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Call for Action to be Universal Acceptance-ready

"It is time for action now."
This was the common refrain heard in the Asia Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum (APrIGF) session titled "Universality of the DNS," where speakers urged for Internet systems and applications to enable a fully multilingual Internet and be Universal Acceptance-ready.

The APrIGF took place in Vladivostok, Russia, from 16-19 July 2019. Central topics in ICANN-related community discussions included Domain Name System (DNS) best practices and the evolving multistakeholder model.

At the forum, Joyce Chen from the ICANN Asia Pacific (APAC) regional office encouraged the APAC community to support the outreach efforts by the Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG) and take part in the global initiative. Panel speakers also discussed how Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs) would be instrumental in enabling Internet access for the next billion users.

**Korea Internet Governance Forum**

Engaging Internet users on Internet governance and fostering an open dialogue: these were the strategies highlighted in an ICANN-moderated panel discussion at the Korea Internet Governance Forum (KrIGF) in Seoul on 5 July 2019 under the theme "Internet for everyone."

The Internet Society (Singapore Chapter) and members of the Korea Internet Governance Alliance (KIGA) joined the panel discussion on "Working Together - The Multistakeholder Approach to Governance." The groups shared their experiences on applying the multistakeholder model of Internet governance at the local and national level, and encouraged the Korean community to participate in wider Internet governance platforms at the regional and global level.

KIGA, which hosted the annual KrIGF, is a multistakeholder Internet governance group in Korea with representation from the government, civic groups, academia, and the tech industry. Thank you to KIGA, which invited ICANN to participate in and contribute to the forum.

**ICANN at the Global Cyberspace Governance Forum**

As part of the 2019 China Internet Conference, the Internet Society of China (ISC) and the Chinese Academy of Information and Communication Technology (CAICT) co-hosted a Global Cyberspace Governance Forum on 11 July 2019.

Chaired by ICANN community veteran and former Governmental Advisory Council (GAC) Vice Chair Guo Feng, the event attracted about 100 attendees with speakers from China’s leading think tanks, top universities, and corporations. Participants shared their observations on various critical aspects of global cyberspace governance. Gao Xinmin, the Vice President of ISC, delivered a keynote speech on the trends and challenges of Internet governance. Gao proposed some principles for China when dealing with Internet governance-related issues.

ICANN org presented on the "Evolving ICANN Multistakeholder Governance Model," introduced the three pillars of ICANN governance, and briefed on the ICANN Beijing Engagement Center’s role in serving and
engaging the Chinese community. This was well received, and we gained about 40 new followers to our ICANN WeChat account after the event.

**APAC Space Discussion on Universal Acceptance**
The APAC community discussed the Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG) FY20 Action Plan at the APAC Space web conference on 30 July 2019. If you missed it, the recording, slides, and discussion notes are available for your reference [here](#).

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### ICANN NEWS

**Meet the NextGen at ICANN66**
Among those attending ICANN66 in Montréal, Canada (2-7 November) will be some relatively new faces representing ICANN’s NextGen program.

“The 11 individuals are students at North American universities,” said Deborah Escalera, NextGen Program Manager. “This is a diverse cohort, their fields of academic study span computer science, law, and international security.”

Also attending the meeting are three former NextGen selectees who will be serving as ambassadors for these newcomers. They will help NextGenners get a sense of ICANN and guide them through an ICANN Public Meeting.

“The NextGen program is aimed at looking for the next generation of individuals who are interested in becoming actively engaged in their regional communities and in shaping the future of global Internet policy,” said Escalera.

An independent selection committee assessed the NextGen candidates based on their current studies and several other factors. One key consideration was the candidate's interest in the Internet ecosystem, global policy, and Internet governance.

The individuals selected as ICANN66 NextGen participants are:

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The individuals selected as ICANN66 ambassadors are:

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[Click here for more information about the NextGen program](#).
New Pilot Program Aims to Help Ease Childcare Costs at ICANN Public Meetings

Unable to attend an ICANN Public Meeting because of the costs associated with childcare? If so, ICANN is launching a pilot program that might help.

The Community Childcare Grants Pilot Program will award a limited number of grants of up to $750 per family to eligible community members. The grants are intended for families with children up to 12 years old.

"We are always searching for ways to facilitate people attending our public meetings," said Sally Costerton, Senior Vice President to the President & Senior Vice President of Global Stakeholder Engagement. "This new pilot program will give the grant recipients the ability to choose their own childcare provider."

ICANN org will conduct research prior to each meeting to form a list of local potential childcare providers, though ICANN is not in a position to sanction or recommend specific childcare providers. All efforts will be made to identify providers close to the meeting facilities. Families may choose a provider from the list or find a provider that best meets their needs.

The program will be initiated at the ICANN66 meeting in Montréal, Canada. Interested parties have until 3 September 2019 to apply for the grants.

For more information and details about the program and how to apply, please visit: [https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/community-childcare-grants](https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/community-childcare-grants)

Can We Save the Global Internet? Find Out by Helping ICANN Get to SXSW 2020

The Internet is still expanding, but will the next billion users get the same global Internet we take for granted? How can we all work together to keep the Internet stable, growing, and interoperable? One way is to vote! ICANN’s panel “Can We Save the Global Internet?” is on the ballot for South by Southwest 2020. Partnering with the Internet Society and Access Now, we plan to be in Austin, Texas next March discussing innovative models for policy development and stakeholder collaboration.

We need your help to get there! Please vote here: [http://panelpicker.sxsw.com/vote/99999](http://panelpicker.sxsw.com/vote/99999), before August 23.

How Does Your Background and Experience Influence Your Decisions?

ICANN Learn, our online capacity-development platform, has a new course that provides an introduction to the concept of "unconscious bias."

Unconscious biases are assumptions we make automatically and unintentionally, often without being aware. The course explores how these quick, implicit judgments or assumptions may create challenges for working in a multistakeholder community.

"As the name implies, unconscious bias occurs at a level that few of us recognize," said Ergys Ramaj, Vice President of Public Responsibility Support. "With this ICANN Learn course we want to help community members increase their ability to detect unconscious bias."

The course will introduce you to related concepts such as “fast thinking” and the “Stroop effect,” which is a demonstration of the way our minds process information, and aid in the development of tools to better manage unconscious bias and its impacts. The course aims ultimately improve effectiveness among groups in the global multistakeholder environment.

Interested? Sign up for free at [https://learn.icann.org](https://learn.icann.org) and explore our training catalog.
**Evolving the Root Server System Governance**

Today the number of hosts on the Internet is thousands of times larger than when the Root Server System (RSS) for the Domain Name System (DNS) was originally designed. The network has evolved to billions of hosts, billions of users, new governance structures, and new business models, that all place new expectations on the infrastructure. The Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC) has been engaged in an ongoing process to adopt new governance structures and business models to meet the more rigorous requirements of governance, accountability, and transparency in this new era.

In June 2018, the RSSAC presented to the ICANN Board and ICANN community its proposed governance model for the RSS in “RSSAC037: A Proposed Governance Model for the DNS Root Server System” (RSSAC037). As part of the ICANN Board’s consideration of RSSAC037, ICANN org prepared a “Concept Paper on a Community-Driven Process to Develop a Final Model Based on RSSAC037.” The Concept Paper outlines a community-driven process to develop a final model for the RSS to be led by the Root Server System Governance Working Group (GWG). To launch the work of the GWG, ICANN org developed a draft charter and operating procedures, and a draft work plan. RSSAC037, the Concept Paper, the draft charter and operating procedures, and draft work plan for the GWG are available for Public Comment until Friday, 9 August. **Provide your input today**.

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**At-Large Updates**

At-Large Capacity Building Working Group Co-Chair, Joanna Kulesza, and At-Large Consolidated Policy Working Group Co-Chair, Jonathan Zuck, recently presented an updated [ALAC Hot Policy Topics document](#), which highlights upcoming work related to Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs) and Universal Acceptance.

All RALOs announced the results of their leadership elections. **All elected positions** will be renewed at the end of the ICANN66 Annual General Meeting.

In early July, the Third At-Large Summit (ATLAS III) Selection Committee announced the names of successful candidates eligible for travel support to attend ATLAS III during ICANN66.

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**GDD UPDATE**

**Get Your Systems UA-ready!**

The Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG) has several tools available to help you get your systems UA-ready. Access the UASG [Blueprint for CIOs](#) for tips on evaluating and fixing your systems. Test your email address to see if it is compliant with internationalized email. You can also report an issue here and they can help resolve the problem. Visit [www.uasg.tech](http://www.uasg.tech) for more information.

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**Coming Soon: RDAP Service Implementation**

**Deadline - 26 August 2019**

All generic top-level domain (gTLD) registries and registrars are required to implement a Registration Data Access Protocol (RDAP) service no later than 26 August 2019, according to the ICANN org’s [legal notice issued on 27 February 2019](#). For a complete overview of RDAP, navigate to this page. Details about the gTLD RDAP Profile implementation and the RDAP Response Profile created by the RDAP Working Group, can be found here.
New Milestone for Internationalized Domain Names
The third version of the Label Generation Rules for the Root Zone (RZ-LGR-3) was recently released integrating 16 new scripts. These rules define a set of criteria for determining valid Internationalized Domain Name (IDN) labels for the Root Zone of the Domain Name System (DNS) and their variant labels. Congratulations to the Generation and Integration Panel communities who have reached a milestone with these new set of scripts. Read the full announcement to learn more.

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR ICANN COMMUNITY

Aisyah Shakirah Suhaidi
Member of the Internet Society Malaysia Chapter

Aisyah Shakirah Suhaidi is the Program Manager and Coordinator for Youth Initiatives at Internet Society Malaysia Chapter (ISOC Malaysia), an ICANN At-Large Structure. She is also a member of the Non-Commercial Users Constituency (NCUC) and Non-Commercial Stakeholder Group (NCSG).

Aisyah was a participant at the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Forum 2012 in Geneva; spoke at the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Girls Day 2012; and was ISOC Malaysia's ambassador to the Paris 2018 Internet Governance Forum (IGF).

Aisyah has attended two ICANN meetings - ICANN52 in Singapore and ICANN64 in Kobe. Most recently, she was in Vladivostok to attend the Asia Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum (APrIGF) 2019. Later this month she will participate in the Asia Pacific Internet Governance Academy (APIGA) in Seoul. Aisyah will also be in Montreal for ICANN66 as an ATLAS IIId participant and will speak at IGF 2019 in Berlin.

Aisyah is interested in cybersecurity, privacy and data protection, digital inclusion, youth engagement, and digital rights. Her main focus is facilitating the multistakeholder Internet governance agenda in Malaysia. She also focuses on bringing more youth into important Internet governance policy discussions.

Aisyah looks forward to meeting everyone at ICANN68 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia coming up in June 2020, hosted by ISOC Malaysia.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Learn more about ICANN at [regional events near you](#).