Events of Journalistic Interest

Listed below are several events, which may be of interest to journalists covering ICANN’s Hyderabad meeting. Off-site reporters can participate, via live web streaming, at the sites listed below. You can also view the full ICANN57 schedule at: https://icann572016.sched.org/

Thursday, 3 Nov with repeat sessions on Friday, 4 Nov
Hall 5 (ccNSO)

**How It Works Series**

The How It Works series are beginner sessions – a crash course for anyone who wishes to quickly get up to speed on these areas: Domain Name System, Internet networking, registry operations and root server operations. The sessions are aimed at everyone, so no technical knowledge is required.

For more information, visit the ICANN57 schedule: https://icann572016.sched.org/

Friday, 4 November
1700 – 1830 IST
Hall 2

**Domain Name System Security Extensions (DNSSEC) for Everybody: A Beginner’s Guide**

DNSSEC continues to be deployed around the world at an ever accelerating pace. From the Root, to both Generic Top Level Domains (gTLDs) and Country Code Top Level Domains (ccTLDs), the push is on to deploy DNSSEC to every corner of the Internet. The second ‘DNSSEC for Beginners’ session hopes to demystify DNSSEC and show how you can easily and quickly deploy DNSSEC into your business. The session is aimed at everyone, so no technical knowledge is required.

Come and find out what it’s all about…!

Remote Access: https://participate.icann.org/hyd57-hall2

Saturday, 5 November
0900 – 1030 IST
Hall 3 (Main)

**ICANN57 Opening Ceremony**

Ravi Shankar Prasad, Minister of Law & Justice and Minister of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India and K. Chandrashekhar Rao, Chief Minister of Telangana State will address attendees during this session. Steve Crocker, ICANN Board Chair and Göran Marby, ICANN President and CEO will also make their remarks at the session.

Remote Access: https://participate.icann.org/hyd57-hall3

Saturday, 5 November
1100 – 1145 IST
MR 1.03

**ICANN57 Press Conference**

Ravi Shankar Prasad, Minister of Law & Justice and Minister of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India; Steve Crocker, ICANN Board Chair and Göran Marby, ICANN President and CEO will address journalists’ questions.


If you are unable to log into Adobe Connect and can only join via phone:

- List of International Dial In Numbers can be found here
- Participant Passcode: 548 253 3641

Saturday, 5 November
1345 – 1445 IST
Hall 2

**New gTLD Program Reviews**

Comprehensive reviews of the New gTLD Program are currently underway in a number of areas, including competition, consumer trust and consumer choice, root server stability and rights protection. In this session members of the community working groups will provide an update on review progress and report on recent milestones achieved. Community working groups developing policy on new gTLD subsequent rounds and rights protection mechanisms will also present a summary of their work to date. Following the updates, the panellists will discuss their expectations regarding the future of the New gTLD Program.

Remote Access: https://participate.icann.org/hyd57-hall2
**Saturday, 5 November**

1345 – 1445 IST  
Hall 1 (ALAC)

**Introduction to PTI (Public Technical Identifiers): Organization, Reporting, Relationships, Deliverables**

Public Technical Identifiers (PTI) is the “Post-Transition IANA” non-profit organization formed to perform the naming-related IANA functions under contract with ICANN. During this session, the PTI leadership will introduce the organization, its responsibilities, oversight relationships and board membership. The team will also provide a report on its first two months of operation and answer questions.

Remote Access: [https://participate.icann.org/hyd57-hall1](https://participate.icann.org/hyd57-hall1)

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**Saturday, 5 November**

1700 – 1830 IST  
Hall 3 (Main)

**Public Forum 1**

The Public Forums are the open microphone sessions that afford community members the opportunity to make comments and ask questions directly to the Board and in front of the rest of the community.

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**Sunday, 6 November**

0830 – 0945 IST  
MR 1.02

**Internationalized Domain Name Program Update**

Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs) allow for top-level domain names in different scripts such as Arabic, Cyrillic, Chinese or Hindi. In this session, learn how ICANN's IDN Program is fostering the development of IDNs. Members of the ICANN organization and the community will provide progress updates on the various projects currently underway for this purpose. The session is intended for both general and expert audiences interested in the development and use of IDNs.

Remote Access: [https://participate.icann.org/hyd57-MR102](https://participate.icann.org/hyd57-MR102)

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**Sunday, 6 November**

1515 – 1630 IST  
Hall 4 (GAC)

**Universal Acceptance Community Update**

Universal Acceptance (UA) ensures that all domain names and email addresses can be used by all Internet-enabled applications, devices and systems. The Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG) is working to help software developers and website owners understand how to update their systems to keep pace with an evolving domain name system. The group is made up of members from more than 120 companies, governments and community groups. In this session the UASG will provide an update on its accomplishments to date, as well as plans for the coming year.

Remote Access: [https://participate.icann.org/hyd57-hall4](https://participate.icann.org/hyd57-hall4)

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**Monday, 7 November**

1515 – 1630 IST  
Hall 5 (ccNSO)

**Changing of the Keys to the DNS: Don't Get Locked Out**

The keys to the Domain Name System are changing for the first time ever. ICANN operates the root zone key signing key (KSK), which is the “master” key for DNS Security Extensions (DNSSEC). This cryptographic key was created when the root zone was signed in 2010. In this session, members of ICANN's Technical Team will provide an update on the KSK rollover and answer community questions. This session will be of particular interest to Internet service providers, enterprise network operators and others who have enabled DNSSEC validation.

Remote Access: [https://participate.icann.org/hyd57-hall5](https://participate.icann.org/hyd57-hall5)

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**Tuesday, 8 November**

1100 – 1300 IST  
Hall 3 (Main)

**Public Forum 2**

The second Public Forum at ICANN57, the forum is an open microphone session that afford community members the opportunity to make comments and ask questions directly to the Board and in front of the rest of the community.

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