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TOP STORY

Register Now! Pre-ICANN61 Policy Open House, 1 March

Join ICANN's Policy Development Support Team at one of two Pre-ICANN61 Policy Open Houses:

Thursday, 1 March 2018
10:00 and 19:00 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC)
Register via this form by 26 February!

The format of each 60-minute session will be interactive. 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 ICANN61, download and review the "Pre-ICANN61 Policy Report" and "Generic Names Supporting Organization Policy Briefing: ICANN61 Edition," to be published by 26 February.

ICANN61 Countdown

Join us in San Juan, Puerto Rico, 10-15 March, for this year's Community Forum. Come network with other community members, discuss issues face-to-face, and be a part of the policymaking process. The **ICANN61 website** has up-to-date information on the schedule, travel, and accommodations.

Before booking your travel, please review the travel and visa requirements on the ICANN61 website.

Register now!

Governments in Pacific Learn About Internet Security

ICANN's Champika Wijayatunga (Security, Stability and Resiliency Regional Engagement Manager) with the participants at a DNS security and country code top-level domain management workshop in Suva, Fiji.

ICANN conducted a workshop on Domain Name System (DNS) security and best practices in country code top-level domain (ccTLD) management in Suva, Fiji, from 6-8 February to 18 government, regulatory and industry representatives from seven different Pacific Island countries.

For underserved regions such as the Pacific, managing ccTLD or cybersecurity threats can be challenging due to a lack of technical resources. Organized in collaboration with the Pacific ICT Regulatory Resource Center (PiRRC) and supported by the World Bank, the goal of the workshop was to bolster the DNS technical knowledge and operational best practices in the Pacific region.

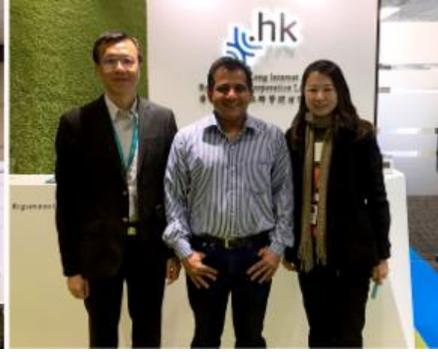## Domain Name Market Remains Strong

ICANN's Generic Top-Level Domain (gTLD) Marketplace Health Index was a topic of discussion at the 2018 China Domains Conference and China Internet Network Organization Center (CNNIC) Industry Partners Annual Meeting.

The consensus among participants was that the global domain name marketplace continues to show robust competition, while the demand for Internationalized Domain Name top-level domains in China will continue to grow.

ICANN's Howard Li, Registrar Services and Industry Relations Senior Manager for APAC, updates Chinese industry players on the health of the domain name market.

ICANN Offers Hands-On DNS Security Training in Hong Kong

Left: ICANN's Champika Wijayatunga with the participants at the DNSSEC workshop; Right: Leo Lam, CEO of Hong Kong Internet Registration Corporation Ltd (HKIRC), ICANN's Champika Wijayatunga, and Bonnie Chun, Deputy CEO of HKIRC.

As part of his recent trip to Hong Kong, ICANN's Champika Wijayatunga (Security, Stability and Resiliency Engagement Regional Manager) conducted a workshop in deploying DNS Security Extensions (DNSSEC) to 19 participants from various industries. Hong Kong can expect more training on DNSSEC deployment from ICANN in coming months.

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Public Comment Opens on Plan to Restart the Root Key Signing Key (KSK) Rollover

Click **here** to find out how you can participate.

FY19 Budget and Operating Plan Open for Public Comment

Focusing on ICANN's commitment to the multistakeholder model, ICANN's Draft FY19 Operating Plan and Budget and the current year's update to the Five-Year Operating Plan are provided for Public Comment. Voice your opinions and participate in discussions.

Learn about this and all open Public Comment proceedings.

Learn What's New with the Information Transparency Initiative

Read our latest blog about ICANN's Information Transparency Initiative (ITI), which officially kicked off in January. Learn about the content audit, taxonomy, next steps, and how you can provide feedback.
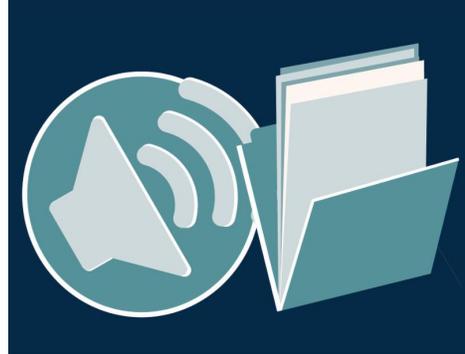

Data Protection/Privacy Update

On 2 February, the ICANN organization held a webinar to give an update on data protection and privacy activities and to discuss

proposed interim models. The feedback from the webinar will factor into an assessment of what may be a viable interim model moving forward.

Stay up to date:

- Access the **webinar recording and presentation materials**.
- Read regular updates about **data protection and privacy issues**.

IANA Functions in the Spotlight

Find out what's been happening with the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) functions post-transition. Read about our survey, new oversight mechanisms, and recent leadership changes.

Kim Davies, ICANN Vice President of IANA Services and President of Public Technical Identifiers, reflects on these topics and the focus for 2018. **Read his recent blog.**

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR ICANN COMMUNITY

Gazi Zehadul Kabir
Member of Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO)

Gazi Zehadul Kabir heads the System Integration Department at BDCOM Online Limited in Bangladesh. He has over 20 years of experience in designing and developing information and communications technology (ICT) infrastructure for large corporations.

In ICANN's Fellowship program, Kabir has been both a Fellow and a coach for new Fellows. A GNSO member, he serves in the Non-Commercial Users Constituency (NCUC) and Internet Service Providers and Connectivity Providers (ISPCP) Constituency. He also participates in ICANN working groups.

Kabir trains engineers in South Asia on the efficient implementation of Internet technologies. He holds several positions in regional organizations, including Chair of the South Asian Network Operators Group (SANOG), a founding member of the Bangladesh Computer Emergency Response Team (bdCERT), and a trustee of the Bangladesh Network Operators Group (BDNOG).

POLICY UPDATE

GNSO Council Plans for 2018

The Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council met in Los Angeles from 29-31 January to plan for the year. A priority for the year is to better understand the GNSO's role under the new bylaws and to develop plans for performing this role more efficiently, effectively, and collaboratively. Other goals are

documenting expectations, developing new strategies, and updating operating procedures.

Read more in GNSO Chair Heather Forrest's **recent blog**.

GNSO Seeks Survey Providers

Last month, ICANN launched a Request for Proposal (RFP) to seek qualified providers to develop and conduct survey(s) to assess Sunrise and Trademark Claims services for trademark owners. The deadline for submitting proposals is 9 March 2017. **Learn more.**

At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) Approves Five ALAC Statements

In January 2018, the ALAC approved **ALAC Statements** on these topics:

- Competition, Consumer Trust, and Consumer Choice Review Team
- ICANN's Office of Ombudsman
- ICANN Jurisdiction
- ICANN Staff Accountability
- Enhancing Accountability
- Recommendations for Diversity

At-Large Hosts First of 2018 Educational Webinars

Based on At-Large community suggestions for over 45 topics, At-Large is offering a series of webinars in 2018. The first webinar was held on 24 January and dealt with data protection and the GDPR. **Learn about future webinars.**

ccNSO Needs Volunteers to Prepare for Upcoming Review

The Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) needs members to volunteer for a working group that will do a self-assessment of the ccNSO. This effort is part of the preparation for the Organizational Review that will resume soon.

If you're interested in joining, email **joke.braeken@icann.org**.

WHAT'S NEW IN REVIEWS

New! Reviews Status Update Page

We've created a page that gives a high-level summary of the status of all active reviews, along with links to key resources for each of the Specific and Organizational Reviews. Click **here** to view the page.

GDD UPDATE

IANA Satisfaction Survey Posts Positive Results

ICANN recently published the results of an annual survey conducted by Ebiquity, an independent marketing and media consultancy firm, that measures the perception of satisfaction among customers of the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) functions regarding the services they receive. In its fifth year, this survey is the first completed since Public Technical Identifiers (PTI) started performing the IANA functions on behalf of ICANN. **Read the announcement** and **review the full report**.

New Consensus Policy Protects Certain Specific IGO and INGO Identifiers

ICANN announced that all ICANN contracted parties for generic top-level domains (gTLDs) must implement the new Consensus Policy concerning the protection of certain specific names of identifiers of intergovernmental organizations (IGO) and international nongovernmental organizations (INGO) in all gTLDs. **Read the full announcement.**

Ambassadors Needed to Promote Universal Acceptance

The Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG) is looking for industry leaders to help create awareness of Universal Acceptance (UA) and Email Address Internationalization (EAI) among software developers, systems architects, and senior IT executives. These UA ambassadors, to be selected by the UA Coordination Group, will hold their positions for one year.

The UASG is also seeking a software developer practitioner and technical marketing specialist. **Learn about open opportunities.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Countdown to APRICOT, APNIC 45 and APTLD 73

Join us in Kathmandu, Nepal, in February for these regional events! Hear the latest ICANN news, attend a DNSSEC workshop, and more:

- 19-28 February | **Asia Pacific Regional Internet Conference on Operational Technologies (APRICOT) 2018 / Asia-Pacific Network Information Centre (APNIC) 45** | Kathmandu, Nepal
- 22-23 February | **Asia Pacific Top Level Domain Association (APTLD 73)** | Kathmandu, Nepal
- 24-25 February | Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) Capacity-Development Workshop | Kathmandu, Nepal

Join Us at APAC Events at ICANN61

Attending ICANN61 in San Juan, Puerto Rico? Come and network with your fellow APAC community members at the APAC Space and APAC Social on Wednesday, 14 March. Check the **ICANN61 schedule** for details.

For other regional events near your, click **here**.

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