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**TOP STORY**

Stewardship of IANA Functions Transitions to Global Internet Community as Contract with US Government Ends

**THANK YOU**

to ICANN’s global multistakeholder community for your hard work and dedication in completing the IANA stewardship transition

On 1 October 2016, the contract between ICANN and the United States Department of Commerce National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), to perform the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) functions, officially expired. This historic moment marks the transition of the coordination and management of the Internet’s unique identifiers to the private sector, a process that has been committed to and underway since 1998.

Read ICANN’s statement...
Register Now for Tomorrow's Quarterly Stakeholder Call

Tomorrow, we're rolling out a new format for the ICANN Quarterly Stakeholder Call. Our goal is to increase participation and understanding of ICANN's regional efforts. We will focus on how ICANN has implemented community policy, and will add a Board update and news from a specific region. This quarter's call features the Asia Pacific (APAC) region - note the APAC-friendly time zone.

Register here! Everyone is welcome.

17 October at 20:00 Pacific Daylight Time (PDT)
18 October at 03:00 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) | 11:00 Singapore Time (SGT)

Live interpretation is offered in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish. The call will be recorded and posted in all languages on the Quarterly Reports page. Read the full announcement.

Take the At-Large Review Survey

Help make At-Large a more efficient and effective part of the ICANN community by taking part in the At-Large Review survey, which will be open through 21 October 2016.

The At-Large Review is conducted by ITEMS, acting as the independent examiner. The survey takes just 15 to 20 minutes, and by giving us your feedback, you will contribute to the success of this important review process.

Please pass this information along to your colleagues! Read At-Large's full announcement.

Fire on Cargo Ship Affects IT Equipment Bound for ICANN57 Hyderabad

ICANN Meetings are a large-scale technical event. The visible portions like microphones, monitors and cameras are the tip of an iceberg. Beneath the surface, there miles of cable and hundreds of pieces of equipment providing connectivity, and enabling engagement and the seamless presentation of ICANN sessions.

Unfortunately, some of our equipment was recently impacted by a fire.

What Happened?

On 1 September 2016, an explosion caused a fire on a cargo ship docked in Hamburg, Germany. Our Public Meeting technical equipment was on board. We had two containers - a 40-foot and a 20-foot container.

It took 150 firefighters four days to extinguish the fire. The ship crew initially tried to extinguish the fire and sustained slight injuries. No one else was hurt. Reports indicated that welding in the cargo hold caused the accident.

The ship had departed Helsinki, Finland, after ICANN56 and the equipment was bound for Hyderabad, India via Mumbai.

Read more...
Only 17 Days to ICANN57 Hyderabad

Register Now!

If you plan to attend ICANN57 in Hyderabad, India, please register and make visa arrangements as soon as possible. To help you navigate the visa process, ICANN has posted frequently asked questions on the ICANN57 website. Each region is different - we urge you to contact your closest Indian mission or consulate to see if you can obtain a Conference visa in time for the meeting.

We'll see you in Hyderabad!

Participate Remotely

Can't attend ICANN57 Hyderabad in person? You can participate remotely.

Now Open! ICANN Fellowships and NextGen@ICANN Application Rounds for ICANN58

Are you interested in participating in the NextGen@ICANN or ICANN58 Meeting Fellowship program at ICANN58? ICANN is accepting applications for the ICANN58 Public Meeting - to be held 11-16 March 2017 in Copenhagen, Denmark. Successful candidates will be announced on the ICANN website.

For ICANN58 Fellowships, the application deadline is 21 October 2016. Successful candidates will be announced on 12 December 2016. Read the announcement and apply here.

For NextGen@ICANN58, the application deadline is 4 November 2016. Successful candidates will be announced on 2 December 2016. Read the announcement and apply here.

ICANN Sponsors European Cybersecurity Forum in Krakow, Poland

For the second time, the Kosciuszko Institute organized the two-day CYBERSEC Forum in Krakow, Poland. The event is one of the largest cybersecurity events in the region. The conference aims to become a platform for cross-community discussions and recommendations on cybersecurity matters, thereby strengthening cooperation among the countries of Central Europe. Participants came from government, intergovernmental organizations, businesses and the technical community.

ICANN was represented by Dave Piscitello from ICANN's Security, Stability and Resilience Team. Dave participated in two panel discussions dealing with cybersecurity. He also explained how ICANN's multistakeholder model contributes to strengthening the security of the Domain Name System.

CYBERSEC was one of many events on Dave Piscitello's recent whirlwind tour of Eastern Europe, which he described in a recent blog.
Panelists speak at the Georgian Internet Governance Forum.

**ICANN Team Travels to Georgia for a Week of Internet Events**

The first week of September brought ICANN’s local team to Tbilisi, Georgia, for two events focused on Internet governance and domain names. ICANN was glad to have played a role in both, extending help to the organizers in content development, sourcing relevant speakers and communications.

- On 5 September, the Georgian Internet Governance Forum (**GeoIGF**) witnessed a good local and international attendance. The forum featured lively discussions and presentations with interesting case studies. The hosts and the organizers succeeded in bringing together a wide range of partners and supporters from government, the private sector, the technical community and civil society.
- From 7-8 September, regional ccTLDs registrars came together at the International Conference for ccTLD Registries and Registrars of CIS, Central and Eastern Europe (**TLDCON 2016**). Sessions were aimed at encouraging interactions between registrars and registries across the region.

At TLDCON, ICANN’s regional team took the opportunity to introduce the community to our strategy for the region. Also at the event, Internet organizations presented a **petition** to major mail services and social networks to fully implement Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs).

Representing ICANN were: Michael Yakushev (VP of Stakeholder Engagement for Eastern Europe, Russia and Central Asia), Alexandra Kulikova (Manager of Global Stakeholder Engagement in Eastern Europe and Central Asia), John Crain (Chief Security, Stability and Resiliency Office), Luna Madi (EMEA Communications Director) and Mukesh Chulani (Senior Manager of Registrar Services).

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**hoster.by Becomes the First ICANN-Accredited Registrar in Belarus**

On 23 September, hoster.by, the manager of the .by country code top-level domain (ccTLD) for Belarus since 2012, became one of more than 2,000 ICANN-accredited registrars.

ICANN's Michael Yakushev - VP of Stakeholder Engagement for Eastern Europe, Russia and Central Asia - stated in his welcome remarks: "We are happy that the family of accredited registrars of generic top-level domains (gTLDs) was joined by a new company from Belarus. This means that business opportunities will expand for Belarusian companies, and other Belarusian users will be able to register domain names. The more accredited registrars in the region, the more opportunities, security and stability for the global internet."

[Read more...](#)
ICANN Holds Security Training in Belarus

On 13 September, ICANN held a training session in Minsk, Belarus, on investigating DNS abuse and misuse for law enforcement professionals. It was the first ICANN training of its kind held in Eastern Europe and Central Asia, and was recognized as a big success. John Crain - ICANN’s Chief Security, Stability and Resiliency Office- explained the key tools, strategies and techniques that information security professionals use to identify abuses of the DNS and malicious registrations of domain names, addresses or hosting. The lecture and the case studies helped the participants learn how to collect information for criminal investigations. We are happy to arrange similar training sessions in Belarus and other countries in the region.

Russia's Online CyberPulse Devotes September Issue to IANA Transition

Moscow-based think tank PIR Center devoted an issue of the online CyberPulse to the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) transition. The issue recaps the history of the IANA functions and features opinion pieces and analysis from various stakeholder groups. Contributors to the issue included ICANN's Michael Yakushev, Alexandra Kulikova and Patrick Jones, along with ICANN community member Tatiana Tropina.

ICANN’s Michael Yakushev - VP of Stakeholder Engagement for Eastern Europe, Russia and Central Asia - was quoted: "Broad public discussion of the IANA stewardship transition has demonstrated the remarkable effectiveness of the multistakeholder model. It was a challenging process that took quite a while as the stakeholders exchanged their opinions - but we have succeeded, and it proves that the multistakeholder model functions successfully. The procedures that the community followed during the IANA stewardship transition may also be useful to solve problems in other areas of international politics and security."

Read the full interview with Michael Yakushev.

ICANN Speaks at Capacity-Building Summit for the Middle East and North African Region

The first Summit for Internet Governance (IG) in the Middle East and North Africa Region (iGmena Summit 2016) was held in Tunis, Tunisia, from 30 September - 2 October 2016. The summit featured more than 100 human rights and digital rights activists, journalists, technical experts, NGOs and other stakeholders. Over the three days, participants engaged in open discussions of Internet governance-related themes of interest in the MENA region - human rights, online privacy, data protection, sustainable development, infrastructure and access issues, and innovation and entrepreneurship.

ICANN's Baher Esmat, VP of Stakeholder Engagement in the Middle East, was invited to join a panel discussion on the future of Internet governance in the MENA region. Topics included the impact of the current political, economic and social developments on the overall Internet governance ecosystem in the region. The panelists identified some key challenges and exchanged views on how to best address them. They promoted collaboration through platforms like iGmena to strengthen the IG landscape in the region.

The event comes as a result of the iGMENA program created in 2012, which has been hailed as a pioneer in capacity-building programs in Internet governance in the Middle East and North Africa - promoting principles of an open, secure and interoperable Internet.
**ICANN Partners with iWeek in South Africa**

From 19-23 September, iWeek, an annual Internet industry conference in South Africa, celebrated its 15th year in Johannesburg. Pierre Dandjinou, ICANN’s VP of Stakeholder Engagement in Africa, spoke on panels dedicated to the new generic top-level domains (gTLDs) program and the critical resources of the Internet. The event offered participants a variety of presentations, panel discussions, workshops, exhibitions and networking opportunities.

While iWeek has always focused on Internet industry representatives, this year it partnered with South Africa’s Department of Telecommunications and Postal Services. This collaboration underlines the importance of industry and government working together on Internet-related topics.

An important symbolic event was the launch of the Johannesburg Internet exchange point (JINX) as a regional Internet exchange point supported by the African Union. JINX services the South Africa Development Community and Africa as a whole.

The conference was co-organized by the Internet Service Providers’ association (ISPA), Internet Exchange Operator for South Africa (INX-ZA), .ZA Domain Name Authority (ZADNA), and .ZA Central Registry (ZACR).

Listen to Pierre Dandjinou’s presentation at iWeek’s opening ceremony.

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**Training the Trainers in Burkino Faso**

From 29 August - 1 September, 30 participants from 10 different countries came together to attend the second edition of the African Train the Trainer Week on Internet Governance. The workshop focused on the history of Internet, organizations in the Internet ecosystem, Internet governance, innovations and case studies.

The event wrapped up with participant presentations on projects they planned to implement in their respective institutions and countries. Some of these projects were related to the introduction of Internet governance into the curriculums of higher education institutions.

The event was hosted by the Initiative TIC et Citoyenneté (ITICC) Burkina Faso in collaboration with the Ministry of Development of the Digital Economy and Post and the Regulatory Agency of Burkina Faso, ICANN, Internet Society (ISOC), African Network Information Center (AFRINIC), Organisation internationale de la Francophonie (OIF) and the National Agency for the Promotion of ICT (ANPTIC).

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**ICANN Sponsors Summit for Open Source Solutions in Uganda**

ICANN sponsored Open Source Solutions for Open Government and Open Data in Africa (IDLELO7). The summit was held in Kampala, Uganda, from 22-24 August. Over 250 delegates from 10 countries participated in the event, also attended by 2 ministers from the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) and Education Ministries of the Republic of Uganda.
The discussions focused on how Africa could best leverage the power of a global, free, open and borderless Internet, together with the potential of open data and open source technologies, to unlock Africa's iGDP. ICANN invited the Free and Open Source Society (FOSS) community to become part of ICANN’s constituencies, stressing that the Internet needs diverse voices, collaboration and a collective responsibility from all stakeholders.

The event was organized by the Free and Open Source Society Foundation Africa (FOSSFA) and hosted by the National Information Technology Authority-Uganda (NITA-U).

Farzaneh Badiei
Associate Researcher, Alexander von Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society (HIIG) and member of the NCUC Executive Committee

Having a background in Internet governance and law, I started attending ICANN meetings through the ICANN Fellowship Program in 2013. The program is a good introduction to ICANN, but even so, for awhile I felt like I was walking around in a maze. Fortunately, around every corner some issue related to my background would pop up and keep me interested and involved. ICANN’s structure and constituency-based model encourages a volunteer to grow in the organization and take on leadership roles. I joined the Non-Commercial Users’ Constituency (NCUC) and slowly got involved with various working groups, and was elected to the NCUC Executive Committee in 2015.

My involvement with ICANN enables me to raise issues that affect people in my region and globally. Of course, ICANN stories have their ups and downs. There are very complicated governance and communication issues to be dealt with, and we are not always successful in being effective and making policies work. But I cannot think of any other organization that pays as close attention to feedback (both positive and negative) as ICANN does.

The simple fact that anyone with any background can contribute to ICANN makes it a unique corporation. We can make a difference here, and that keeps me motivated.

RSSAC Issues Statement on the Unavailability of a Single Root Server

In its recent statement, the Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC) reviewed information on current architectures, root server availability and short-term (hours or days) outages caused by administrative errors or attacks. Based on information available today, the RSSAC concluded that the loss of a single root server would not cause immediate stability issues for the root server system and the Internet that depends upon it.

Comments on Guidelines for the Extended Process Similarity Review Panel

On 31 August 2016, the Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC) published "SAC084: SSAC Comments on Guidelines for the Extended Process Similarity Review Panel (EPSRP) for the Internationalized Domain Name (IDN) Country Code Top-Level Domain Fast Track Process[r20.rs6.net]." This comment focuses specifically on the EPSRP and some very basic issues that have been exposed in a review of the proposed guidelines.

In June 2015 the ICANN Board of Directors had requested "the ccNSO, in consultation with other
Alan Greenberg will serve another one-year term as Chair of the At-Large Advisory Committee.

Notably, Greenberg has played a key role in leading ALAC involvement in the IANA stewardship transition and process to enhance ICANN accountability. These areas of work will remain ALAC priorities during Greenberg’s next term.
Check Out the Latest on RIPE Labs

RIPE Labs is a website built around engagement and collaboration. RIPE (Réseaux IP Européens) community members can use it to publish research, content or tools that they want to share with their peers. The RIPE Network Coordination Centre also regularly shares its own ideas or proposals on the website. If you would like to submit an article, email labs@ripe.net.

GDD UPDATE

New Consolidated "Calls to Action" Page Launched

Requesting opinions from stakeholders is an essential part of the multistakeholder process, and is vital to our commitment to accountability and transparency. When the community asked for an easier-to-use way to provide feedback on open calls-to-action, we listened. We have introduced a new webpage that consolidates all public comments and operational consultations. We encourage you to bookmark this page and share your views. We’re continuing to explore ways to improve the user experience. Email public-comment@icann.org and let us know what you think.

Check Out New Registrar Training Resources!

New registrar training content on a variety of popular topics is now available in Chinese, English, French, Spanish and Russian. Do you need to brush up on the transfer policy and change of registrant procedures? Want to know more about the Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy or WHOIS? If so, visit learn.icann.org to review the material and test your knowledge with quizzes in the language of your choice.

Now Available - Final Results of Phase Two of Global Registrant Survey

How can we determine the success of the New Generic Top-Level Domains (gTLD) Program? “Global Registrant Survey Phase Two” is one of a number of studies that will play an important role in assessing the program. The study examines domain name registrants’ perceived sense of trust, choice and experience in the current domain name landscape. Findings will serve as inputs for a community-based review team that will assess the New gTLD Program in terms of competition, consumer trust and consumer choice. View the study.

How Are Companies Using New gTLDs?

More than 30 new gTLD case studies are now available. Each study highlights the background of a gTLD, what makes it unique and how it's being used. As part of ICANN's global effort to raise awareness of new
gTLDs, all registries are invited to partner with us to develop case studies. Read case studies, or if you would like to tell the story of your new gTLD, email gdd-communications@icann.org with "Case Study - [your gTLD]" in the subject line.

DELEGATED TLDs

Seven New gTLDs delegated in September 2016

monster  wow
rogers  observer
fido  dvr

For the full list of new gTLDs delegated in September 2016, click here.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Join us at these upcoming EMEA events:

- 18 October, Poland IGF, Warsaw, Poland
- 18-20 October, CHAD DNSSEC Roadshow, Ndjamena, Chad
- 21 October, The Name.Show, Bilbao, Spain
- 21 October, Bosnia and Herzegovina IGF, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- 19-21 October, Transform Africa Summit 2016, Kigali, Rwanda
- 24-28 October, Angolan Network Operating Group (AONOG), Luanda, Angola
- 1-2 December, DNS Forum and UADOM 2016 (UADOM is the registry for the .ua domain), Kiev, Ukraine

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

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