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Greetings,

ICANN would like to highlight some recent community-impacting activities and projects below. We are preparing for the [ICANN65 Policy Forum](#) in Marrakech, Morocco and look forward to your participation. If you are attending the meeting in person, please [register](#). Also, note that remote participation will be available.

New & Noteworthy

2019 Contracted Party Satisfaction Survey Results

The results of the 2019 Survey are now posted on the [GDD Metrics](#) page on icann.org. Your input directly impacts how GDD interacts with you and how we align our activities with the needs of our contracted parties. We will use the results for continuous improvement in our services and deliverables. We sincerely appreciate your participation in the survey.

GDD Industry Summit and additional events held in Bangkok, Thailand

The fifth [GDD Industry Summit](#) was held 6-9 May in Bangkok, Thailand. 300 attendees from more than 40 countries attended the event. Session recordings with transcripts are located [here](#). The event was followed by the [Registration Operations Workshop \(ROW\)](#), the [DNS Symposium](#), and [DNS OARC](#). The ROW and DNS Symposium pages also contain session recordings with transcripts.

Registrant Program Update: New Report Published

On 29 April, ICANN published the second edition of the [Issues and Challenges Impacting Domain Name Registrants](#) report, containing updated data from various groups within ICANN including the Global Support Center (GSC), the Contractual Compliance department and the Office of the Ombudsman. The report also provides observations of issues and challenges impacting registrants based on

ICANN's review of these datasets. Please see [Raising Awareness About Registrant Issues and Challenges](#) for more information.

Root Zone Label Generation Rules Version 3 Released for Public Comment

Root Zone Label Generation Rules (RZ-LGR) are being developed by the community-based panels for the different scripts to determine valid Internationalized Domain Names (IDN) top-level domain (TLD) labels and their variant labels following the [RZ-LGR Procedure](#). The third edition of RZ-LGR ([RZ-LGR-3](#)) integrates 16 scripts, including Arabic, Devanagari, Ethiopic, Georgian, Gujarati, Gurmukhi, Hebrew, Kannada, Khmer, Lao, Malayalam, Oriya, Sinhala, Tamil, Telugu, and Thai, based on the [proposals submitted](#) by the respective panels. RZ-LGR-3 has been released for [public comment](#), which closes on 4 June 2019. Proposals for additional scripts will be integrated into the future versions of the RZ-LGR. For more information, please visit www.icann.org/idn.

Policy Implementation Updates

gTLD Registration Data Policy Implementation (EPDP Phase 1)

On 17 May 2019, ICANN announced the [Interim Registration Data Policy for gTLDs](#) which generic top-level domain (gTLD) registries and registrars (contracted parties) are required to implement by 20 May 2019. At this time, the interim Consensus Policy requires that contracted parties continue to implement the [Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data](#).

Call for Volunteers: Implementation Review Team for gTLD Registration Data Policy

On 20 May 2019, the ICANN org announced that it is seeking volunteers to participate in an Implementation Review Team (IRT) to assist in the implementation of the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) Team's Phase 1 policy recommendations. The IRT will review the proposed implementation plan as drafted by ICANN org for consistency with the recommendations from the EPDP Team, assist with questions or clarifications where needed, and advise on technical and operational details related to the implementation of the recommendations. For additional information and instructions on how to participate, please see the 20 May [announcement](#).

Registration Data Access Protocol (RDAP)

On 26 February 2019 the Registrar and Registries Stakeholder Groups (RrSG and RySG) provided ICANN with their endorsement of the gTLD RDAP profile documents generated by the RDAP Profile Working Group. The legal notice distributed to gTLD registry operators and registrars on 27 February 2019 requires the implementation of RDAP no later than 26 August 2019. ICANN org recommends that gTLD registries and registrars implement their RDAP service based on the RDAP profile published in February 2019.

Registrars

Reminder on 2013 Registrar Accreditation Agreement (RAA) Auto Renewal Process

ICANN would like to remind registrars that are nearing the end of the five-year term for their RAA that the renewal process has several requirements detailed [here](#). ICANN will contact you 90 days before the expiration to request confirmation of the intent to renew and remind you of requirements. Prompt action is required to ensure the renewal process completes before expiration.

RDAP field in RADAR

Participants in the RDAP Profile Working Group suggested that a central repository of RDAP base URLs of ICANN-accredited registrars could facilitate gTLD registry operations. The registrar RDAP base URL is now being captured in a self-service field in RADAR as of April 2019. Registrars are encouraged to populate this information before the 26 August 2019 deadline to implement RDAP. While in RADAR, please also ensure that all contact information is up to date.

Registries

Introducing the Continued Operations Instrument (COI) Obligation Release Service

Registry operators whose new gTLD Registry Agreements reach their six-year anniversary will no longer be required to maintain a COI. Starting in June 2019 ICANN org will identify and initiate the release of the COI documents which are no longer required for each registry operator on a monthly basis with the first COIs being released in July 2019. Individual notifications will be sent for those TLDs affected. In June 2019 the Continued Operations Instrument [webpage](#) will be updated with more details.

RSEP Process Improvements Coming Soon

Following [collaboration](#) between the RySG RSEP Improvements Discussion Group and ICANN GDD to improve and establish greater predictability in the RSEP process, ICANN org plans to launch operational changes to the RSEP process. Registry operators should watch for an announcement with additional details in the upcoming weeks.

I hope this information provides you with additional insight and transparency into our ongoing activities and look forward to your feedback.

Best Regards,

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To reference past registry operator communications please click [here](#).

To reference past registrar communications please click [here](#).