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## TOP STORY



### Register Now for ICANN65!

ICANN65 is coming up 24-27 June 2019. The four-day Policy Forum will bring the global Internet community together to focus on policy development. This will be the twelfth ICANN Public Meeting held in Africa, and the third in Marrakech, Morocco. More details, including registration and travel information, can be found [here](#).



## APAC ACTIVITIES & HIGHLIGHTS



ICANN Board and org staff participating at the first ICANN APAC-TWNIC Engagement Forum in Taipei, Taiwan.

### Igniting Community Interest in the Internet Ecosystem

Interest in the Internet ecosystem among the Taiwanese community has grown and developed substantially in recent years. Against this backdrop, ICANN APAC team joined with Taiwan Network Information Center (TWNIC) to hold the first ICANN APAC-TWNIC Engagement Forum from 16-17 April 2019 in Taipei.

More than 200 local and regional stakeholders attended each day to discuss topics such as the latest Internet policies, the evolving multistakeholder model, domain name policies and cybersecurity.

A press lunch was also held, allowing local media to ask questions on Internet Protocol version 6 (IPv6), Domain Name System Security Extensions (DNSSEC), fragmentation of the Internet, and the multistakeholder model.

View photos of the event [here](#).

### Inspiring the Chinese Community to Contribute Towards a Multilingual Internet

Chinese Internationalized Domain Names (IDN) registry operators will allocate more resources to help advance Universal Acceptance (UA), the foundation of a fully multilingual Internet, where Internet users around the world can navigate entirely in local languages. The operators are also planning greater participation in relevant policy development working groups.

This was the outcome drawn from the third IDN Innovative Application Forum that took place in Beijing on 18 April 2019. Themed "Show Your Chinese Domain Names", it attracted more than 200 attendees from registries and registrars, as well as organizations that registered and use Chinese domain names.

IDN and UA are one of ICANN's strategic priorities. At the event, ICANN presented the latest IDN and UA updates, including variant top-level domains, script-based label generation rules, IDN Guideline 4.0, and the acceptance of IDNs in various applications.



Sarmad Hussain, IDN Programs Director, sharing updates on IDNs and UA at the Third IDN Innovative Application Forum in Beijing, China.

### Join the Next APAC Space in June

The next APAC Space web conference will be held in June prior to ICANN65 Policy Forum to continue discussion on the public comment topic: **Evolving ICANN's Multistakeholder Model of Governance**. Bookmark this [page](#) for future updates.



## ICANN NEWS

### DNS in Spotlight at Industry Events in Thailand

Attendees from across the world gathered at the fifth annual GDD Industry Summit in Bangkok, Thailand, to discuss topics of interest to ICANN-accredited registrars and registries. The three-day event featured sessions on a wide range of topics including data privacy, operational processes, implementation updates, generic top-level domain (gTLD) use cases, and an overview of recent activity in the Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process Working Group. If you missed the event, recordings are archived [here](#).



Also in Bangkok, the ICANN Domain Name System (DNS) Symposium 2019 focused on issues around DNS security, stability, and resiliency. The two-day event was sponsored by ICANN's Office of the Chief Technology Officer (OCTO) and featured discussions around DNS abuse and the effect of emerging technologies and protocols on the DNS.



### Evolving ICANN's Multistakeholder Model of Governance

Please participate in the open **Public Comment period** on Evolving ICANN's Multistakeholder Model (MSM) of Governance. The Public Comment seeks input on a draft **Issues List** that identifies areas the community believes hamper the effectiveness of ICANN's multistakeholder model. The Issues List reflects community input from **ICANN64**, where the community engaged in a facilitated conversation about how to improve the effectiveness of ICANN's multistakeholder model.

Comments will be reviewed, incorporated, and an updated Issues List will be published prior to ICANN65 in Marrakech, Morocco. Continue to check [this site](#) for updates on activities and the Evolving MSM process. If you want to share your thoughts on any of these materials, you can post them to this [publicly archived email list](#), which you can subscribe to [here](#).

### Transitioning ICANN's Remote Participation Platform to Zoom

ICANN org is transitioning its official remote participation platform from Adobe Connect to Zoom and planning to complete the switchover in time for ICANN65 in Marrakech, Morocco. ICANN org is committed to providing the community with the safest tools that scale globally. Our testing shows that Zoom handles information security better, while providing nearly all of the same features as Adobe Connect.

Click [here](#) to learn more about the transition.



### Priorities for Capacity Development

The ICANN org recognizes that capacity development remains important to the regional communities. The Global Stakeholder Engagement team recently carried out a survey to gather data on specific priorities for capacity development among stakeholder groups. The results will inform strategic planning and resource allocation.

Among the most striking conclusions: "Increasing ICANN and DNS Knowledge" was the highest priority across all of the respondent categories. "Personal Skill Building," especially as it relates to drafting policy, was the second highest priority. In addition to this research, surveys will follow each training

opportunity to assess effectiveness.

Read more about the survey results [here](#) from Sally Costerton, Senior Advisor to the President and SVP of Global Stakeholder Engagement.



## POLICY UPDATE



### EPDP Update

The Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council submitted to the ICANN Board a [Recommendations Report](#) on the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data. The EPDP team was chartered to consider whether the Temporary Specification should become an ICANN Consensus Policy, as is or with modifications, while complying with the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and other relevant privacy and data protection law. The GNSO report contains an analysis of affected parties, anticipated time to implement recommendations, and other pertinent information that will assist the Board's deliberations on the EPDP Phase 1 policy

recommendations.

ICANN org established an informal Pre-Implementation Review Team (pre-IRT) to assist with the implementation planning of the EPDP Phase 1 policy recommendation until the formal IRT is convened. The pre-IRT is comprised of current and former EPDP Team members who are expected to eventually transition to the IRT.

On 18 April, the GNSO Council approved the appointment of Janis Karklins, currently the Latvian Ambassador to the United Nations at Geneva, as the chair for the EPDP Team Phase 2.

### GNSO Council Update

The GNSO Council recently:



- Adopted the [GNSO Review](#) of the ICANN64 Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) Comiqué. The GNSO has transmitted the review to the ICANN Board and informed the GAC.
- Approved suggested amendments to the GNSO's [Fellowship Selection Criteria](#).
- Approved four out of the total five recommendations of the Final Report from the GNSO Policy Development Process Working Group on the International Governmental Organizations (IGO) and International Non-Governmental Organizations (INGO) Access to Curative Rights Protection Mechanisms. [Learn More](#).

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### RSSAC Workshop Held in Reston, VA

From 23-25 April, the Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC) held its seventh workshop in Reston, Virginia focusing on the work of the recently launched work party studying expectations of the Root Server System (RSS) and related metrics. The **work party is charged** with defining metrics which demonstrate that the RSS as a whole is online and serving correct and timely responses to end users. They will also define measurements to ensure Root Server Operators are meeting a minimum level of performance. The RSSAC and the work party will focus on this effort in the coming weeks and months.

### ccNSO Adopts IDN Roadmap

The Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) Council adopted a roadmap to replace the 2013 [Fast Track Process](#) and help implement policy recommendations for Internationalized Domain Names (IDN) among country code top-level domains (ccTLDs). This roadmap was pending until the Extended Process Similarity Review Panel ([EPSRP](#)) and the [Risk Mitigation Panel](#) were complete.

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The Council will now:

- Seek agreement with the ICANN Board on the closure of the Fast Track Implementation Plan.
- Convene the IDN ccTLD Policy Review Working Party and start the preliminary review of the recommended policy on the selection of IDN ccTLD strings.
- Review proposed necessary steps, including possible changes to the ICANN Bylaws to enable IDN ccTLDs to become ccNSO members. Membership is currently only open to all ccTLD managers responsible for managing an ISO3166 ccTLD.



### At-Large: Advisory and Activity Updates

- The At-Large community via the Consolidated Policy Working Group (CPWG) submitted [advice](#) to the ICANN Board regarding the GNSO Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data Policy Recommendations.
- John Laprise, Vice Chair of the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC), is developing an [At-Large pilot](#) for multitier Internet end user outreach and activation on Universal Acceptance. Laprise will present the pilot during ICANN65.
- The [application process for the Third At-Large Summit \(ATLAS III\)](#) launched on Monday, 15 April. Applicants for this

policy-focused summit should be active members in At-Large and must complete preparatory courses on ICANN Learn or participate in At-Large webinars to qualify for selection.

- The At-Large Review Implementation Working Group (ARIWG) asked community leaders to continue their work on the priorities identified by the ICANN Board.
- All regional At-Large organizations have begun the nomination process for [At-Large 2019 Elections, Selections, and Appointments](#) to be held later this month.



### Expanded Report Now Includes Coverage of ccTLDs

Learn what's new in the Domain Name Marketplace Indicators report, which ICANN publishes to help support the evolution of the domain name marketplace. The report presents statistics related to generic top-level domains (gTLDs) and now includes information pertaining to country code top-level domains (ccTLDs). View the first wave of the report [here](#).

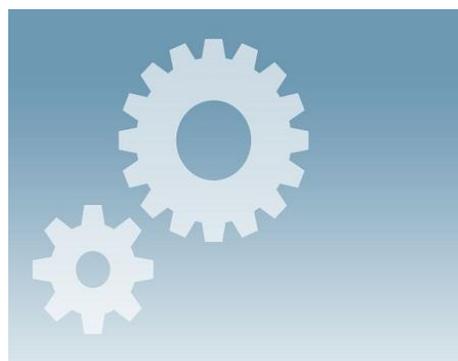


### IANA Functions Audit Validates ICANN System Controls

For the sixth consecutive year, an audit of key systems used to deliver IANA functions shows that the ICANN organization has the appropriate controls in place to ensure the security, availability, and integrity of IANA request processing. Read [here](#) for more information.

### Calling All RDAP Implementers!

Did you know gTLD registries and registrars must implement a Registration Data Access Protocol (RDAP) service by 26 August 2019? To help contracted parties implement this service, ICANN org's Technical Services held two webinars interpreted in multiple languages and provided technical information to registries and registrars. More resources for RDAP implementers and the webinar recordings can be found [here](#).



### Opportunity to Participate: ICANN Reviews

ICANN has several opportunities for community input and participation.

Specific Reviews are led by teams of community volunteers to assess the performance of the ICANN organization and make recommendations for improvement.

- Read the third Accountability and Transparency Review Team's (ATRT3) latest [blog](#) to learn about

- the team's priorities, progress, and how to become an observer.
- Observe the second Security, Stability, and Resiliency Review Team's (SSR2) upcoming meeting. The team will meet in Brussels, Belgium on 17-19 May 2019. Learn more [here](#).

Organizational Reviews are led by independent examiners to assess the extent to which ICANN's Supporting Organizations (SOs), Advisory Committees (ACs), and the Nominating Committee (NomCom) fulfill their purpose, are accountable to their stakeholders, and whether any changes in structure or operations are needed.

- Bookmark the [wiki](#) page for the Nominating Committee Review Implementation Working Group (NomCom RIWG). The NomCom RIWG is developing a detailed implementation plan of the recommendations detailed in the Feasibility Assessment and Initial Implementation Plan ([FAIP](#)).

Visit the [Reviews Status Update Table](#) for the latest progress of Specific and Organizational Reviews and links to additional key resources for each.



## GETTING TO KNOW YOUR ICANN COMMUNITY

### Brent Carey

Member

**Policy Development Process (PDP) Retirement of Country Code Top-Level Domains Working Group**

Brent Carey is New Zealand's Domain Name Commissioner, providing independent oversight of the .nz domain name industry. At ICANN, he is involved with the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) and a member of the working group looking into developing policies for the retirement of delegated country code top-level domains.



Carey also participates in the At-Large community as well as the Asia Pacific Top-Level Domain Association, the Internet and Jurisdiction Policy Network (Domain Name track) and the Domain Name Association.

As a legal, arts, and dispute resolution graduate, Carey has developed specialist interest in regulatory networks, privacy, consumer rights, and dispute resolution. He actively follows ICANN's work on registrant rights.

Carey lives in Wellington, New Zealand, but has lived and worked throughout the Asia Pacific region in Australia, Malaysia, Singapore, and Sri Lanka.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

ICANN will be participating in these upcoming events:

Date	Event	Location
16-17 May 2019	<a href="#">ICT Days Pacific 2019</a>	Vanuatu
22-24 May 2019	<a href="#">2019 International Symposium on Cybercrime Response</a>	Seoul, South Korea
24-27 June 2019	<a href="#">ICANN65</a>	Marrakech, Morocco
24-28 June 2019	<a href="#">PacNOG25</a>	Apia, Samoa

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