital bank has launched Tech Chicks, a platform dedicated to the promotion of young women blazing a trail in Nigerian technology.”*

*“Selected from nominations crowd-sourced on social media, the founding class of Tech Chicks includes software developers, tech founders, a cyber-security expert and a dentist. This year’s selection process was led by a panel of women achievers, the nominations were screened based on impact of work and mentoring potential.”*

**22.05.18**

**IT News Africa**

**[Fundi announced as Gold sponsor of Education Innovation Summit 2018](#)**

Fundi, South Africa’s education and finance solution specialists have been named as the sponsors of the Education Innovation Summit taking place on the 31<sup>st</sup> May which will seek to address how to transform education with technology.

*“Fundi has been announced as a Gold sponsor of The Education Innovation Summit taking place in Johannesburg on 31 May 2018. Under the theme “Transforming Education With Technology” the event will feature education policy development representatives, school principals, Academics, University*



*Chancellors, amongst others influencers who will share their experiences on overcoming barriers to technology adoption in education.”*

*“Fundi is positioning its brand as Africa’s single source for all services that enable the education and learning journey. Fundi’s innovative solutions include.”*

## Global Institutions

17.05.18

### Digital Europe

#### [Digital Europe reiterates Commitment to Free Trade and Open Markets in Japan](#)

Digital Europe, an organisation that represents the digital technology industry spent a week in Tokyo to engage with business leaders and the Government where they discussed cybersecurity, digital skills and infrastructure.

*“DIGITALEUROPE DG Cecilia Bonefeld-Dahl spent one week in Tokyo to engage with business leaders and government, reiterating DIGITALEUROPE’s continued commitment to free and multilateral trade as well as open access to markets. By engaging with various public and private stakeholders, the DG sought to establish a trustworthy dialogue on a likeminded approach to technology.”*

*“In Tokyo, DIGITALEUROPE DG Cecilia Bonefeld-Dahl participated in the 7<sup>th</sup> ICT Strategies Workshop Dialogue, jointly organised by the European Commission and the Japanese Government. Both parties reiterated their anticipation towards the coming into force of the Economic Partnership Agreement. At the same time, they highlighted the need for adequate and effective implementation. During the one-day event, both Japanese and European digital policy initiatives were reviewed in detail, including in-depth discussions on cyber security, platforms, digital skills, infrastructure, AI, IoT and big data.”*

## Diary Dates

**EuroDIG – 05.06.18-06.06.18**

Tbilisi, Georgia

**Data Centres Risk Radar – 24.06.18**

London, England