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🔍 TOP STORY

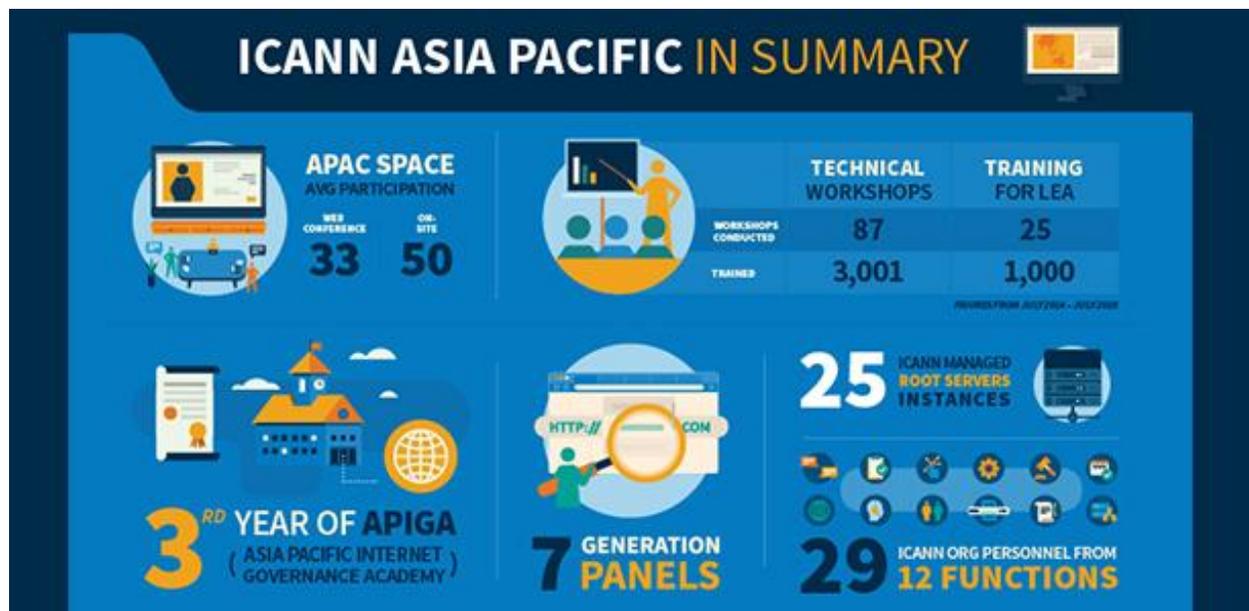### ICANN Publishes Comprehensive Guide on What to Expect During the Root KSK Rollover

What will happen when ICANN, for the first time ever, changes the cryptographic keys that help protect the Domain Name System (DNS)? To answer that question, the ICANN organization has just published a guide to let people know what to expect. It describes which users are most likely to encounter problems, and among those - what types of issues they will face and the timing of when those issues may occur.

The operators of validating resolvers will likely derive the most benefit from the guide, as they seek clear direction on what to look for once the rollover is completed. Others who may benefit from the guide are: non-technical journalists, bloggers, researchers and others who intend to write about the rollover before, during, and after the event. The guide can be accessed **here**.

✏️ APAC ACTIVITIES & HIGHLIGHTS

ICANN Asia Pacific Marks Five Years of Journeying with the Community

ICANN ASIA PACIFIC IN SUMMARY

APAC SPACE
AVG PARTICIPATION
WEB CONFERENCE 33   ON-SITE 50

TECHNICAL WORKSHOPS   TRAINING FOR LEA
WORKSHOPS CONDUCTED   87   25
TRAINED   3,001   1,000

3RD YEAR OF APIGA (ASIA PACIFIC INTERNET GOVERNANCE ACADEMY)

7 GENERATION PANELS

25 ICANN MANAGED ROOT SERVERS INSTANCES

29 ICANN ORG PERSONNEL FROM 12 FUNCTIONS

The ICANN Asia Pacific (APAC) regional office published a **report** to commemorate its fifth anniversary. The report highlights milestones, community participation in ICANN, engagement programs and training conducted with the regional community. This year's report also profiles community members who assumed leadership positions in the past year.

Read about the journey and successful collaboration with the regional community in this **blog**.

A Successful Asia Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum 2018 in Vanuatu

Top: ICANN was at the Asia Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum (APrIGF) 2018 from 13 to 16 August.
Bottom Left: APrIGF 2018 participants discussing Internet governance matters.
Bottom Right: Vint Cerf (middle), widely known as one of the 'Fathers of the Internet', receives a token of appreciation from the local hosts of APrIGF 2018.

Vanuatu now plans to hold its own national Internet Governance Forum next year. This outcome was inspired by the Asia Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum (APrIGF) 2018 which was held in the Oceania region for the first time.

The regional governance event attracted large participation from the local community. It was an excellent opportunity for interested local stakeholders and communities to take part in an open forum. Their participation in similar global events is always challenging due to accessibility and budget constraints.

The discussions are captured in the Synthesis Document. Draft 1 is out for comments. Additional details are available **here**.

India's ICANN62 Readout session.

India Community Prepares for ICANN63

The recent India ICANN62 readout concluded with a callout by India's Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) representative Raul Gosain, to attend ICANN63 in Barcelona "in large numbers." He was conveying the message of Ravi Shankar Prasad, Minister for Law & Justice and Electronics & Information Technology, to the local community.

With that call, India community members are now seeking a host to organize a pre-ICANN63 briefing. This is to ensure better coordination amongst themselves in attending the Barcelona meeting and facilitate participation.

The ICANN62 readout was hosted by the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER).

Update on ICANN's Strategic Planning Process

The continued success of ICANN's mission depends on our ability to work together to anticipate new challenges and opportunities ahead. The strategic outlook and planning processes represent a joint effort between the community, the Board, and the ICANN organization to identify and track trends that relate to ICANN and its mission in order to ensure they are accounted for in ICANN's current and future strategy.

Learn more about the phases of the strategic planning process and what to expect heading into ICANN63, **here**.

Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) Update

The Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) Team on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data held its first meeting on 1 August 2018.

The scope of the EPDP includes:

- Confirming, or not, the Temporary Specification by its 25 May 2019 expiration date.
- Discussing a standardized access model to nonpublic registration data.

The discussion of a standardized access model will occur only after the EPDP Team has comprehensively answered a series of gating questions specified in its charter.

The EPDP Team's first focus is to develop a triage document, outlining which elements of the Temporary Specification are supported and do not require any change. The triage effort is expected to help inform the subsequent development of a work plan. The EPDP Team is scheduled to meet in Los Angeles from 24-27 September 2018. All meeting recordings, transcripts, and materials can be found on the **EPDP wiki workspace**.

GAC's Engagement
The Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) has formed a small group of members to participate in the EPDP to replace ICANN's **Temporary Specification**.

The GAC believes that the EPDP has an important role to play in developing a comprehensive model. This model should allow access to nonpublic WHOIS data for authenticated users with a legitimate and proportionate purpose and in a manner that is consistent with the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and other data protection legislation elsewhere. As part of other ongoing efforts in the ICANN community, the GAC provided initial comments on ICANN's proposed **Unified Access Model**.

ALAC's Engagement
Since the launch of the EPDP, Alan Greenberg, Hadia Elminiawi, Holly Raiche, and Seun Ojededji have actively contributed to At-Large Consolidated Policy Working Group (CPWG) weekly calls. The aim is to have all members of the CPWG serve as authors to various sections of the EPDP.

Transparency of Security Efforts at ICANN

The ICANN organization published the **Cybersecurity Transparency Guidelines**, which outlines ICANN org's commitment to a high standard of openness and transparency concerning the security of the systems and services it operates.

Learn more about this topic by reading ICANN Senior Director of Security and Network Engineering, Terry Manderson's **blog**.

Join us for ICANN63
20 - 25 October 2018
Barcelona, Spain

ICANN's 2018 Annual General Meeting is less than two months away - **register today**! The **ICANN63 block schedule** is now posted, and the full schedule will be available on 1 October. Before you make travel arrangements, check the travel and visa requirements.

Be sure to bookmark the **ICANN63 meetings page** as it will be updated frequently.

The ICANN Complaints Department is Here to Help

Do you have a complaint about the ICANN organization? Do you need help resolving an issue? The Complaints Department is here to help you, and submitting a complaint is easy. To find out more about how the department can help you, as well as how to submit a complaint, click **here**.

Curious about what kinds of complaints have been submitted before, or how other complaints have been resolved? You can find a comprehensive overview of the various complaints the department has received **here**.

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR ICANN COMMUNITY

Cherie Lagakali
Member of Asia Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum (APrIGF) Multistakeholder Steering Group

Cherie Lagakali is a Database Consultant in Rosie Holidays, based in Fiji. She currently serves as a Board Member of Pacific Islands Chapter of Internet Society (PICISOC). She is also a member of the APrIGF Multistakeholder Steering Group (MSG).

Lagakali is familiar with ICANN and Internet governance work and attended ICANN60 as an At-Large representative for Asian, Australasian and Pacific Islands Regional At-Large Organization (APRALO). She has a strong interest in issues related to Internet accessibility, privacy and cybersecurity. She also helped to organize the Pacific Internet Governance Forum (PacIGF) 2018. Most recently for APrIGF 2018, she was part of the Synthesis Document Drafting Committee.

Lagakali is a Stakeholder Group member of the Dynamic Coalition on Small Island Developing States in the Internet Economy (DC-SIDS). She addresses Internet issues in the Pacific and seeks to empower women in the information and communications technology sector.

Lagakali will be participating in ICANN63 as an ICANN Fellow.

POLICY UPDATE

ccNSO Council Update
Recently, the ICANN Nominating Committee

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(NomCom) **announced its selections** for eight leadership positions within ICANN, including two appointees to the Council of the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO). Laura Margolis and Ajay Data will begin their terms at the end of ICANN63. The ccNSO Council consists of 18 councilors: 15 elected by ccNSO members and three appointed by the NomCom.

During ICANN62, the ccNSO Council adopted the **Election Report for the Special European Council Election**. Giovanni Seppia (.eu) assumed his role immediately after the selection and his term ends in March 2020.

In mid-September 2018, the ccNSO will issue a call for nominations to fill five seats on the ccNSO Council. At the conclusion of ICANN64 in March 2019, the three-year terms end for the following ccNSO Councilors: Abibu Ntahigiye (Africa), Debbie Monahan (Asia-Pacific), Peter Vergote (Europe), Demi Getschko (Latin America/Caribbean), Pablo Rodriguez (North America).

GNSO Council Update

The Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council:

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- **Adopted** its **review** of the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) ICANN62 Communiqué. This review aims to further enhance the coordination and information sharing on gTLD-related policy activities between the GAC, the ICANN Board, and the GNSO.
- **Approved** all the consensus recommendations made by the reconvened Protection of International Governmental Organizations and International Non-Governmental Organizations in All gTLDs Policy Development Process Working Group. Read the **Final Report**.
- **Adopted** the **Second GNSO Review Implementation Final Report** and submitted it to the ICANN Board for its consideration. All GNSO Review recommendations have been implemented as a result of this two-year effort.

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GAC Prepares for Fourth High Level Governmental Meeting (HLGM)

During ICANN63, the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) will dedicate Monday, 22 October to the High Level Governmental Meeting (HLGM) hosted by the Spanish government.

The HLGM is held approximately once every two years and hosted by a GAC member in collaboration with the ICANN organization. It provides an opportunity to:

- Reaffirm the critical role that governments play in providing advice to the ICANN Board on public policy issues.
- Enable all parties to gain a clearer understanding of the role of governments in ICANN processes, including the GAC.
- Reach out to administrations and governments who are not yet represented on the GAC or in other ICANN forums.

The agenda for this year's HLGM may be found **here**.

At-Large Leadership Elections, Selections, and Appointments

Four At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) members will join the At-Large Leadership Team (ALT) and serve with incoming ALAC Chair, Maureen Hilyard, from the Asian, Australasian, and Pacific Islands Regional At-Large Organization (APRALO). The ALT members will begin their terms at the end of ICANN63.

- Tijani Ben Jemaa | African Regional At-Large Organization (AFRALO)
- Sebastien Bachollet | European Regional At-Large Organization (EURALO)
- Ricardo Holmquist | Latin American and Caribbean Islands Regional At-Large Organization (LACRALO)
- John Laprise | North American Regional At-Large Organization (NARALO)

The ALAC recently ratified the nominations of four ALAC delegates to the ICANN Nominating Committee:

- Aziz Hilali | AFRALO
- Nadira Al-Araj | APRALO
- Tracy Hackshaw | LACRALO
- Leah Symekher | NARALO

All four ALAC liaisons were re-appointed unanimously to serve another year:

- Barrack Otieno | ccNSO
- Yrjö Länsipuro | GAC
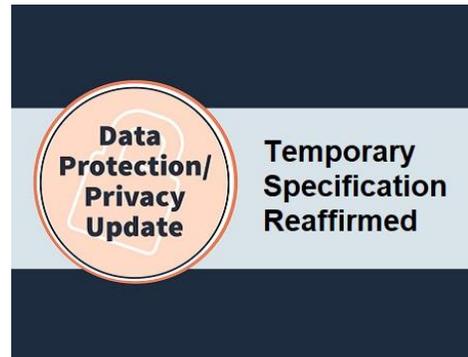- Cheryl Langdon-Orr | GNSO
- Andrei Kolesnikov | SSAC

🔔 GDD UPDATE

Data Protection/ Privacy and General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) News and Updates

Read the most recent ICANN **announcement** regarding the Board reaffirming the Temporary Specification for generic top-level domain (gTLD) Registration Data and the **blog from Göran Marby**, ICANN President and CEO, regarding a possible unified access model for community input.

Stay up to date with the latest ICANN organization data protection and privacy news **here**.

New Registry & Registrant Resources Available

GDD Publishes New and Updated Resources for gTLD Registries and Registrars

The **ICANN GDD General Operations Handbook for Registrars** is a new resource which provides high-level information pertaining to ongoing registrar operations required to fulfill the obligations specified in the **base Registry Agreement** and **Specification 13**.

An updated version of the **GDD General Operations Handbook for Registry Operators** has been published in the **Registry Resources** section of icann.org.

New Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG) Tool for Email Address Internationalization (EAI)

Test out the new UASG widget that takes an email address and checks to see if the mail server advertises support for receiving EAI. Check your email address today at: **EAI Widget**.

Universal Acceptance

Registry System Testing (RST) Documentation Update

Multiple Registry System Testing updates related to the domain name system (DNS), Internationalized Domain Name (IDN), and WHOIS testing have recently been published to icann.org. The associated **FAQ document** was also updated to reflect the related changes. More details about these documentation updates can be sourced from this recent **announcement**.

Update on the Registration Data Access Protocol (RDAP)

The RDAP pilot discussion group and the ICANN organization have posted for public comments a proposed profile, technical implementation guide, and service level agreements (SLA) which follows the requirements of the Board approved Temporary Specification for gTLD registration Data. While RDAP delivers registration data much like WHOIS, its implementation is expected to help standardize registration data access and query response formats.

Learn more about this process, the plans surrounding the review, and the proposed profile, SLA, and reporting requirements **here**.

WHAT'S NEW IN REVIEWS

Calls to Action for Community Participation in ICANN Reviews

SPECIFIC REVIEWS

Share your feedback on the Competition, Consumer Trust, and Consumer Choice Review (CCT) Final Report. Find the public comment **here**.

Provide input on the Registration Directory Service Review (RDS-WHOIS2) Draft Report. Find the public comment **here**. You may also join a **webinar** hosted by the RDS-WHOIS2 Review Team who will share key findings and recommendations, while providing an opportunity to take questions from the community.

You can join the webinar by clicking **here**.
- 17 September 2018 at 15:00 UTC
- 17 September 2018 at 21:00 UTC

PUBLIC COMMENT ON TIMING OF REVIEWS

View the summary reports on public comments to adjust the timing of reviews. The summary reports on **Public Comment for Short-term Options** and **Public Comment for Long-term Options** have been published. Next, the ICANN organization will analyze the comments received and coordinate with the Organizational Effectiveness Committee of the ICANN Board (OEC) to identify recommendations to the ICANN Board.

STAY UP TO DATE WITH REVIEWS

Visit the Review Status Update Table for the latest status on all active Specific and Organizational

Reviews.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event	Location
6 - 13 September	APNIC 46	Noumea, New Caledonia
18 - 20 September	WEF's Annual Meeting of the New Champions	Tianjin, People's Republic of China
3 - 5 October	CyFy	New Delhi, India
13 - 15 October	inSIG2018	New Delhi, India
20 - 25 October	ICANN63	Barcelona, Spain

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