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New Buzzword in Town: General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

There is a new buzzword in town, and it is General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). GDPR is a set of regulations adopted by the European Union (EU) to protect EU residents from privacy and data breaches. How will GDPR affect businesses, organizations, and end users? How can entities adopt an action plan to ensure compliance with GDPR?

To tackle such questions, the Internet Society (ISOC) Asia Pacific organized a series of online privacy workshops for its stakeholders. ICANN's Joyce Chen, Global Stakeholder Engagement Strategy and Development Senior Manager, spoke at two of the ISOC workshops, held in Hong Kong and Singapore. In her presentations, she highlighted ICANN's efforts toward GDPR and ongoing discussions in the community. She also encouraged participants to join in the ICANN discussions, so that in the process they will understand more about GDPR.

The recent APAC Space at ICANN60 also featured a discussion on GDPR. You can find the notes and recording [here](#).

Read the latest blog by ICANN on GDPR [here](#).



ICANN NEWS

Data Protection/Privacy Activity Recap

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We have just returned from a very busy ICANN60 meeting in Abu Dhabi, where there were many productive community discussions focused on the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). We want to provide you with a brief recap of these dialogues, recent developments and what's next in terms of the legal analysis. As you'll recall from previous



blogs on this topic, we are taking the following steps to determine the GDPR's scope of impact: We published a Personal Data Use Matrix based on contributions from stakeholders, and we commissioned a legal analysis from European law firm Hamilton to assess the data in the matrix and answer other questions related to the legislation's impact.

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ICANN Office of the Ombudsman 2017 Annual Report

Herb Wayne, ICANN Ombudsman, is pleased to announce the publication of the ICANN Office of the Ombudsman 2017 Annual Report. The report is available in English, and will soon be posted in all official ICANN languages. [View the report.](#)



ICANN Community Onboarding Pilot Program Call for Nominations by SOs/ACs

On 20 November, ICANN issued a call for nominations by the Supporting Organizations (SOs) and Advisory Committees (ACs) to the Community Onboarding Pilot (COP) Program for **ICANN61**. The COP seeks to improve ICANN community newcomer engagement and retention rates through mentorship and knowledge and experience sharing. Nominations are due no later than **Friday, 15 December 2017, 23:59 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC)**. Additional details can be found [here](#).

Transparency of Security Efforts in ICANN

Terry Manderson, Senior Director, Network Engineering and Security, ICANN

Security vulnerabilities in systems are an unfortunate fact of life. The Engineering and Information Technology team in the ICANN organization is working hard on many fronts to protect and enhance the security of our systems. From time to time events occur that result in specific and focused security-related activity that can impact the ICANN org and/or community. Because of our commitment to openness and transparency, we are disclosing the following two events to the community - Intermedia Email Services Issue and Apache Struts Jakarta Multipart Parser Vulnerability. To our current knowledge, neither of these incidents resulted in any compromise of ICANN data.

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Universal Acceptance Around the World

At ICANN60, community members discussed why Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs) and Email Address Internationalization (EAI) are essential to enabling users to communicate and navigate the Internet entirely in their local languages. [Watch this video](#) to hear their stories and learn how Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG) members are helping to make the vision of a truly multilingual Internet a reality.



Joining in Dialogues at the Global Conference on Cyberspace 2017



Tarek Kamel, Senior Advisor to President and Senior Vice President, Government and Intergovernmental Organization (IGO) Engagement with Ravi Shankar Prasad, Minister of Law and Justice and Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India at the Global Conference on Cyberspace 2017.

ICANN recently participated in the **Global Conference on Cyberspace 2017** held from 23-24 November 2017 in New Delhi, India. The ICANN team, comprising ICANN Board members and staff, spoke in various sessions, covering topics that included cybersecurity, Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs), and the role of a government in leveraging technology for a country's growth.

Read the blog [here](#).

World Internet Conference



From left to right: Akinori Maemura, ICANN Board Member; Sally Costerton, Senior Advisor to President and Senior Vice President of Global Stakeholder Engagement; and Jian-Chuan Zhang, ICANN Head of China at the World Internet Conference.

ICANN's Sally Costerton, Senior Advisor to President and Senior Vice President of Global Stakeholder Engagement, and Akinori Maemura, Board Member, recently attended the **World Internet Conference**, held from 3-5 December in Wuzhen, China.

Some of the issues which were discussed during the conference include: How can ICANN better engage the younger generation of Internet users? How do the different Internet organizations, such as ICANN, the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF), and the Regional Internet Registries (RIRs), come together to develop policies for the Internet's unique identifiers?

Read the blog [here](#).

Learning from Fellow Community Members at ICANN Readouts in China, India, and Japan



Chinese community members at the ICANN readout in China.

Following the successful conclusion of ICANN60 in Abu Dhabi, the ICANN Asia Pacific regional office participated in three ICANN readouts in China, India, and Japan on 23 November, 1 December, and 5 December, respectively.

Community members organized the ICANN readouts for fellow community members who were unable to attend ICANN60. Some topics discussed at the three readouts were GDPR, IDNs, and updates by community members from the different Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees.



GETTING TO KNOW YOUR ICANN COMMUNITY



Chittaphone Chansylilath **Member of Lao Script Generation Panel (GP)**

Chittaphone Chansylilath is the Division Director at the Ministry of Post and Telecommunications in the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

Chansylilath is also a member of the Lao script GP. Working closely with the ICANN IDN Programs team, she provided information and knowledge on the Lao script and language to develop the Proposal for the Lao Script Root Zone Label Generation Rules (LGR). The completed proposal is now

integrated into the second version of the Root Zone LGR.

Before participating in the Lao script GP, Chansylilath was involved in the Lao Localization Project. As a member of the project, she and her team researched and identified rules to break the Lao language into syllables. To support the local community, the team also developed several Lao language applications, including Lao optical character recognition and Lao text-to-speech synthesis.



ccNSO Elects Nigel Roberts to ICANN Board Seat 12

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On Thursday, 30 November, the ccNSO elected Nigel Roberts to ICANN Board Seat 12. Nigel Roberts will begin his term at ICANN63, replacing Mike Silber, who will be concluding his third term.

At-Large Community Activities

- During ICANN60, the At-Large community's accomplishments included a joint advice statement with the GAC and a successful General Assembly of the Asian, Australasian, and Pacific Islands Regional At-Large Organization (APRALO). The joint statement advises ICANN to develop a simple and efficient document management system and to produce easy-to-understand executive summaries for all relevant issues. For details, read the [Post-ICANN60 Policy Report](#).
- New [ALAC members and liaisons](#) and [RALO leaders and Nominating Committee delegates](#) began their terms at the end of ICANN60. The five-member ALAC leadership team has been formed with Alan Greenberg as chair, and Maureen Hilyard and Bastiaan Goslings as vice chairs.
- At-Large members will participate in the Internet Governance Forum in Geneva, Switzerland, scheduled for 18-21 December. They will contribute as speakers and participants in various workshops and will conduct outreach activities at the At-Large booth. [Learn more.](#)

GNSO Council Updates

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- Councilors of the 21-member Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council, as well as liaisons from the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) and Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO), began their terms at the end of ICANN60. [Learn more.](#)
- The GNSO Council appointed Julf Helsingius as the GNSO Liaison to the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) through the end of ICANN63. This appointment is expected to be reconfirmed annually.
- The "[Introduction to the GNSO](#)" ICANN Learn course was updated last month. The course is aimed mostly at newcomers, but also helps veterans refresh their knowledge. Topics include GNSO stakeholder groups and constituencies, the GNSO policy development process, and ways to keep current with the GNSO.



Participate in the Public Comment on the updated report of the Competition, Consumer Trust, and Consumer Choice Review (CCT). You have the opportunity to review and give feedback on two new pieces of content: the results of a new generic top-level domain (gTLD) cost impact [survey](#) and the [Statistical Analysis of Domain Name System \(DNS\) Abuse in gTLDs Final Report](#). Share your comments [here](#).

How effectively do you feel the Root Server Advisory Committee (RSSAC) is fulfilling its role? Share your input in this [community survey](#) that will inform the RSSAC2 Review.

Bookmark the wiki landing pages to follow the progress of and opportunities to participate in Specific Reviews:

- [ATRT3](#)
- [RDS-WHOIS2](#)
- [SSR2](#)
- [CCT](#)



GDD UPDATE

Transferring your domain name?



Transferring Your Domain Name

Are you up to date on how to transfer your domain name? Let us help you learn the five things every domain name registrant should know about ICANN's transfer policy, including the rules and specific steps registrants must follow to ensure a proper transfer. [Read more.](#)

Identifying Natural Disasters as Extenuating Circumstances

You never know when or how dramatically a natural disaster will impact your business or your ability to maintain day-to-day business operations. We have recently learned that registrants affected by Hurricane Maria may not be able to renew their domain names due to ongoing power and telecommunications issues.

In light of these events, ICANN has identified Hurricane Maria as an extenuating circumstance as part of [RAA section 3.7.5.1](#). This event highlights the potential need for a policy initiative to protect registrants in the event of natural disasters. [Read more in this blog.](#)



DELEGATED TLDs

No New gTLDs Were Delegated in October and November

[See the full list of delegated strings here.](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

ICANN will be participating in these upcoming events:

- 19-21 January 2018 | [52nd Annual Convention of Computer Society of India \(CSI 2017\)](#) | Kolkata, India
- 22-26 January 2018 | [New Zealand Network Operators Group \(NZNOG\) 2018](#) | Queenstown, New Zealand
- 3 February 2018 | [Hosting and Domain Conference 2018](#) | Hyderabad, India
- 19-28 February 2018 | [Asia Pacific Regional Internet Conference on Operational Technologies \(APRICOT\) 2018](#) | Kathmandu, Nepal
- 24-25 February | Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) Capacity Development Workshop | Kathmandu, Nepal

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