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TOP STORY

A Special Invitation to Attend ICANN62

Rodrigo de la Parra, ICANN's VP of Stakeholder Engagement for Latin America and the Caribbean, invites you to Panama City for the upcoming ICANN62 Policy Forum, to be held from 25-28 June. The focus of ICANN62 will be to strengthen the policy work in ICANN. He hopes to see you there!

Click [here](#) to watch the video.



APAC ACTIVITIES & HIGHLIGHTS



New Root Server Instances in Fiji and Sri Lanka

Telecom Fiji Limited became the latest Internet service provider/telecommunications organization to host an ICANN-operated root server instance. Their node went live on 23 May, after the initial expression of interest in 2016.

In Sri Lanka, Dialog Axiata, the largest local mobile network operator, became the latest host for an ICANN-operated root server instance on 29 May.

We congratulate both Telecom Fiji and Dialog Axiata and thank the Domain Name System (DNS) Engineering team for the support in these installations.

Hong Kong Launches DNSSEC to Safeguard Against Cybercrime



Joyce Chen, Senior Manager, Global Stakeholder Engagement Strategy and Development (second from left), represents ICANN at HKIRC's DNSSEC launch on 28 May.

Technology crime has increased tenfold in the past decade, according to Hong Kong Police. Hong Kong, as an international financial hub, has seen increasing e-commerce businesses take off, so cybercrime is a major concern.

To mitigate this problem, the Hong Kong Internet Registration Corporation (HKIRC) recently launched DNSSEC. HKIRC also encouraged enterprises and service providers to adopt the new network security standard to ensure a safe and reliable e-commerce network infrastructure. Hong Kong currently has the highest DNSSEC validation in the APAC region.

Domain Name Industry in India Projected to Grow

ICANN participated in NamesCon, renamed CloudFest, in Mumbai, India, on 23 May, and highlighted the importance of Internationalized Domain Names (IDN) and Universal Acceptance (UA) in Asia and India. Case studies of IDN and UA developments in India, China, and Thailand were also presented, and generated great interest and discussion.

The event also highlighted India's domain name market's growth at 7.1 percent, much higher than the global market growth rate of 0.9 percent. Rapid digitization of India's broadband ecosystem, expansion of the start-up economy, and advent of local language computers will drive further growth.



Samiran Gupta, ICANN Head of India, highlights the importance of a multilingual Internet, its impact on India, and the challenges ahead. Photo credit: cloudfest.com

ThaiNOG Day and BKNIX Peering Forum 2018



Champika Wijayatunga, ICANN Security Stability and Resiliency Regional Manager, explains how DNSSEC works and talks about the upcoming KSK rollover.

ICANN was invited to participate in two events in Bangkok, Thailand, hosted by THNIC Foundation as part of its .th 30th anniversary celebrations.

The Thai Network Operators Group (ThaiNOG), held on 21 May, was attended by 60 participants from over 30 organizations, and focused on security topics. BKNIX Peering Forum 2018, held on 22-23 May, was attended by over 120 global and local participants, and focused on topics relating to Internet exchange points (IXPs) and Internet service providers (ISPs). The forum also featured a panel discussion on the strategy for Thailand to become a regional IX hub. We took advantage of these events to share the importance of DNS security and updated participants on the DNS Security Extensions (DNSSEC) root zone key signing key (KSK) rollover.

Workshop on DNS Management and DNSSEC Comes to Brunei

ICANN returned to Brunei on a special request from local country code top-level domain (ccTLD) operator Brunei Darussalam Network Information Center (BNNIC) to conduct DNSSEC training from 1-3 May. The participants were technical staff from local ISPs, network operators, and lecturers from the University of Technology Brunei. Besides DNS management and DNSSEC, we also introduced the KSK rollover. We look forward to their upcoming DNSSEC deployment.



ICANN NEWS

Get Ready for ICANN62

Panama City, Panama, 25-28 June 2018



Resources to Help Prepare for ICANN62

ICANN62 is just two weeks away. It's time to start planning your meeting experience. We're offering several resources to get you started.

- [ICANN62 website](#)
- [ICANN62 schedule](#)
- [Pre-ICANN62 Policy Report](#)
- [GNSO Policy Report: ICANN62 Edition](#)

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We look forward to seeing you in Panama City!

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Register for the Pre-ICANN62 Policy
Webinar, 12 June

Register for the Pre-ICANN62 GNSO
Webinar, 18 June

Join ICANN's Policy Development Support Team at one of the two Pre-ICANN62 Policy Webinar sessions:

Tuesday, 12 June
10:00 and 19:00 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC)

[Register here](#) by 11 June!

We invite you to submit your questions in advance through the registration form or by email to policyinfo@icann.org. To prepare for this webinar and for ICANN62, download and review the [Pre-ICANN62 Policy Report](#).

For details, see the [meeting announcement](#).

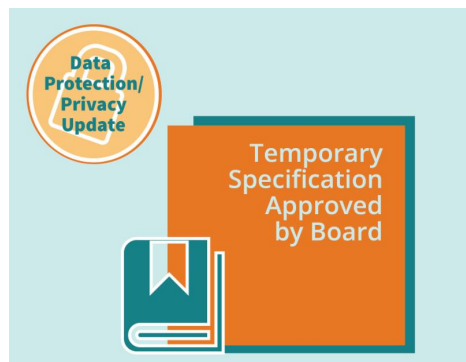
The Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Development Support Team is holding a Pre-ICANN62 GNSO Policy Webinar:

Monday, 18 June
21:00 - 22:30 UTC

[Register here](#)

This webinar aims to prepare ICANN62 participants for engaging in policy development activities. Leaders of major GNSO policy development process working groups will give in-depth reviews of their topics, current issues being discussed, and what to expect at ICANN62. To prepare for the webinar, review the [GNSO Policy Briefing: ICANN62 Edition](#).

For details, see the [meeting announcement](#).



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

On 17 May, the ICANN Board voted unanimously to adopt the [Temporary Specification for Generic Top-Level Domain \(gTLD\) Registration Data](#). Read the ICANN [announcement](#) and the latest [blog post](#) from Cherine Chalaby, Chair, ICANN Board.

Stay up to date with the latest ICANN organization [data protection and privacy news](#).

ICANN and PTI Publish U.S. Tax Returns for FY17

On 15 May, ICANN and Public Technical Identifiers (PTI) published their U.S. tax returns (Form 990) for the fiscal year ending 30 June 2017. This is the first time that the recently created PTI has been required to file Form 990. View [ICANN's tax return](#) and [PTI's tax return](#).

[Read the announcement.](#)

The Information Transparency Initiative (ITI): Making Improvements by Building Strong Foundations

David Conrad, Senior Vice President and Chief Technology Officer (CTO), ICANN

The ICANN org launched improvements to the [existing Acronyms and Terms feature](#) on <https://icann.org>. These changes are a part of ITI's commitment to increase the findability of our public content. Some of the enhancements include:

- Multilingual search via acronym, term, or Unicode character.
- Over 200 additional acronyms, definitions, and terms.
- Social and email sharing functionality.
- Links to related terms and relevant web content.

[Read the full blog.](#)



ICANN Adobe Connect Services Restored

Effective 1 June, ICANN Adobe Connect collaboration services were restored. This decision was made following extensive independent and joint forensics investigations by the ICANN organization, CoSo Cloud LLC (our Adobe Connect cloud service provider), and Adobe Systems Incorporated to determine the cause and subsequent resolution to the reported security issue.

Read the recent [blog post](#) by Ashwin Rangan, ICANN's Senior VP of Engineering and Chief Information Officer.



GETTING TO KNOW YOUR ICANN COMMUNITY

Jianne Soriano (Hong Kong)

Jianne Soriano is a NetMission Ambassador, a Youth Internet Governance Forum (IGF) organizer in Asia Pacific, and a member of the Asia Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum (APrIGF) Multistakeholder Steering Group. She is based in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. Her current focus is to empower and train young people in Hong Kong to be NetMission Ambassadors.



Soriano has been representing the youth community in Hong Kong in various Youth IGFs since 2013, starting at the age of 18. She also represents the voice of youth in APrIGF and actively encourages more young people to engage in policy discussions.

Soriano will graduate this year with a degree in international journalism from the Hong Kong Baptist University. She will be participating at the Asia Pacific Internet Governance Academy (APIGA) in Seoul, Republic of Korea, from 23-27 July 2018.



POLICY UPDATE

ICANN | GNSO

GNSO Council Update

The GNSO Council has approved the appointment of Brian Beckham as an additional co-chair for the Review of All Rights Protection Mechanisms in All gTLDs Policy Development

Process Working Group.

The GNSO Council adopted the revised charter of the GNSO Standing Selection Committee, marking its permanent establishment in the GNSO. Susan Kawaguchi and Maxim Alzoba were reconfirmed as chair and vice chair, respectively.

GAC Updates

The Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) chair welcomed the country of Ecuador as a committee member. The GAC now comprises 177 member countries and territories and 36 observer organizations.

ICANN | GAC

Recently, the GAC has conducted meetings and exchanged [correspondence](#) with the ICANN Board on many timely topics, including:

- Implementation of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) enacted by the European Union.
- ICANN consideration of the .persiangulf new generic top-level domain.
- Clarification of protections of intergovernmental organization names and acronyms at the second-level.

At ICANN62, the GAC will:

- Conclude its one-year capacity-building workshop pilot with a full-day workshop on Sunday, 24 June. For more information, contact gac-staff@icann.org.
- Focus considerable session time to GDPR implementation matters - meeting internally and exploring issues with the ICANN Board and the GNSO Council.
- Finalize arrangements for the High-Level Governmental Meeting scheduled for 22 October 2018 during ICANN63.

[View the GAC ICANN62 agenda.](#)



GDD UPDATE

Universal Acceptance Steering Group Announces First Ambassadors

In April, the Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG) appointed seven industry leaders as Universal Acceptance (UA) ambassadors. These ambassadors will help create awareness of Universal Acceptance and Email Address Internationalization among software developers, systems architects, and senior IT executives.

[Meet the ambassadors.](#)



ICANN Announces DENIC eG as a New ICANN-Designated Agent to Support Registrar Data Escrow Services

On 15 May, the ICANN organization entered into an agreement with DENIC eG, the German-based nonprofit operator of the country code top-level domain .de, as an ICANN-designated agent to support Registrar Data Escrow (RDE) services on its behalf. The RDE program is intended to protect registrants in the event of registrar failure or termination of a Registrar Accreditation Agreement.

[Read the full announcement.](#)



Final Proposed Draft of Internationalized Domain Name (IDN) Implementation Guidelines Released

On 10 May, the ICANN org released the [final proposed draft](#) of the *Guidelines for the Implementation of Internationalized Domain Names Version 4*. The document provides guidelines on IDN registration policies and practices designed to minimize the risk of cybersquatting and consumer confusion. This draft is currently pending ratification from the ICANN Board of Directors.



WHAT'S NEW IN REVIEWS

Calls to Action for Community Participation in ICANN Reviews

[Comment on Short-Term Options to Adjust the Timeline for Specific Reviews](#)



This **Public Comment proceeding** invites feedback on whether and how to adjust the timeline for two Specific Reviews to alleviate existing strains on volunteer and ICANN resources. Close date: 6 July 2018 at 23:59 UTC.

Comment on Long-Term Options to Adjust Review Timelines

The timing of Specific and Organizational Reviews mandated by the Bylaws has resulted in multiple reviews occurring at the same time. This **Public Comment proceeding** invites feedback on proposed options to provide more reasonable scheduling across ICANN reviews. Close date: 20 July 2018 at 23:59 UTC.

GNSO2 Implementation Semi-Annual Update

Track the progress of the implementation of recommendations from the second Review of the General Names Supporting Organization (GNSO2).



UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event	Location
18 - 20 June	SGNIC DNSSEC workshop	Singapore
25 - 28 June	ICANN62	Panama City, Panama
25 - 29 June	PacNOG22	Honiara, Solomon Islands
13 - 14 July	Taiwan IGF	Taipei, Taiwan
23 - 27 July	APIGA	Seoul, South Korea
13 - 16 August	APrIGF 2018	Port Villa, Vanuatu

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