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TOP STORY

Another Milestone Towards the IANA Stewardship Transition
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On March 14, 2014, 818 days ago, the U.S. National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) asked ICANN to convene the global Internet community to develop proposals to transition the stewardship of the IANA functions to the multistakeholder community. It also called for enhancements to ICANN's accountability mechanisms.

Today, NTIA released a **comprehensive evaluation of the proposals**. I am very pleased with NTIA's finding that the community-developed proposals met its stringent criteria. It is an important recognition of the entire community and its tireless work to reach this important milestone.

We appreciate NTIA's efficient and thorough review of the transition proposals. In the meantime, ICANN staff and community members continue to plan and prepare for a timely and successful implementation of the proposals.

We thank everyone involved for their support and hard work to see the transition through to this point. There is still more work to come, but this moment should serve as a validation of your time and effort in this process. We are one step closer to seeing the transition many of us have been working towards for years, to ensure an open, interoperable Internet for years to come.
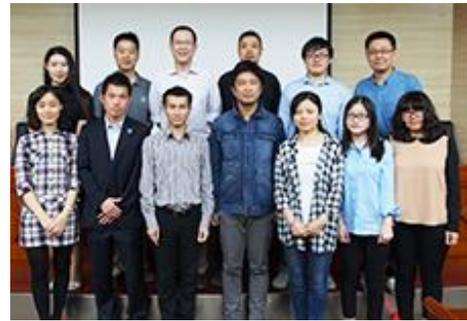
APAC ACTIVITIES & HIGHLIGHTS

ICANN Attends G7 ICT Multistakeholders' Conference

On 29 April 2016, Yumi Ohashi, ICANN Japan Liaison, attended the Group of Seven Information and Communications Technology (G7 ICT) Multistakeholders' Conference, held in Takamatsu, Kagawa, Japan in parallel with the Ministers' Meeting. At the conference, ICT experts from the private sector submitted a proposal to the G7 Ministers' Meeting. The proposal stressed the importance of the multistakeholder approach for ICT development. After two days of discussions of current and future ICT opportunities and challenges, the G7 ministers issued a **joint declaration** detailing a future roadmap and action plan. The declaration encouraged multistakeholder efforts as a means to promote access to ICT. On 27 May, the

leaders of the G7 ICT economies issued a declaration called **"G7 Principles and Actions on Cyber"** - underlining their commitment to uphold the multistakeholder approach for Internet governance.

Chinese Community Discusses Draft New ICANN Bylaws

Last month, the ICANN Beijing Engagement Center and the China Academy of Information and Communications Technology organized a community workshop in Beijing. The workshop provided an opportunity for the Chinese community to discuss and frame their feedback on the **Draft New ICANN Bylaws** before the public comment period closed. Nearly 30 Chinese participants from government agencies, the Domain Name System industry, research institutes and think tanks

Chinese Community Attendees at the Community Workshop

attended the workshop. Around 20 Chinese community members had volunteered to **translate the document** (over 120,000 words!) for the wider Chinese community.

Applying the Multistakeholder Model to Smart Cities

Samiran Gupta at the 2nd Smart Cities India 2016

Samiran Gupta, ICANN's Head of India, was a keynote speaker and panel moderator for "The Role of the Internet in Futuristic Cities" at the 2nd Smart Cities India 2016. Gupta explained ICANN's core activities and how the multistakeholder consultation process can help in developing applications for smart cities. Smart Cities is an initiative of the Government of India, aiming to drive economic growth and improve quality of life for its citizens. The strategy of Smart Cities is to harness technology to deliver smart outcomes.

Registrar Outreach in Vietnam and Thailand

In late April and early May, Howard Li, ICANN's Senior Manager for Registrar Services and Outreach for Asia Pacific, traveled to Thailand and Vietnam. He visited a total of five accredited registrars, one in Thailand and four in Vietnam. The face-to-face outreach was a success, with Li updating the registrars on ICANN policies and answering questions about ICANN's accreditation requirements. He also shared with the registrars the experiences and best practices from developed markets in the industry. The registrars welcomed the sessions, and both parties reaffirmed relations.

Howard Li with Registrars from DotArai Co. Ltd.

ICANN Participates in ICT Pacific Days 2016

Savé Vocea and Staff from Vanuatu's Telecommunications & Radiocommunications Regulator

Savé Vocea, ICANN's VP of Global Stakeholder Engagement for Australasia, recently participated in the annual ICT Pacific Days 2016, held in Vanuatu from 17-18 May 2016. Vocea spoke at two sessions: "Internet Protocol and Domain Names - Why It Matters

to Entrepreneurship?" and "ICTs of the Future - A Tech Society." He introduced potential entrepreneurs to ICANN, new gTLDs and how to become an accredited registrar. Vocea also met with stakeholders, including registry operator Telecom Vanuatu Limited and Vanuatu's Telecommunications & Radiocommunications Regulator, to discuss management of the country code TLD .vu.

ICANN Attends 29th Session of the UN Group of Experts on Geographic Names

The 29th Session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (UNGEGN) was held recently in Bangkok, Thailand. Two ICANN staff members - Patrick Jones, Senior Director of Global Stakeholder Engagement, and Joyce Chen, Senior Manager for Global Stakeholder Engagement Strategy and Development - attended the event. Jones delivered a well-received keynote address titled "Innovation and Naming," focusing on internationalized domain names (IDNs) and new generic top-level domains (gTLDs) that use geographic names. He also attended the working group on Country Names. ICANN has participated in the UNGEGN sessions since 2011.

ICANN at the 29th SEssion of the UNGEGN

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Read About Göran Marby's Introduction to ICANN

The First Week

As I begin my role with ICANN, I wanted to provide you with a quick update on my early days. With a packed schedule, I've been focused on learning as much as possible, and on meeting many members of the ICANN community.

I kicked off with my first **Board workshop**, in Amsterdam. I spent time with my senior team and the Board, and was able to dig into some of the big issues ICANNis tackling. After the Board Workshop, I attended the first day of the **GDD Summit**. It was a great opportunity to meet many of the contracted parties that are members of the ICANN community, and I appreciated learning more about issues affecting registries and registrars, as well as the lively discussions on subsequent procedures of generic top-level domains.
Read more...

What You Need to Know About ICANN56 and the New Meeting Strategy

ICANN56 Helsinki will be the first public policy forum in ICANN's **new meeting strategy**. Designated a Meeting B, the four-day event will concentrate on policy work and outreach. Under the new format, the Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees drive the program, focusing solely on topics that contribute to policy development and cross-community dialogue. Because of the community-driven agenda and the short meeting duration, ICANN56 will not include certain events associated with the longer meetings - welcome ceremony, public forums, public board meeting and sponsor exhibition area.

The community-led Meeting Strategy Working Group crafted the new strategy to better meet the needs of ICANN constituents. ICANN's Board of Directors approved the proposal at ICANN53 Buenos Aires. ICANN55 Marrakech - the first meeting of 2016 - marked the kickoff of the new meeting strategy.

Register Now for ICANN56 in Helsinki!

ICANN56 starts just 11 days from now. If you don't need a **visa for travel to Finland**, it's not too late to sign up. Take a look at the **agenda**- and if you haven't already done so, **register for ICANN56**.

Download the **ICANN56 mobile app**!

ICANN56 mobile app helps you prepare for and personalize your ICANN Public Meeting experience - with your own schedule, interactive venue maps, meeting alerts and more. You can also engage with fellow participants and give instant feedback on sessions you attend.

POLICY UPDATE

Two GNSO Working Groups Approve Work Plans

On 13 May, the Rights Protection Mechanisms Working Group of the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) approved its **work plan**. Phil Corwin, J. Scott Evans and Kathy Kleiman, Co-Chairs, project the work to last for around 24 months. The working group has already attracted 133 participating members and 88 observers. To volunteer, **email the GNSO Secretariat**.

The Next Generation Registration Directory Services Working Group also approved its **work plan** on 13 May, and started to establish requirements.

Both topics will be discussed at cross-community sessions at ICANN56.

At-Large Review Begins

Following the appointment of **ITEMS International** as the independent examiner, the organizational review of the At-Large Community has officially started. This review has four purposes:

- Assess the effectiveness of the improvements resulting from the last review in 2008
- Evaluate the organizational effectiveness of the various components of the At-Large Community
- Acknowledge areas that are working well in the At-Large Community, with a focus on the Regional At-Large Organizations and At-Large Structures
- Identify areas that need improvement and propose needed changes

ITEMS will collect both quantitative and qualitative data through various work methods, such as a global online survey and community interviews. Follow the **review's progress**.

GAC Hosts Webinars on DNS Fundamentals

In cooperation with the Government Advisory Committee (GAC) Working Groups on Underserved Regions and Public Safety, ICANN staff recently held webinars on the fundamentals of the Domain Name System (DNS) for interested GAC representatives. Presenters from the ICANN Security, Stability and Resiliency team covered a range of topics - basics of name resolution and registration in the DNS, insights into privacy and proxy services, and WHOIS accuracy and abuse aspects. Participants asked about the impact of DNS Security Extensions (DNSSEC) deployment on the security of the DNS and the structure of the DNS marketplace, including capacity-building efforts to develop national DNS industries. Given the positive feedback and expressed interest in other topics, ICANN staff members plan to arrange future webinars. Access the **presentation materials and recordings**.

ccNSO Prepares for IANA Stewardship Transition Implementation

The Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) is preparing to implement specific aspects of the CCWG-Accountability* and CWG-Stewardship** proposals that apply to it and the country code top-level domain (ccTLD) community, including new post-transition bodies. Currently the ccNSO Guideline Review Committee (GRC) is developing the procedures and processes to select and appoint the ccNSO representatives to the Customer Standing Committee. The GRC expects to present final guidelines at ICANN56. View the **ccNSO Members Day agenda** for ICANN56.

* Cross Community Working Group on Enhancing ICANN Accountability
** Cross Community Working Group to Develop an IANA Stewardship Transition Proposal

GNSO Community Leaders Preview ICANN56

James Bladel, GNSO Council Chair, and Donna Austin, GNSO Council Vice Chair, previewed ICANN56 in a recent interview. ICANN56 will follow the new Meeting B format, featuring sessions on current policy development work and cross-community dialogue. Jeff Neuman, New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process Working Group chair, also provided an overview of what that working group will be focusing on in Helsinki. **Watch the interviews.**

At-Large Contributes to Internet Governance Activities

Members of the At-Large Community have been actively promoting the public understanding of ICANN and the role of the

At-Large Community in Internet governance. During the **Africa Internet Summit** in Gaborone, Botswana, Alan Greenberg, At-Large Advisory Committee Chair, and Tijani Ben Jemaa and Seun Ojedeji, At-Large Advisory Committee members from Africa, participated in the ICANN Day sessions, civil society panel and Africa strategy session. As the institutional partner of the European Dialogue on Internet Governance (**EuroDIG**), the European Regional At-Large Organization (EURALO) played a key role in organizing various panels, workshops and events.

At the World Summit on the Information Society Forum (**WSIS Forum**), Olivier Crépin-Leblond, EURALO Chair, spoke about the contribution of At-Large to the IANA Stewardship Transition process. He also presented At-Large's role in enhancing participation by underrepresented communities in global Internet governance. Read more **news of the At-Large Community**.

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR ICANN COMMUNITY

Sopheap Seng, Ph.D.
President, NIPTICT, Cambodia

Sopheap Seng has worked as a researcher and lecturer in computer science since 2002. He is the founding President of the National Institute of Posts, Telecommunications and Information Communication Technology (NIPTICT), a Cambodian national R&D center.

Seng is actively involved in ICANN's Internationalized Domain Name (IDN) Program and chairs the Khmer Generation Panel. Seng worked with Rapid Sun, the coordinator of the Khmer Generation Panel, and the Khmer script community to develop the **Proposal for Khmer Script Root Zone Label Generation Rules**. The proposal is complete, and **public comment** for the proposal is now closed. The Integration Panel will now evaluate the final proposal and if successful, it will be integrated into a subsequent version of the Root Zone Label Generation Rules. Khmer is the third Generation Panel to finalize its work.

As a member of the policy-making team at the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications in Cambodia, Seng contributed to the development of the **Cambodia ICT Master Plan 2020** and the ICT and Telecom Policy. These policies hope to provide more Cambodians with access to technology and the Internet.

Seng will be sharing his experiences and work at an **IDN workshop** at the upcoming **Asia Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum** (27-29 July) in Taiwan.

IANA STEWARDSHIP NEWS

Update on the IANA Stewardship Transition

ICANN staff and community members are focused on a handful of projects related to the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) Stewardship Transition, including implementation planning, and education and awareness building for stakeholders globally.

Implementation Planning

ICANN staff and community members are collaborating to ensure alignment on transition implementation planning. Resources from all meetings and calls are **posted publicly**. In addition, ICANN has continued its series of in-depth updates on implementation planning.

ICANN Board Issues Resolutions
On 27 May, the ICANN Board issued resolutions in preparation for the transition implementation:

- **Adoption** of the new ICANN Bylaws, which reflect changes made as a result of the IANA Stewardship Transition proposals
- **Approval** to sign the 2016 Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) Supplemental Agreement between ICANN and the IETF for the performance of the IANA function related to protocol parameters
- **Approval** to sign the Regional Internet Registry (RIR) Service Level Agreement (SLA) between ICANN and the Number Resource Organization for performance of the IANA function related to numbering resources

Both the IETF MoU Supplemental Agreement and the RIR SLA will become effective upon completion of the transition.

Open Public Comment Period

- ICANN's **Draft Restated Articles of Incorporation** (27 May to 6 July 2016)

Education and Awareness Building

Global Education Continues
To build awareness of the transition, ICANN staff, community and Board members are participating in stakeholder events around the world. In addition to giving details and context for the community's proposals, they answer questions and give updates on the status of the implementation planning and the U.S. Government's review process. **Find events in your region.**

U.S. Senate Committee Holds Hearing on the Transition
On 24 May, the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation **held a hearing** to examine the transition. Members of the community answered questions and discussed consequences associated with delaying or postponing the transition. During this hearing, letters of support from **industry** and **civil society groups** within the community were entered into the hearing record.
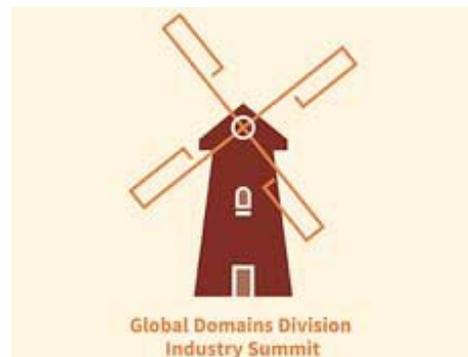
🔔 **GDD UPDATE**

New gTLD Program Reaches 1,000th Delegation

More than 1,000 new generic top-level domains (gTLDs) have now been introduced to the Internet under the New gTLD Program. This significant expansion of the domain name system allows greater diversity in how people and businesses can represent themselves online. It also enables communities, cities and brands to more closely align their digital and real-world identities.

Read more about how the New gTLD Program is contributing to choice, competition and innovation in the domain name space.

GDD Industry Summit: Catch Up on Sessions You Missed

Registries, registrars and other contracted parties gathered recently in Amsterdam for ICANN's second Global Domains Division (GDD) Industry Summit. The event provided an opportunity for participants to focus on industry-specific topics, rather than general Internet policy. More than 420 attendees from around the world shared best practices, exchanged ideas and addressed issues of common importance with industry peers, ICANN staff and board members. Weren't able to attend? Listen to the **session recordings**.

Changing the Keys to the Domain Name System Root Zone

ICANN, Verisign and the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) are preparing to roll, or change, the root zone key signing key (KSK). Rolling the KSK means generating a new cryptographic public and private key pair and distributing the new public component to parties who operate validating resolvers.

A new resource page serves as home to all information related to the KSK rollover, including regular progress updates. **Learn more** about this security best practice and how it may affect you.

☑ DELEGATED TLDs

Thirty new gTLDs were delegated in May 2016

Here are some of them:

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□□□□, "PCCW", /dianxun yingke/	hkt
guardian	□□, "Kerry", /jia li/
dot	blog
netflix	next

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📅 UPCOMING EVENTS

APAC Space Web Conference | 16 June 2016

The bimonthly APAC Space web conference will be held for the second time on 16 June 2016 at 03:00 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) / 11:00 Singapore Time (SGT). The hour-long session will primarily be a discussion of the policy development process for subsequent procedures for new gTLDs. **Read more** about the web conference and learn how to join. For more information about the upcoming APAC Space web conference, email **apachub@icann.org**. We hope to see you there!

2016 APrIGF | 27-29 July 2016

The 2016 Asia Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum (**2016 APrIGF**) will be held in Taipei from 27-29 July. APrIGF serves as a key platform in the Asia Pacific region for discussion, exchange and collaboration on Internet governance. Join us at these ICANN workshops:

"Overcoming Challenges in APAC Outreach and Participation in the New Internet Era"

The workshop will feature speakers from Facebook, Google, Beijing Normal University, the Internet Society Asia-Pacific Bureau and ICANN. The agenda for the workshop is to identify and discuss the unique challenges faced by the Asia Pacific community in using online tools and platforms to engage and participate in Internet governance.

"Internationalized Domain Names and Implications for the Next Billion"
Join government and technical experts from places such as Cambodia and Thailand. This session will focus on aspects of the creation of Label Generation Rulesets for the community in Southeast Asia.

On 26 July, ICANN will support a pre-event **full-day capacity-building session** to introduce newcomers to the basics of Internet governance and critical Internet resources.

Register for APrIGF here.

Asia Pacific Internet Governance Academy 2016 | 8-12 August 2016

The inaugural **Asia Pacific Internet Governance Academy** will be held from 8-12 August in Seoul, Korea, at Yonsei University. The academy is a capacity-building program for Internet governance mostly targeted at, but not limited to, tertiary students from South Korea and Asia Pacific. The event is jointly hosted by Korea Internet & Security Agency and ICANN, in collaboration with other regional partners.

Featuring speakers from local, regional and global organizations, participants will discuss topics such as Internet governance, the multistakeholder model and the future of the Internet. The workshop will end with a mock ICANN conference.

We encourage tertiary students (between 18-35 years old) from South Korea and Asia Pacific who are interested in how the Internet works to attend. Fellowships will be awarded to all successful participants traveling from outside Korea.

Register before 1 July!