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A Special Invitation to Attend ICANN62

Rodrigo de la Parra, ICANN's VP of Stakeholder Engagement for Latin America and the Caribbean, invites you to Panama City for the upcoming ICANN62 Policy Forum, to be held from 25-28 June. At the meeting, ICANN community groups will focus on outreach and advancing work on current topics. He hopes to see you there!

See you soon in Panama!

EMEA ACTIVITIES & HIGHLIGHTS

Looking Back at the Africa Internet Summit 2018 in Dakar

The fifth Africa Internet Summit (AIS'18) took place from 29 April to 11 May in Dakar, Senegal. A total of 642 participants from 68 countries attended the event. As a platinum sponsor, ICANN contributed to AIS via the following activities:

- Media roundtable
- Workshop to help Francophones in the region participate more fully in ICANN's activities
- Workshop for registries and registrars
- ICANN Day (6 May)
- Plenary sessions
- ICANN exhibition booth with support from volunteers, including ICANN Fellowship Alumni

Learn more about **AIS'18** and check out the **statistics from the event.**

Thank you, Dakar! We look forward to the Africa Internet Summit in Uganda next year.

ICANN Participates in Transform Africa Summit 2018

Transform Africa Summit is Africa's leading annual forum, bringing together global and regional leaders from government, business, and international organizations. It is a platform for collaboration on new ways of shaping and strengthening Africa's ongoing digital revolution. This fourth edition of the summit took place in Kigali, Rwanda, from 7-10 May. Under the theme "Accelerating Africa's Single Digital Market," the summit attracted over 4,000 high-level participants from both the public and private sector.

As a founding member of the **Smart Africa Alliance,** ICANN is on the Smart Africa Steering committee, which met ahead of the summit on 6 May. The ICANN team also used this opportunity to hold bilateral meetings, notably with the ministers of information and communications technologies (ICT), regulators, head of Sub-Saharan Africa from the GSM Association (GSMA), Africa regional team from the International Telecommunications Union (ITU), and representatives from the Africa Union.

PRESS HIGHLIGHTS

French

OUTLET	ARTICLE/LINK	
TICmag	**Africa: ICANN's proposals to improve the quality of the Internet**	7 May
Pressafrik	**Dakar: ICANN and OIF want to help Africa not miss the "Digital Revolution"**	8 May

English

OUTLET	ARTICLE/LINK	
North Africa Post	**ICANN Empowers Youths to Expand their Commitment**	9 May

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Get Ready for ICANN62
Panama City, Panama, 25-28 June 2018

Resources to Help Prepare for ICANN62
ICANN62 is just two weeks away. It's time to start planning your meeting experience. We're offering several resources to help you get started.
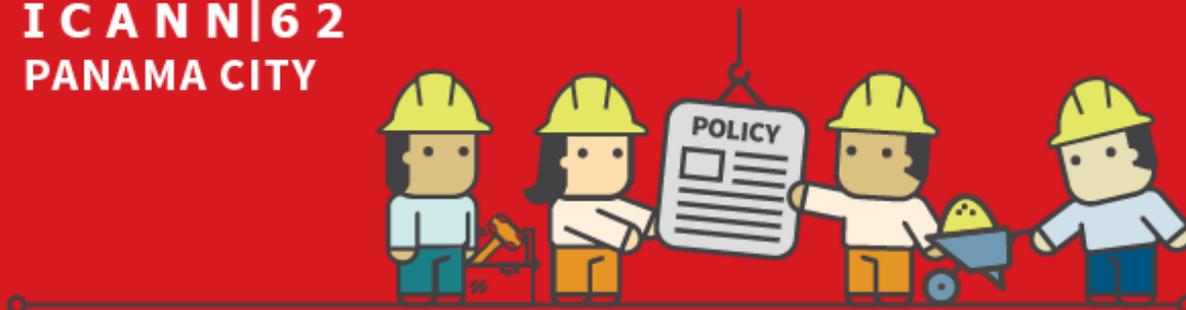
- **ICANN62 website**
- **ICANN62 schedule**
- **Pre-ICANN62 Policy Report**
- **GNSO Policy Briefing: ICANN62 Edition**

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New ICANN Meetings Mobile App
Starting with ICANN62, you no longer need to download a new mobile app for each meeting. We now offer a single mobile app called ICANN Meetings (available in app stores). Download it once, then all you do need to do is set the city for the current meeting and you are ready to go!

We look forward to seeing you in Panama City!

ICANN|62 PANAMA CITY

Register for the Pre-ICANN62 Policy Webinar, 12 June

Join ICANN's Policy Development Support Team at one of the two Pre-ICANN62 Policy Webinar sessions:

Tuesday, 12 June 2018
10:00 and 19:00 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC)
Register here
by 11 June!

We invite you to submit your questions in advance through the registration form or by email to **policyinfo@icann.org.** To prepare for this webinar and for ICANN62, download and review the **Pre-ICANN62 Policy Repor**t.

For details, see the **meeting announcement**.

Register for the Pre-ICANN62 GNSO Webinar, 18 June

The Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Development Support Team is holding a Pre-ICANN62 GNSO Policy Webinar:

Monday, 18 June
21:00 - 22:30 UTC
Register here.

This webinar aims to prepare ICANN62 participants for engaging in policy development activities. Leaders of major GNSO policy development process working groups will give in-depth reviews of their topics, current issues being discussed, and what to expect at ICANN62. To prepare for the webinar, review the **GNSO Policy Briefing: ICANN62 Edition**.

For details, see the **meeting announcement**.

News and Updates on Data Protection/Privacy and General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

On 17 May, the ICANN Board voted unanimously to adopt the **Temporary Specification for Generic Top-Level Domain (gTLD) Registration Data**. Read the ICANN **announcement** and the latest **blog post** from Cherine Chalaby, Chair, ICANN Board.

Stay up to date with the latest ICANN organization **data protection and privacy news**.

ICANN and PTI Publish U.S. Tax Returns for FY17

On 15 May, ICANN and Public Technical Identifiers (PTI) published their U.S. tax returns (Form 990) for the fiscal year ending 30 June 2017. This is the first time that the recently created PTI has been required to file Form 990. View **ICANN's tax return** and **PTI's tax return.**

Read the announcement.

The Information Transparency Initiative (ITI): Making Improvements by Building Strong Foundations

David Conrad, Senior Vice President and Chief Technology Officer (CTO), ICANN

The ICANN org launched improvements to the **existing Acronyms and Terms feature** on **https://icann.org.** These changes are a part of ITI's commitment to increase the findability of our public content. Some of the enhancements include:

- Multilingual search via acronym, term, or Unicode character.
- Over 200 additional acronyms, definitions, and terms.
- Social and email sharing functionality.
- Links to related terms and relevant web content.

Read the full blog.

ICANN Adobe Connect Services Restored

Effective 1 June, ICANN Adobe Connect collaboration services were restored. This decision was made following extensive independent and joint forensics investigations by the ICANN organization, CoSo Cloud LLC (our Adobe Connect cloud service provider), and Adobe Systems Incorporated to determine the cause and subsequent resolution to the reported security issue.

Read the recent **blog post** by Ashwin Rangan, ICANN's Senior VP of Engineering and Chief Information Officer.

 POLICY UPDATE

ICANN | GNSO

GNSO Council Update

The GNSO Council has approved the appointment of Brian Beckham as an additional co-chair for the Review of All Rights Protection Mechanisms in All gTLDs Policy Development Process Working Group.

The GNSO Council adopted the revised charter of the GNSO Standing Selection Committee, marking its permanent establishment in the GNSO. Susan Kawaguchi and Maxim Alzoba were reconfirmed as chair and vice chair, respectively.

GAC Updates

The Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) chair welcomed the country of Ecuador as a committee member. The GAC now comprises 177 member countries and territories and 36 observer organizations.

ICANN | GAC

Recently, the GAC has conducted meetings and exchanged **correspondence** with the ICANN Board on many timely topics, including:

- Implementation of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) enacted by the European Union.
- ICANN consideration of the .persiangulf new generic top-level domain.
- Clarification of protections of intergovernmental organization names and acronyms at the second-level.

At ICANN62, the GAC will:

- Conclude its one-year capacity-building workshop pilot with a full-day workshop on Sunday, 24 June. For more information, contact **gac-staff@icann.org**.
- Focus considerable session time to GDPR implementation matters - meeting internally and exploring issues with the ICANN Board and the GNSO Council.
- Finalize arrangements for the High-Level Governmental Meeting scheduled for 22 October 2018 during ICANN63.

View the GAC ICANN62 agenda.

 WHAT'S NEW IN REVIEWS

Calls to Action for Community Participation in ICANN Reviews

Comment on Short-Term Options to Adjust the Timeline for Specific Reviews

This **Public Comment proceeding** invites feedback on whether and how to adjust the timeline for two Specific Reviews to alleviate existing strains on volunteer and ICANN resources. Close date: 6 July 2018 at 23:59 UTC.

Comment on Long-Term Options to Adjust Review Timelines
The timing of Specific and Organizational Reviews mandated by the Bylaws has resulted in multiple reviews occurring at the same time. This **Public Comment proceeding** invites feedback on proposed options to provide more reasonable scheduling across ICANN reviews. Close date: 20 July 2018 at 23:59 UTC.

GNSO2 Implementation Semi-Annual Update
Track the progress of the implementation of recommendations from the second Review of the General Names Supporting Organization (GNSO2).

GDD UPDATE

Universal Acceptance Steering Group Announces First Ambassadors

In April, the Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG) appointed seven industry leaders as Universal Acceptance (UA) ambassadors. These ambassadors will help create awareness of Universal Acceptance and Email Address Internationalization among software developers, systems architects, and senior IT executives.

Meet the ambassadors.

Meet the UA Ambassadors

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ICANN Announces DENIC eG as a New ICANN-Designated Agent to Support Registrar Data Escrow Services

On 15 May, the ICANN organization entered into an agreement with DENIC eG, the German-based nonprofit operator of the country code top-level domain .de, as an ICANN-designated agent to support Registrar Data Escrow (RDE) services on its behalf. The RDE program is intended to protect registrants in the event of registrar failure or termination of a Registrar Accreditation Agreement.

Read the full announcement.

Final Proposed Draft of Internationalized Domain Name (IDN) Implementation Guidelines Released

On 10 May, the ICANN org released the **final proposed draft** of the *Guidelines for the Implementation of Internationalized Domain Names Version 4.* The document provides guidelines on IDN registration policies and practices designed to minimize the risk of cybersquatting and consumer confusion. This draft is currently pending ratification from the ICANN Board of Directors.

IDN Implementation Guidelines

UPCOMING EVENTS

Join us at these upcoming events in the EMEA region:

- 29-30 June, ICANN-WATRA Workshop, Dakar, Senegal
- 3-5 July, **Africa DNS Forum,** Cotonou, Benin
- 6 July, Celebration: 20th Anniversary of Internet Governance in Africa, Cotonou, Benin
- 30-31 August, **ICANN-Studienkreis**, Talinn, Estonia

Learn more about how ICANN will be participating in **regional events near you**.

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