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### ICANN Asia Pacific Hub Holds Inaugural ICANN Day in China



*Full house at inaugural ICANN Day in Beijing*



*ICANN APAC team at ICANN Day*



*Community discussion at ICANN Day*

**IANA Stewardship Transition**, **Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs)** and **Universal Acceptance** - these were some of the topics discussed at the ICANN55 Readout session\* held in March in Beijing. The debrief and discussion session was part of the inaugural ICANN Day, aptly titled by the Chinese community. The full-day event for Chinese community members also featured workshops for contracted

parties.

In this collaborative effort, the Chinese community met staff from the Contractual Compliance, Global Domains Division, Global Stakeholder Engagement, and Communications teams from the ICANN Asia Pacific Hub. After the community-led ICANN Readout, Chinese registries and registrars engaged in workshops and gained a better understanding of various issues such as [WHOIS inaccuracies](#), [Registrar Abuse Reports](#) and [Uniform Domain-Name Dispute-Resolution Policy](#). Concurrently, Chinese community members and government personnel participated in a discussion session.

Over the next few days, the ICANN Contractual Compliance and Registrar Services teams visited registrars in Shanghai, Chengdu and Guangzhou. The Registry Services team visited local registries in Beijing. In total, close to 200 Chinese registries and registrars participated in this week of outreach. We would like to thank our host, the China Academy of Information Communications and Technology, for helping to organize the event.

Watch Jia-Rong Low's video recap. [\[Link on the entire sentence.\]](#)

\*Note: ICANN Readout sessions are held after ICANN Public Meetings by community members for those who were unable to attend in person. At these sessions, the community hears about the latest developments from the meetings. Samiran Gupta, Head of India, joined the Indian community at a similar session in Bangalore, India. The Japanese community also held a similar Readout session, which will be covered in the May newsletter.



## SPOTLIGHT

### Quarterly Stakeholder Call

ICANN will hold its next Quarterly Stakeholder Call on 27 April at 15:00 UTC. Learn more about ICANN's activities, progress and financials for the quarter ending 31 March 2016. The call is available in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish. [Register here](#).



## APAC ACTIVITIES & HIGHLIGHTS



*CJK Generation Panels in Beijing*

## Seeking a Common Solution for Root Zone Label Generation Rules for the Han Script

Last month in Beijing, three groups - the Chinese Generation Panel, the Japanese Generation Panel and the Korean Generation Panel - held a joint meeting on Label Generation Rules for the Root Zone.

The Internet Domain Name System Beijing Engineering Research Centre hosted the meeting, which was attended by ICANN's Song Zheng (Head of China) and Sarmad Hussain (Internationalized Domain Names Program Senior Manager) (remotely). Participants came together to continue the discussion on the varied requirements of these script communities and how to approach a solution. This important effort contributes to the multilingual accessibility of the domain name system in the region.

The progress of the individual panels was shared and the session concluded with the identification of the additional analysis needed and agreement on the next steps.



*Capacity building workshop at CDAC*

## Capacity-Building Workshop on DNS Security

ICANN's Samiran Gupta, Head of India, and Champika Wijayatunga, Regional Manager of SSR (Security, Stability and Resiliency) Engagement, were recently in Bangalore, India, for a capacity-building workshop on DNS Security and DNSSEC (DNS Security Extensions). Organized by the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC), representatives from government bodies took part in a "train the trainer" session. These participants will now train staff in their respective organizations on how to carry out research and development activities focused on DNS Security. The workshop was a success; plans are underway for more sessions in the future.

## APRALO-APAC Hub Webinar Adds Live Captioning

On 22 March, the ICANN Asia Pacific (APAC) Hub and the Asian, Australasian and Pacific Islands Regional At-Large Organization (APRALO) collaborated on a bi-monthly capacity-building webinar. At this webinar, we introduced live captioning, which drew positive reactions from participants.

The topic was "Getting Ready for the 'New' Internet Name Space - Universal Acceptance and Its Challenges." The speakers were Don Hollander, Secretary General of the Universal Acceptance Steering Group, and Marvin Woo, VP at Coremail.

The webinar covered the following topics:

- What is Universal Acceptance and why is it important?
- Introduction to the Universal Acceptance Steering Group
- Email address internationalization (EAI) challenges and actions (Coremail)
- Community perspective and sharing

In the chat and survey portions of the webinar, participants indicated that the live captioning helped them understand the presentations. [Watch the webinar recording.](#)



## POLICY UPDATE



*Capacity building webinars for At-Large*

### At-Large Begins Series of Capacity-Building Webinars

To continuously improve At-Large members' knowledge of ICANN, the At-Large community launched a [series of capacity-building webinars](#). Under the leadership of Tijani Ben Jemaa, Vice Chair of the ALAC, the At-Large Working Group on Capacity Building selected topics ranging from best practices for participating in ICANN and At-Large to specific policy issues, such as the Competition, Consumer Trust, and

Consumer Choice Review; country code top-level domain (ccTLD) delegation and relegation; and registrar responsibilities toward new generic top-level domain (gTLD) development. The webinars incorporate interactive learning elements. Review the [webinar schedule and participation details](#).

### Draft Framework of Principles for Cross-Community Working Groups

The Cross-Community Working Group on Principles for Cross-Community Work seeks community feedback on a draft framework of uniform principles to guide the initiation and operations of future cross-community working groups. The public comment period closes 16 April 2016. [Submit your comments today!](#)

### Call for Volunteers to Review All gTLD Rights Protection Mechanisms

The GNSO Council seeks volunteers for a [new working group](#). This Policy Development Process Working Group will review all Rights Protection Mechanisms (RPMs) in all gTLDs in two phases, as defined in the [approved charter](#). Phase One will focus on a review of all the RPMs developed for the New gTLD Program (e.g., Trademark Clearinghouse and Uniform Rapid Suspension procedure). Phase Two will focus on a review of the Uniform Dispute Resolution Policy. [Join online](#) or complete the form and send to [gnso-secs@icann.org](mailto:gnso-secs@icann.org).

### ccNSO Prepares for Potential IANA Stewardship Transition Implementation

As part of the IANA Stewardship Transition process, the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) community expects to appoint members to new committees and groups. The ccNSO Guideline Review Committee (GRC) will propose procedures and processes to implement these provisions before ICANN56. Learn more about the [ccNSO GRC](#). [Watch an interview](#) with new ccNSO Council Chair, Katrina Sasaki, who describes the upcoming work of the ccNSO.

### Successful High-Level Government Meeting Concludes

Nearly 100 government and 22 international government organization delegations attended the [High-Level Governmental Meeting](#) on 7 March 2016, hosted by the Kingdom of Morocco. The meeting was held during ICANN55 - ministers, senior government officials, and

Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) and ICANN leadership offered remarks and presentations throughout the day. The GAC also welcomed six new members and one new observer during ICANN55. [Listen to audio recordings](#) or [watch the meeting](#).



*High-Level Governmental Meeting*

## Stay Current on PDP Efforts

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## GETTING TO KNOW YOUR ICANN COMMUNITY

### Panus Na Nakorn

**Electronic Transactions Development Agency  
Ministry of Information and Communication Technology  
Thailand**

Na Nakorn is a policy specialist with over 10 years of academic and professional experience in the public policy field at the international, country and regional levels.



*Panus Na Nakorn*

He is involved with ICANN through the Thailand Government Advisory Committee. At the recent ICANN55 Public Meeting in Marrakech, Na Nakorn shared the Thai perspective on the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that ICANN signed with the Electronic Transactions Development Agency (ETDA). The ICANN-ETDA MoU promoted collaboration on translation.

Na Nakorn works to ensure that Internet users in Thailand can raise concerns - at local and global levels - about Internet-related issues. He communicates new developments arising from ICANN Public Meetings. He also supports the National Thailand Internet multistakeholder forum. By working closely with multistakeholders, he hopes to encourage more participation in Internet governance.



## ICANN NEWS

### ICANN Reviews

Do you know what ICANN reviews are and why they are important? Reviews are crucial to evaluating what happens when ICANN processes and policies from the multistakeholder model meet the real world. Reviews enable us to assess ICANN's performance toward our commitments, much like a report card. This process is a tool for continuous improvement - it helps us look at the past so we can do better in the future.



We have several new reviews planned for this year. Now is a great time to learn more about them and get involved! [Sign up here](#).



On 10 March 2016, the ICANN Board transmitted the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) Stewardship Transition Package to the U.S. National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). Since then, **NTIA has been reviewing the proposals** to ensure that they meet the criteria of their **14 March 2014 announcement**. This review period is expected to last 90 days, and will be guided by recommendations from the U.S. Government Accountability Office. In addition, the U.S. Congress has a strong interest in the proposals; it is expected that they will closely monitor and review the proposal as a part of NTIA's evaluation. The current contract with ICANN expires on 30 September 2016, but NTIA has the authority to extend the contract if needed.

While the community was working to finalize the IANA Stewardship Transition Package, ICANN's implementation team has been diligently preparing for the "implementation phase" of the IANA Stewardship Transition. Significant preplanning for implementing **changes to the Root Zone Management System**, elements proposed in the ICG Proposal, as well as the Post-Transition IANA and Customer Standing Committee, are underway. These activities will continue to develop over the coming weeks and months.

ICANN's legal team is coordinating with the two external law firms that have provided support to the CCWG-Accountability and CWG-Stewardship to prepare proposed changes to the ICANN Bylaws to implement the changes outlined in the IANA Stewardship Transition Package. The draft Bylaws will be put out for public comment prior to Board approval, and once adopted, ICANN will notify NTIA of the adoption. NTIA has stated that the Bylaws must be adopted before NTIA can issue a report on the transition proposal.

For updates on all implementation work, visit: **<https://www.icann.org/stewardship-implementation>**.

Once the Bylaws work is complete, the CCWG-Accountability will turn its focus to its inventory of Work Stream 2 items (outlined in Annex 12 of the **CCWG-Accountability Work Stream 1 Report**):

- Considering improvements to ICANN's standards for diversity
- Focusing efforts to enhance ICANN's transparency
- Improving and clarifying expectations of ICANN staff accountability
- Enhancing the accountability of ICANN's Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees
- Addressing jurisdiction-related questions, focused on applicable law for contracts and dispute settlements
- Developing a Framework of Interpretation for ICANN's Human Rights commitment and proposed draft Bylaw (more information in Annex 6 of the Work Stream 1 Report)
- Considering enhancements to the Ombudsman's role and function

The CCWG-Accountability is open to anyone who wishes to join, and the group has issued a **Call for Volunteers** for anyone interested in the Work Stream 2 efforts.





## DNSSEC Root Zone KSK Rollover Recommendations Published

A design team consisting of seven independent DNS experts along with representatives from ICANN, Verisign, and NTIA has completed a report with recommendations for changing, also known as rolling, the DNSSEC root zone Key Signing Key (KSK). Rolling the root zone KSK means generating a new cryptographic public and private key pair and distributing the new public component to parties, including Internet service providers, DNS resolver operators, DNS resolver software developers, integrators and distributors. Read the [report](#).

### Open for Public Comment: Safeguards to Mitigate DNS Abuse

In March, ICANN published a report that explores how to measure the effectiveness of safeguards against DNS abuse. These protections are part of the New gTLD Program. The report defines the activities that constitute DNS abuse, and assesses indicators of the rate of abuse in new gTLDs and the DNS as a whole. The report's findings are based on analytics and user feedback. The comment period closes 25 April 2016. [Read the report and comment now.](#)



## DELEGATED TLDs

### Twenty-nine new gTLDs were delegated in March 2016

Here are some of them:

kerryhotels	, "Kerry Hotels", /jia li da jiudian/
kuokgroup	nissay
anquan	xihuan
shouji	, "consumer electronics", /kaden/
sina	yun

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Smart Cities India 2016 Expo | 11-13 May 2016

Taking place for the second time, the [Smart Cities India 2016 Expo](#) will take place in New Delhi. The mission of Smart Cities is to promote smart solutions to improve the quality of urban life by enhancing

infrastructure, while sustaining the environment.

Over 15,000 participants, including key government officials, entrepreneurs and research centers, will be present at the event. Topics will include the environment, energy, IT and communications, and urban planning. Samiran Gupta, Head of India, will speak at the event.

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