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TOP STORY

ICANN Submits Implementation Planning Report to NTIA

On Friday, 12 August 2016, ICANN submitted an implementation status report to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), in response to NTIA's 9 June 2016 request. ICANN and the various stakeholder groups have worked tirelessly to ensure that all the necessary implementation tasks are complete in order to allow the contract for the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) functions to expire on 30 September 2016.

ICANN and the multistakeholder community have completed all specific steps that NTIA called out in its letter. In addition, all other tasks in support of the IANA Stewardship Transition are either in the final review stage or are awaiting approval, which will be completed before 30 September 2016.

For more information, review the [Implementation Planning Report](#).



ICANN NEWS

It's Time to Register for ICANN57 Hyderabad!

ICANN57 Hyderabad will be the first ICANN Public Meeting hosted in India since 2008, when New Delhi was the host city for ICANN31. The seven-day meeting will run from 3-9 November. [Register now!](#)

All foreign nationals traveling to India are required to have a visa. ICANN is currently working with the Indian government on the visa application process. For up-to-date information on obtaining a visa, check the [ICANN57 home page](#).

ICANN57 is defined as a Meeting C in the future meetings strategy developed by the cross-community Meetings Strategy Working Group. A Meeting C showcases ICANN to a broad global audience and includes the ICANN Annual General Meeting.

Learn more about [historic Hyderabad](#) and how [ICANN57 fits into the new meetings strategy](#).



FY16 Q4 Stakeholder Call
18 August 1500 UTC

Save the Date! ICANN Quarterly Stakeholder Call

ICANN will hold its next Quarterly Stakeholder Call on **18 August** at 15:00 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC). Learn more about ICANN's activities, progress and financials for the quarter ending 30 June 2016. The call is available in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish. [Register now!](#)

ICANN Reaches Out to Newcomers

ICANN is always looking for new faces to represent the diversity of the ICANN community - people who want their voices heard and are eager to make a difference. The Newcomers Program helps people who are new to ICANN learn about what ICANN does and how they can participate in the ICANN community.

We've just posted a video for Newcomers to ICANN - with versions in English, Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish. [Watch the video](#) and forward it to anyone you think may want to get involved with ICANN!



Read Post-ICANN56 Reports

The first Policy Forum concluded in Helsinki, Finland, on 30 June 2016. As part of ICANN's commitment to transparency, we've published three post-conference reports that examine the Policy Forum from different angles.

- [Post-ICANN56 Policy Forum Report](#) - Includes updates from the Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees and highlights of the cross-community sessions. This report answers the question "What happened at ICANN56?"
- [ICANN56 Survey Results](#) - Presents the results of two surveys that asked participants to rate various aspects of the Policy Forum.
- [ICANN56 Technical Report](#) - Contains attendee profiles, session statistics and other technical information. Much of this data is gathered through the registration process or meeting management software.

ICANN gathers metrics and examines data and survey results so we can continue to improve your meeting experience.

ICANN Board Approves Operating Plan and Budget Documents for FY17

The ICANN Board adopted two planning and budget documents for fiscal year 2017 (FY17). The approval of the the [Five-Year Operating Plan](#) (updated) and the [FY17 Operating Plan and Budget](#) came in June 2016 at ICANN56 in Helsinki, Finland.

The documents resulted from several months of collaboration on the part of members of the community, staff and the Board Finance Committee.

To learn more about what's in these documents, [read the full announcement](#).



EMEA ACTIVITIES & HIGHLIGHTS

Upcoming Istanbul Open House with

Stakeholders

ICANN's Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA) hub, in cooperation with Istanbul Bilgi University, continues its Open House for Stakeholders series with a late September meeting (dates to be provided soon) focusing on Turkey's recently passed data protection law. Dr. Leyla Keser Berber, Director of the Information Law Technology Research Center at Istanbul Bilgi University, will lead a discussion on this important piece of legislation for Turkey's information and communications technology community.



Dr. Leyla Keser Berber, Director of the Information Technology Law Research Center at Istanbul Bilgi University

The Turkish parliament approved the law on personal data protection on 24 March 2016. Although the Turkish constitution establishes a general right to privacy, this new law represents Turkey's first dedicated privacy and data protection statute.



EUROPE

ICANN Team Active at the IETF in Berlin

From 18-22 July, the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) was in Berlin to discuss a **raft of fascinating and complex topics**, including Internet Protocol version 6 (IPv6), network virtualization and security. Colleagues from ICANN's Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) team, the ICANN CTO Office and several ICANN Board members also participated.

On 20 July, technical and civil societies participated in an open debate on the politics of encryption. Wikimedia Foundation hosted the debate, which was part of a German civil society seminar series organized by the WZB Berlin Social Science Center, GigaNet and IGF Deutschland, and supported by ICANN. Discussions were led by panelists from CDT, the Chaos Computer Club, the Internet Society and the Global Public Policy Institute. The successful event generated intense and quality exchanges among participants, ensuring more discussions on these topics in future.



Counting Down to CYBERSEC in Krakow

ICANN is proud to sponsor the second European Cybersecurity Forum (CYBERSEC) in Krakow, Poland on 26-27 September 2016. CYBERSEC is devoted to strategic issues of cyberspace and cybersecurity in Europe, and will be the first conference of its kind in Poland. The conference aims to create practical recommendations for increasing resilience to cyberthreats on all levels.

Speakers from all over the world will attend, including representatives from international organizations, such as the Organization for Security and Economic Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). ICANN's VP of Security, Dave Piscitello, will participate in a special session on combatting cybercrime.

Anyone interested in cybersecurity issues is invited to participate. The conference extends a special welcome to residents of Central Europe.

[Learn more and register for CYBERSEC!](#)



EASTERN EUROPE & CENTRAL ASIA



ICANN to Support a Week of Events in Georgia in September

The first week of September will be marked by two important events in Tbilisi, Georgia.

On 5-6 September, the local multistakeholder community will hold the first **Georgian Internet Governance Forum**. The forum is the result of a team effort by the Georgian telecom regulator (GNCC), the Georgian chapter of the Internet Society, the Internet Development Initiative and the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development. The program committee invites colleagues from the regional community to join the event.

More details on the agenda will be available soon.

Read on to learn about the second event!

Register Now! TLDCON 2016 Is Right Around the Corner!

*By Olga Alexandrova-Myasina, Communication Director,
Coordination Center for .RU/.PФ TLDs*

On 7-8 September 2016, the ninth International Conference for country code top-level domain names (ccTLD) Registries and Registrars of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), Central and Eastern Europe (**TLDCON 2016**) will take place in Tbilisi, Georgia. The Coordination Center for TLD .RU/.PФ and the Technical Center of the Internet are the conference hosts.

This year's agenda includes:

- Internet development in the region
- Advantages and disadvantages of Internationalized Domain Names (IDN)
- Internet security without giving up freedom
- TLD aftermarkets in Russia and the world
- IDN mail and how to get it working
- "Second window" for new generic top-level domains (gTLDs)

TLDCON attracts national registries and registrars from many countries. Last year's conference drew almost 130 participants who came to engage in Internet- and domain-related discussions. Previous conferences resulted in agreements and memorandums that spurred collaborative projects in security, law and marketing.

The conference is free of charge. Review the [preliminary program](#) and [register for TLDCON!](#)



*Last year's TLDCON was held in Yerevan,
Armenia in September 2015.*

hoster.by Joins the ICANN Community

ICANN welcomes hoster.by as a new member of the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO). The technical domain administrator of the .by and .bel domains is based in Minsk, Belarus, and looks to engage in the ICANN process. [Read hoster.by's press release.](#)



MIDDLE EAST

Work Begins on the 2016-2019 Middle East Strategy

After the conclusion of ICANN's 2013-2016 Middle East Strategy, the ICANN team, led by Fahd Batayneh, Manager of Global Stakeholder Engagement, sought community input on how best to develop a strategy for the subsequent three years.

The consensus within the ICANN community in the Middle East was to continue engaging the community in the development of the regional strategy for the Middle East and Adjoining Countries (MEAC). As a result, a **Charter Drafting Group (CDG)** worked through May and part of June to define the work modalities of the new strategy working group, and produced the **Charter document**.

In late June, 48 members and 2 observers were seated, and kick-started the work of the **Middle East and Adjoining Countries Strategy Working Group (MEAC-SWG)**. The group is currently working to present its Middle East Strategy recommendations at the ICANN57 meeting in Hyderabad, India.

Read what one member of the MEAC-SWG wrote about the group's work:

<http://foreignpolicyblogs.com/2016/07/26/democracy-middle-east-snapshot-icann/>

DNS-EC Conducts Its First Training Workshop

As part of the student outreach program, the Domain Name System-Entrepreneurship Center (DNS-EC) recently ran its very first training at the Faculty of Computer and Information Sciences at Ain Shams University in Cairo. The course was a collaborative effort between the University and the Information Technology and Research Consulting Center, working with Dr. Mohamed Abdel Megeed.

Twenty-five students attended the training session that covered Domain Name System (DNS) operations and Domain Name System Security Extensions (DNSSEC). The instructor was Adel Reyad, who attended a "train the trainer" course last year in Dubai and participated as co-trainer in another workshop led by ICANN's Champika Wijayatunga, Regional Engagement Manager of Security, Stability and Resiliency.

Read the [workshop report](#).



Students who completed the training on DNS operations and DNSSEC show off their certificates. The training was held at Ain Shams University in Cairo on 17-21 July 2016.



AFRICA

Delegates Participate in Workshop on Child Online Safety in Lilongwe, Malawi



Participants at the child online safety workshop

Over 100 delegates participated at the ITU annual capacity-building workshop on child online safety for African countries in Lilongwe, Malawi, from 18-21 July 2016. The workshop, "Ensuring child online safety (COS) in a digital world: building human capacity in COS policy formulation and implementation" provided a platform for African countries to share experiences, strengthen their knowledge and raise awareness of safe digital inclusion for children and youth. The workshop used a multistakeholder's approach - involving educators, ICT and telecommunications regulators and ministries, industry civil society, non-governmental and other organizations dealing with children and youth.

ICANN's presentation focused on our role in ensuring the security and resiliency of the critical Internet Identifier System through capacity building, analytics, threat awareness and preparedness, and trust-based collaboration. We also highlighted the importance of collaboration between the cybersecurity and safety community and ICANN response teams to identify and mitigate risks, and to share information related to identifier system misuse.

[Learn more](#) and [review workshop presentations](#).



Participants in discussion at Smart Africa Alliance

ICANN at Smart Africa Alliance

On 16 July, ICANN participated in this year's steering committee meeting of the **Smart Africa Alliance** in Kigali, Rwanda. The Smart Africa secretariat hosted the meeting alongside the 27th African Union Summit. This was a strategic opportunity for the ICANN team in Africa to engage with high-level delegates and leaders and to publicize the recent opening of the ICANN African Engagement Office in Nairobi, Kenya.

Established in 2013, Smart Africa Alliance's goal is to accelerate sustainable socioeconomic development in Africa. Smart Africa Alliance is committed to leading Africa into the knowledge economy through affordable access to broadband and information

and communications technology.

The African Union and ITU chaired the meeting, which was hosted by the Honorable Jean Philbert Nsengimana, Minister of Youth and Information and Communications Technology (ICT) for the Republic of Rwanda. Five ICT ministers from the member states of Smart Africa (Kenya, Cote d'Ivoire, Senegal, Mali and Gabon) attended.



POLICY UPDATE

RIPE Academic Cooperation Initiative - Apply Now!

The RIPE Academic Cooperation Initiative (RACI) of the Réseaux IP Européens Network Communication Centre (RIPE NCC) seeks talented academics in the field of Internet technology to share their work with the

RIPE community. RACI provides successful applicants with complimentary tickets, travel and accommodation. **Apply by 28 August** for a chance to attend two upcoming meetings.

AFRINIC Policy Update

Discussions in the African Network Information Center (AFRINIC) region continue to focus on managing the last Internet Protocol Version 4 (IPv4) /8 block and the possibility of transferring IPv4 addresses within and between Regional Internet Registries. Following are the policy proposals that have been discussed on the **mailing list**.

Internet Number Resources Audit (*new proposal*) - The proposal enables AFRINIC to conduct regular audits of resource utilization by members to ensure efficient and appropriate use of those resources. The audits would allow the recovery of any type of resource where its usage is not in compliance with the Registration Services Agreement. Recovered resources could be reallocated to other members, as appropriate.

IPv4 Soft Landing BIS (*updated proposal*) - This proposal seeks to make obsolete and replace the current **IPv4 Soft Landing policy** (for managing the distribution of the last /8 block). Currently in its third iteration, the proposal brings forward key considerations for how the last /8 block should be distributed.

IPv4 Resource Transfers within the AFRINIC Service Region (*updated proposal*) - The proposed policy would activate starting with Phase 2 of the Soft Landing policy. It addresses the issue of an African organization requesting IPv4 space after the exhaustion of the AFRINIC IPv4 pool - or when AFRINIC can no longer meet the needs of such an organization. The proposal has been generally accepted and is expected to achieve consensus at the **next AFRINIC public policy meeting**.

ccNSO EPSRP Working Group Seeks Input

The Extended Process Similarity Review Panel (EPSRP) Working Group of the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) seeks public comments on its proposed guidelines for and refinement of the methodology on the review process for second string similarity, including the interpretation of its **split recommendations**. After the end of the public comment period, the EPSRP Working Group will review the public comments received and revise its proposed guidelines, if deemed appropriate. The working group will then submit the proposed guidelines to the ccNSO Council for approval and submission to the ICANN Board. The close date for public comments is 31 August 2016 at 23:59 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC). Learn more about the **EPSRP Working Group** and **give us your feedback!**

Drafting Team to Develop Recommendations for Post-Transition GNSO

The Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council has established a drafting team to work with ICANN staff to identify all new or additional rights and responsibilities for the GNSO after the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) Stewardship Transition. After the ICANN Board adopted new Bylaws on 26 May 2016, the GNSO Council was aware that changes to its Operating Procedures may be needed to effect new roles and obligations. These changes included the mechanisms listed on **page 5 of the GNSO document** and provisions for participating in the Empowered Community.

Call for Volunteers for GNSO Review Working Group

The GNSO Council recently adopted the charter for the GNSO Review Working Group. The working group will oversee the implementation - including a plan with a realistic timeline - of ICANN Board-accepted recommendations and will define desired outcomes. On behalf of the GNSO Council, ICANN has issued a **call for volunteers** to join the working group. The GNSO Council solicits members appointed by stakeholder groups and constituencies, as well as participants from the GNSO and broader community.

GAC Work Continues Post-ICANN56

Despite a shorter timeframe to conduct Communiqué drafting, the Governmental Advisory Committee

(GAC) concluded ICANN56 with agreement on the text, which included advice to the ICANN Board. The GAC and ICANN Board discussed this advice on a teleconference on Wednesday, 20 July 2016. Listen to the [recording of this call](#).

The GAC participated in cross-community sessions during ICANN56. GAC Chair Thomas Schneider led the "Workload Scheduling and Management" session. Overall, GAC representatives appreciated the Policy Forum format, especially the cross-community sessions which fostered mutual understanding and learning on specific topics.

GAC Working Group meetings took place in the mornings, followed by plenary sessions and bilateral meetings with other groups. The GAC also welcomed 6 new members, bringing its total membership to 168 members and 35 observers.



GDD UPDATE

DNSSEC: Rolling the Root Zone Key Signing Key

On 22 July 2016, ICANN posted plans to change or "roll" the Root Zone Key Signing Key (KSK), marking another significant step in our ongoing efforts aimed at improving the security of the Domain Name System. The KSK is a cryptographic public-private key pair, the public portion of which serves as the trusted starting point for Domain Name System Security Extensions (DNSSEC) validation. For more information about the plans and operational processes involved in the KSK rollover, [read the blog](#).



Check Out the New Universal Acceptance Steering Group Website!

Find presentations, videos and technical documentation such as the "Quick Guide" - available in nine languages - on the new Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG) website! Universal Acceptance is the concept that all domain names should be treated equally. Internet applications and systems must accept, validate, store, process and display all domains, including new generic top-level domains (gTLDs) and

internationalized TLDs. The UASG is a community-based team working to share this vision for the Internet of the future. Visit the new site at [UASG.tech](http://www.UASG.tech).

gTLD Marketplace Health Index: We Want Your Feedback!

The gTLD Marketplace Health Index (Beta) has been posted for community feedback. The index analyzes the overall health and diversity of the global gTLD marketplace against three concepts: robust competition, marketplace stability and trust. ICANN intends to publish data twice a year to track progress against its goal of supporting the evolution of the domain name marketplace. We hope to work with the community to build on this beta version with a more comprehensive set of metrics. To find out more about tracking gTLD marketplace health and how to get involved, [view the Health Index](#) or [read the blog](#).





Independent Review of the Trademark Clearinghouse

How do we define Domain Name System (DNS) abuse? Are rights holders using the Trademark Clearinghouse? Reviews of the New gTLD Program are underway, designed to help answer important questions like these.

In July, ICANN posted two new reports resulting from these reviews:

- "Revised Report on New gTLD Program Safeguards to Mitigate DNS Abuse" provides an in-depth examination of possible safeguards to address activities such as cybercrime and hacking. It also presents methods for measuring the effectiveness of those protections. [Read the report.](#)
- "Draft Report of the Independent Review of the Trademark Clearinghouse" is now available for public comment. The report considers the effectiveness of key services of the Trademark Clearinghouse in meeting its intended objective of supporting rights protection in the New gTLD Program. [Read the draft report](#) or [submit a comment](#).



DELEGATED TLDs

Seventy Eight New gTLDs delegated in July 2016

ladbrokes	booking
nike	mckinsey
shangrila	pfizer
hyatt	lancome
visa	panasonic

For the full list of new gTLDs delegated in June 2016, click [here](#).



UPCOMING EVENTS

Join us at these upcoming EMEA events:

- 7 October - [TheName.Show](#), Valencia, Spain
- 11-12 October - [Portugal Digital Summit 2016](#), Lisbon, Portugal
- 25-26 August - [Demo Africa 2016](#), Johannesburg, South Africa
- 19-23 August - [iWeek 2016](#), Johannesburg, South Africa
- 29 August - 2September - [International Forum on Training the Trainers \(Internet Governance and Information Systems\)](#), Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso
- 5-6 September - [Georgian IGF](#), Tbilisi, Georgia
- 7-8 September - [TLDCON 2016](#), Tbilisi, Georgia
- 26-27 September - [European Cybersecurity Forum \(CYBERSEC\)](#), Krakow, Poland

Learn more about how ICANN will be participating in [regional events near you](#).

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