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176
UNIQUE
REGISTRARS



850
TRAINED IN
KSK ROLLOVER



5
GENERATION
PANELS

SUPPORTS
MORE THAN

165
REGISTRY
OPERATORS



ICANN ASIA PACIFIC IN NUMBERS

29
STAFF
FROM 10
FUNCTIONS



19
L-ROOT
INSTANCES



1090
ATTENDED
TECHNICAL
WORKSHOPS

Celebrating Four Years of Supporting the Asia Pacific Region

The ICANN Asia Pacific (APAC) regional office is 4 years old!

To celebrate this anniversary, we published a report showcasing our community's growth in ICANN. You'll find statistics about the APAC community's participation in ICANN, and how the APAC regional office's work contributes to the security, stability and resiliency of the Internet's unique identifier system.

If you are participating in ICANN or have attended our technical capacity-development workshops, let us know on social media using the hashtags [#ICANN](#) and [#APACis4!](#) We would love to hear from you!

[Download the report now.](#)



APAC ACTIVITIES & HIGHLIGHTS

ICANN CTO David Conrad Meets with Community Members in Asia

David Conrad, ICANN's Chief Technology Officer, traveled to Asia for a two-week four-country tour - visiting China, India, Japan, and Singapore.

Conrad met with key stakeholders and the technical community. He shared ICANN's technical role in the domain name ecosystem - particularly the work of his office, **Office of the CTO (OCTO)** - and explored potential partnership opportunities in the technical sector.



Common themes discussed included Domain Name System (DNS) security, DNS Security Extensions (DNSSEC), and the work on increasing the security, stability, and resiliency of the Internet's unique identifier system. During the visit, Conrad raised the region's wider Internet community's awareness on the key signing key (KSK) rollover. Community members also requested updates about the Public Technical Identifiers (PTI) since the IANA (Internet Assigned Names Authority) stewardship transition.

Read ICANN's [press release](#) and regional coverage of Conrad's visit:

- [Financial Express \(English\)](#)
- [Xinhua Net \(Chinese\)](#)
- [INTERNETWatch \(Japanese\)](#)

Asia Pacific Internet Governance Academy (APIGA) 2017



Speakers and students participated in APIGA 2017, a 5-day academy for individuals from 18 to 35 years old. The 42 students participated in a 25-hour online learning course, role-play activities, and a mock ICANN conference. Read more about APIGA in our recent [blog](#).

Introductory Visit to Brunei Darussalam Network Information Centre Sdn Bhd (BNNIC)



Joyce Chen (third from left), ICANN Global Stakeholder Engagement Strategy and Development Senior Manager, with the officials from BNNIC and the Authority for Info-communications Technology Industry (AITI). The visit looked to pave the way to BNNIC's active participation in ICANN's Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) and future collaboration in capacity-development workshops.



ICANN NEWS

Register Now for ICANN60 28 October - 3 November 2017 Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

ICANN's 2017 Annual General Meeting is less than two months away - **register now!** The **ICANN60 block schedule** is posted now, and the full schedule will be available on 9 October. Before you make travel arrangements, check the **travel and visa requirements**.

Be sure to bookmark our **ICANN60 page** - we'll be updating it frequently.



Introducing the New Accountability Indicators

Have you ever wondered how many events ICANN participates in by region and how many people we engage with? Or what is the state of ICANN's financials? Or how much is being spent on travel and meetings? Now you can find all of these answers and more on the beta version of our new **Accountability Indicators page**. It's a place where you can keep track of progress made against ICANN's strategic and operating plans.

Read more...

ICANN 2017 Nominating Committee Announces Selections

The eight community members selected will take up their positions at the end of ICANN's Annual General Meeting, scheduled for 28 October - 3 November in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. We congratulate the following community member for his appointment to a leadership position:

- Kaili Kan - At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)

[Read the NomCom announcement.](#)

New on ICANN Learn - ccNSO Basics

A new course on ICANN Learn introduces you to the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO). You'll learn how the ccNSO came to be, its role in the ICANN ecosystem, its structure, and how to join. [Enroll now!](#)

Don't Miss the ICANN FY17 Q4 Update

To boost participation from the ICANN global community, we're changing the format of our quarterly updates. Learn about the new format [here](#).

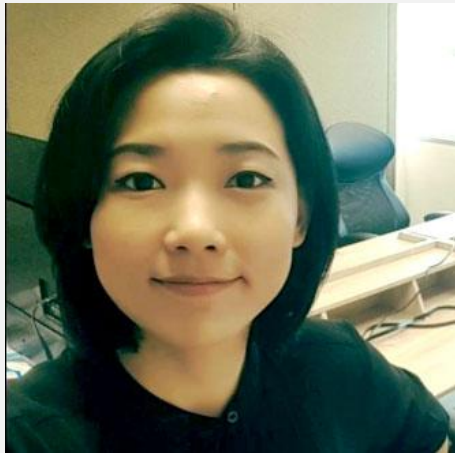
Click [here](#) to find out about the important events and milestones during FY17 Q4.



SPOTLIGHT

A Conversation with Pitinan Kooarmornpatana *Internationalized Domain Names (IDN) Programs Manager, ICANN*

Pitinan Kooarmornpatana recently joined ICANN and shared her thoughts about IDN developments in APAC in an interview with us.



What is the status of the various generation panels (GPs) in APAC?

The Khmer, Lao, and Thai script communities completed their proposals and integrated them into the second version of the Root Zone Label Generation Rules (RZ-LGR). The work is still pending for others, including the Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Neo-Brahmi, and Latin script communities.

We hope more volunteers from the APAC region, such as Vietnam and Pacific Islands, can contribute to the Latin script GP. More pressing are communities who have yet to form their GP, including Myanmar, Sinhala, Thaana, and Tibetan. We will work with them to help form their panels.

What do you think is hindering the progress of a multilingual Internet for APAC?

One possible impediment is a lack of awareness. It's important for different stakeholders, including policymakers, to understand the benefits and work required to enabling a multilingual Internet. I hope to use my experience as the Secretary of the Thai GP to help drive IDN adoption in APAC.

And beyond the work of the GPs, organizations must also adopt [Universal Acceptance \(UA\)](#). We need greater community participation in these areas to enable a truly multilingual Internet.



GETTING TO KNOW YOUR ICANN COMMUNITY

Benjz Gerard M. Sevilla NextGen@ICANN60 Participant

Benjz Gerard M. Sevilla is the Planning Officer at the Department of Information and Communications Technology of the Philippine Government.

In his role, Sevilla provides technical input on international masterplans, policy papers, and developmental frameworks on information and communications technology. He has worked on Internet Exchange Points and Internet Protocol version 6 (IPv6). Sevilla's involvement with I* organizations includes ICANN and the Internet Society (ISOC). He is VP of Administration of the ISOC Philippines Chapter and co-chair of the Philippine Network Operators Group.



Sevilla is active in the Internet governance (IG) arena, and has led IG efforts in the Philippines. He participates regularly at global and regional IG events. He was also a recent participant at APIGA 2017.

Sevilla is attending ICANN60 as a NextGen@ICANN60 participant. Be sure to say "hi" if you see him!



POLICY UPDATE

At-Large Community Responds to Review Recommendations

On 22 August 2017, the ALAC discussed and ratified the Feasibility Assessment and Implementation Plan in response to the **review recommendations** proposed by ITEMS International. The document was developed with input from the At-Large community. The next step is to submit the document to the ICANN Board Organization Effectiveness Committee.

At-Large Leadership Positions Announced

The At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) has posted the results of recent elections, selections, and appointments. [Read more here.](#)

Recent GAC Activities

- Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) members met with the ICANN Board to review the **GAC ICANN59 Johannesburg Communiqué**.
- The new GAC website "soft" launched at gac.icann.org. It offers improved usability and ease of finding content. We invite community members to explore the new website and give us feedback.

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ccNSO to Participate in New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP Working Group Work Track 5

The Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) will participate in the newly created Work Track 5 of the GNSO **New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process Working Group**. Annebeth Lange (.no) will serve as ccNSO-appointed co-leader of this effort.

GNSO Council Updates

- The Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO)

- The Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council nominated Norm Ritchie to replace Emily Taylor as a candidate for the Second Security, Stability, and Resiliency of the Domain Name System Review Team (SSR2-RT).
- The GNSO Council submitted the [GNSO Review of the GAC ICANN59 Johannesburg Communiqué](#) to the ICANN Board.
- The GNSO Council directed the Cross-Community Working Group on Internet Governance to explore a [new model for community collaboration](#).

Review of the Customer Standing Committee Charter

Starting in October 2017, the ccNSO and the Registry Stakeholder Group will review the **charter** of the **Customer Standing Committee (CSC)**. The review team will adopt a lightweight approach and will consult with the full CSC on potential areas for improvement. The goal is to submit a final report to the ccNSO and GNSO Councils in April 2018.



WHAT'S NEW IN REVIEWS



- Save the date! Observe the first face-to-face meeting of the Registration Directory Service Review Team (RDS-WHOIS2) in Brussels, Belgium, on 2-3 October 2017. Visit "Opportunities to Participate" on the [RDS-WHOIS2](#) wiki to learn how.
- The Competition, Consumer Trust, and Consumer Choice Review Team (CCT) is refining its draft recommendations, and plans to issue two new sections for public comment in September. Bookmark the [CCT wiki](#) for this important opportunity to participate.
- The Second Security, Stability, and Resiliency of the DNS Review Team (SSR2) will host open sessions at ICANN60 to update the community on its work. Visit "Opportunities to Participate" on the [SSR2](#) wiki for details.
- The Independent Examiner, Analysis Group, is seeking broad community input to measure community perception of the Nominating Committee (NomCom). Take the [online survey](#) to inform the NomCom Review.



GDD UPDATE

Six Scripts Integrated into the Second Version of Root Zone Label Generation Rules

The second version of Root Zone Label Generation Rules ([RZ-LGR-2](#)) is now available. It integrates six scripts - Arabic, Ethiopic, Georgian, Khmer, Lao, and Thai. The community-

developed RZ-LGR-2 provides a conservative and secure method to determine valid top-level Internationalized Domain Name (IDN) labels and their variant labels, if any. In accordance with the [Call for Generation Panels](#), five additional scripts - Hebrew, Myanmar, Sinhala, Tibetan, and Thaana - are being actively solicited.



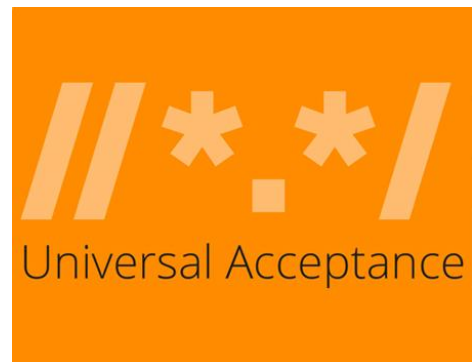
"Statistical Analysis of DNS Abuse in gTLDs" Report Available for Public Comment Until 19 September 2017

The [Competition, Consumer Trust, and Consumer Choice Review Team](#) (CCTRT) requested the study to measure rates of common forms of abusive activities in the Domain Name System (DNS) - such as spam, phishing, and malware distribution. The study compares rates of these activities between new and legacy generic top-level domains (gTLDs). It also employs inferential statistical analysis to measure the effects of DNS Security Extensions (DNSSEC), domain parking, and registration

restrictions on abuse rates. The analysis uses historical data from the first three full years of the New gTLD Program (2014-2016). [Learn more and submit your comments here.](#)

Universal Acceptance Issue? Report the Problem

The Universal Acceptance (UA) Steering Group (UASG) is a community initiative supported by the ICANN organization formed to educate and ensure that systems are UA-aware. UA-readiness means that Internet-enabled applications, devices, and system can successfully recognize all domain names, including IDNs and new gTLDs. If you find a webpage or application that is not UA-ready, [report it here](#). The UASG will pursue resolution options, and this information will help them to drive UA-readiness globally.



DELEGATED TLDs

No New gTLDs Were Delegated in August

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

ICANN will be participating in these upcoming events:

- 7-14 September | [Asia-Pacific Network Information Centre \(APNIC\) 44](#) | Taichung, Chinese Taipei

- 11-15 September | [National IT Conference \(NITC\) / South East Asian Regional Computer Confederation \(SEARCC\) Conference 2017](#) | Colombo, Sri Lanka
- 15 September | [Korea Internet Governance Forum \(IGF\)](#) | Seoul, Korea
- 19 September | [APAC Space Web Conference](#) | 03:00 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) / 11:00 Singapore Time (SGT)
- 3-4 October | [The India Conference on Cyber Security and Internet Governance \(CyFy 2017\)](#) | New Delhi, India

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