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President's Corner: Closing Out 2016

It's been a big year - for ICANN - and for me, personally. I've traveled around the world, meeting and working together with many of you. It has been a pleasure, and I want to thank all of you for your hard work this year.

This year, the ICANN community came together, trusting each other, to create the final proposals and complete the IANA stewardship transition, after many years of compromise and collaboration. The success of this effort is a real testament to the strength of the multistakeholder model in tackling issues like this.

The result of these efforts is that ICANN is truly rooted in accountability. The entire ICANN ecosystem is more accountable to each other and to you. Thank you for that.

As we look ahead at what the next year will bring, my focus, as CEO of the ICANN organization, is on doing what we do even better, under the new mission and bylaws, and supporting our strategic objectives.

Thank you for your patience and support over the course of the past year. I'm looking forward to 2017 - to

meeting more of you and to continue working together. Happy holidays to you and your family. I wish you all the best in the New Year.

Regards,
Göran Marby
ICANN President and CEO

APAC ACTIVITIES & HIGHLIGHTS

ICANN Engages the Pacific Islands Technical Community

ICANN's Savé Vocea with the delegates at PacNOG 19. A biannual technical capacity-building event for the Pacific Islands technical community, the event consists of a one-day conference and four-day hands-on technical workshop. Participants included representatives from Internet service providers and network operators.

ICANN's Savé Vocea, VP of Global Stakeholder Engagement for Australasia/Pacific Islands, attended the Pacific Network Operators Group (**PacNOG 19**) in Nadi, Fiji, held from 28 November - 2 December 2016. Presenting to over 60 delegates from 9 economies in the Pacific Islands region, Vocea reiterated the need to support Universal Acceptance (**UA**), with recommendations for readiness from the ICANN UA Steering Group. He also spoke about the rollover of the root zone key signing key (**KSK rollover**) in 2017 to the delegates who represented networks with domain name system security extensions (DNSSEC) validations.

In addition, John Chand, an ICANN Fellowship recipient, used PacNOG 19 as an opportunity to share his experiences participating in Internet governance forums such as ICANN Public Meetings. Chand's talk generated interest among the delegates to apply for fellowship programs.

ICANN and Japanese Registrars Reaffirm Relations

ICANN's Howard Li updates the Japanese registrars on the new ICANN Transfer Policy. In order: Japan Registry Services Co., Ltd. (top left), First Server (top right), Interlink (bottom left) and GMO Internet, Inc. (bottom right)

ICANN's Howard Li (Registrar Services and Industry Relations Senior Manager, APAC) was in Japan from 23-30 November 2016 to meet with representatives from Japanese registrars. Li met with 10 registrars in Tokyo, Osaka and Yokohama, 4 more registrars compared to last year.

The meetings focused primarily on the new **ICANN Transfer Policy**. The registrars welcomed the face-to-face meetings as an opportunity to clarify issues directly with ICANN. The meetings were a success, and the registrars encouraged ICANN to conduct similar meetings in the future.

Chinese Community Encourages Fellow Community Members to Participate in ICANN

Chinese community members at the ICANN57 readout session in Beijing, China on 23 November 2016. Readout sessions are organized by community members for fellow community members who were unable to attend the ICANN meeting in person.

Over 50 Chinese community members (including representatives from the government, technical community, contracted parties, academia and At-Large) attended the ICANN57 readout session in Beijing, China. In addition to receiving updates on ICANN57, participants engaged in an active discussion on China's participation in ICANN.

A community member who attended the recent Internet Engineering Task Force (**IETF 97**) meeting in Seoul, Korea, shared about the deployment of Email Address Internationalization (EAI) and the development of new domain name system standards.

Forty Chinese community members attended ICANN57, the largest representation for an overseas ICANN Public Meeting to date. We look forward to continued support and participation from this vibrant community.

☀ SPOTLIGHT

Internet users change their system passwords regularly to protect against compromises by attackers. Similarly, to make the DNS more secure, stable and reliable, one maintenance task is the rollover of the root zone key signing key (KSK rollover), which acts as a "trust anchor" for all of the Internet's Domain Name System Security Extensions (DNSSEC) queries. Here are some photos of ICANN and our community at events covering the KSK rollover!

Japanese Technical Community Learns About KSK Rollover

*Yoshiro Yoneya of Japan Registry Services (JPRS) (second from right) explains how to prepare for the KSK rollover to about 160 engineers at Domain Name System (DNS) Day. This session was part of **Internet Week 2016**, held 29 November - 2 December 2016 in Tokyo, Japan. During the session, the Japanese technical community shared updates about DNS Security Extensions (DNSSEC) and root DNS. Yumi Ohashi (ICANN Japan Liaison) attended the event.*

ICANN in Action at Bhutan Network Operators Group

*ICANN's Champika Wijayatunga (Security, Stability and Resiliency Engagement Regional Manager) at the Bhutan Network Operators Group (**BTNOG 3**), held 14 - 18 November 2016 in Thimphu, Bhutan. He spoke about Network and Systems Security to 26 participants at the four-day workshop. He also presented the root zone key signing key rollover (KSK Rollover) and demonstrated some DNS Abuse Handling Tools on the last day of BTNOG 3.*

🔔 ICANN NEWS

Read the Post-ICANN57 Reports

ICANN57 Hyderabad was the largest ICANN Public Meeting in our history, with 3,182 checked-in participants. A total of 205 sessions were dedicated to community policy and advice development. As part of ICANN's commitment to transparency, we publish reports after every ICANN Public Meeting. The data in these reports will help ICANN improve future meetings. The post-conference reports are now available in English, and will soon be posted in Arabic, Chinese, French, Japanese, Korean, Russian, Spanish and Turkish.
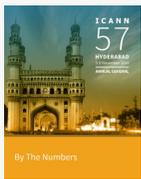
Post-ICANN57 Policy Report

The **Post-ICANN57 Policy Report** captures updates from our Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees. Our community develops and refines policies that ensure the security, stability, and resiliency of the global Internet, and the ICANN organization is proud to facilitate this work.

ICANN57 Community Feedback

The **ICANN57 Community Feedback** report gives results of the surveys that asked you to rate the new Annual General Meeting format and the ICANN57 event (sessions, venue, networking opportunities). You can also read constructive feedback from attendees in their own words.

ICANN57 By The Numbers

The **ICANN57 By The Numbers** uses easy-to-read graphics and charts to present data on a range of topics, including: attendees, most popular sessions, remote participation, use of the mobile app and website, and the technical infrastructure of the meeting.

Register Today for ICANN58 in Copenhagen

Registration is open for ICANN58, which will be held from 11-16 March 2017, in Copenhagen, Denmark. Join us for an opportunity to network with your peers in the community, engage in face-to-face discussions, ask questions and help develop and implement Internet policies. **Register now.**

CCWG-Accountability Co-Chairs Issue Statement at ICANN57 Hyderabad

On Wednesday, 2 November, the Cross Community Working Group on Enhancing ICANN Accountability (CCWG-Accountability) held a **meeting** to discuss Work Stream 2. The purpose of Work Stream 2 is to disseminate the new accountability principles into several key parts of ICANN's day-to-day operations, and to develop a culture of accountability across the ICANN community, organization and Board.

Sixty members and participants attended in person, and many others joined the meeting remotely using the virtual meeting room. **Read the full statement.**

ICANN Participates in IGF in Mexico

The 11th Internet Governance Forum (**IGF 2016**) was held just outside Guadalajara, Mexico, from 6-9 December. This year marked the third time, and second consecutive year, that the setting for the IGF was in the Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) region. Board Chair Stephen Crocker and President and CEO Göran Marby were among many ICANN participants.

The ICANN organization and community organized diverse activities, all well attended. We started the week with ICANN's Town Hall Meeting called "**ICANN - Reflections on the evolution of the multistakeholder model in the context of the IANA Stewardship Transition**." At the session, Göran Marby looked back on what made the transition successful. "Many people from so many countries came together for the IANA stewardship transition - it's proof the multistakeholder model works."

At Monday's High-Level Meeting, Stephen Crocker stressed that openness is vital to foster innovation and creativity. Marby, speaking at Tuesday's Opening Session, stated that ICANN "will continue to support the IGF at all levels, regionally and nationally."

Göran Marby, ICANN President and CEO, speaks at the ICANN Open Forum at IGF 2016: "The Internet is our shared responsibility - that's why it's so important for you to participate in ICANN."

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR ICANN COMMUNITY

Guo Feng
Governmental Advisory Committee Representative for China

Guo Feng is the Representative for China in the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC), and was elected as the GAC's Vice Chair at the recent ICANN57 in Hyderabad. He will start performing the Vice Chair duties after ICANN58 in Copenhagen.

Guo has been participating in ICANN's work since 2010. He was involved in the Accountability and Transparency Reviews (ATRT) in 2010 and 2013, and has served as the Representative for China in the GAC since 2014. During this time, he facilitated the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the China Academy of Information and Communications Technology (CAICT) and ICANN to enhance ICANN's engagement and cooperation with the Chinese community.

An active community participant, Guo also organizes ICANN readout sessions and workshops for the Chinese community. He hopes to encourage more Chinese community members to participate in ICANN's work.

Guo is currently an employee of CAICT.

POLICY UPDATE

ccNSO Councilor Elections

At ICANN57, the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) Council adopted the **Election Report for the General Council Elections** and the **Election Report for the Special Council Elections 2017 for the African Region**. The following candidates were elected or re-elected as Councilors.

Regular Council Elections
These Councilors will begin their terms at the end of the ccNSO Council meeting at ICANN58:

- Souleymane Oumtanaga (.ci), Africa
- Hirofumi Hotta (.jp), Asia-Pacific
- Nigel Roberts (.jj and .ge), Europe
- Alejandra Reynoso (.gt), Latin America/Caribbean

- Stephen Deerhake (.as), North America

Special Council Election (term ends March 2018)
This Councilor began his term at the end of the ccNSO Council meeting at ICANN57:

- Abdalla Omari (.ke), Africa

Becky Burr stepped down from the ccNSO Council on 7 November 2016. To fill this vacancy on the Council, the ccNSO members in the North American region will **elect a candidate**. The new Councilor will begin service immediately, serving through the end of the term in March 2019.

The ccNSO Council also nominated Chris Disspain to be designated by the Empowered Community Administrative Committee to fill ICANN Board of Directors Seat 11 for a term of three years, which starts at the end of the Annual General Meeting in 2017.

Update on the ccNSO Guidelines Review Committee

The purpose of the Guidelines Review Committee (GRC) is to review existing guidelines and to ascertain whether they reflect current practices and working methods, identify potential gaps, and based on this analysis, propose changes to the ccNSO Council. During its latest **meeting at ICANN57**, the ccNSO Council adopted the guideline **ccNSO Nominations to Specific Review Teams**, as proposed by the ccNSO GRC. You can find documents, meeting recordings and additional information on the **GRC workspace**.

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ccNSO Adopts Charter for CCWG on New gTLD Auction Proceeds

The ccNSO Council adopted the **charter of the Cross-Community Working Group (CCWG) on New gTLD Auction Proceeds** and will participate as one of the chartering organizations. A **call for volunteers** to fill the slate of between two and five ccNSO-appointed members was also launched. This call for volunteers is not limited to the country code top-level domain (ccTLD) community. It also targets representatives of organizations closely related to ccTLD managers, which have experience in the areas to be considered by the CCWG on New gTLD Auction Proceeds.

🔔 **GDD UPDATE**

ICANN Kicks Off Open Data Initiative Pilot

ICANN has launched a pilot project for an initiative that will bring selected ICANN-generated data sets into the open. Various activities produce data related to ICANN's mission of coordinating the Internet's system of unique identifiers, including Domain Name System operations, domain name registration activities, performance monitoring and many other topics. The Open Data Initiative will make data available through web pages and programming APIs for the purposes of external party review and analysis. **Read more…**

Universal Acceptance: Enabling a Multilingual Internet

The world of domain names has changed dramatically - they are now available in many non-Latin scripts, including Hindi, Russian and Greek. Why is it important to make sure every browser, application and system can support and display all domain names correctly? Members of the Universal Acceptance Steering

Group (UASG) share their views in a new video. **Click here to watch.**

Rolling the Root Zone Key Signing Key

ICANN's Brad White sits down with David Conrad, CTO, at ICANN57 to chat about the key signing key rollover.

ICANN is changing the "master key" of the Domain Name System. The root zone key signing key consists of a private key and a public key. The private component is securely stored by ICANN, but the public component is widely distributed and configured in a great number of devices, possibly numbering in the millions. In this short video David Conrad, ICANN CTO, talks about why the key is changing, what to expect throughout the rollover process and who needs to take action. **Click here to watch.**

DELEGATED TLDs

Eleven New gTLDs Were Delegated in November

aol	free
ril	rmit
food	box
moto	reliance
cruise	jio
boston	

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Join us at these upcoming events in the APAC region:

- **ICANN57 Readout** | 19 January 2017 | Tokyo, Japan
- **Asia Pacific Regional Internet Conference on Operational Technologies (APRICOT) 2017** | 20 February - 2 March 2017 | Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
- **ICANN58** | 11-16 March 2017 | Copenhagen, Denmark

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