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TOP STORY

Improving Our Public Meetings



ICANN President and CEO Göran Marby recently **outlined** how the ICANN Board and organization are working together with the community to assess the effectiveness of our Public Meetings and determine how the org can improve support for the community's work both now and in the future when we return to in-person meetings.

[Read this blog](#) from David Olive, the Senior Vice President of Policy Development Support, and Sally Costerton, the Senior Vice President of Global Stakeholder Engagement, for an update on timelines and milestones.



APAC ACTIVITIES & HIGHLIGHTS

First India School of Internet Governance Virtual Conference

ICANN Board Chair Maarten Botterman gave a keynote address at the India School of Internet Governance (inSIG2020), where he spoke about the significance of the Internet during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. He emphasized the importance of the multistakeholder model, recognizing the Indian community's involvement in the Neo Brahmi Generation Panel (NBGP) and Universal Acceptance (UA) work.

ICANN org staffers also spoke at two other sessions, "Internet Governance in Asia Pacific" and "Core Internet Technologies," providing insights to newcomers on how to engage effectively with ICANN as well as sharing the importance of keeping the Domain Name System (DNS) secure.

Jointly organized by Internet Society of Mumbai, the host Chapter, and ISOC Chapters of Delhi, Kolkata, and Trivandrum, inSIG2020 was the first virtual inSIG. The event, held from 7-10 October, saw its largest ever participation with 106 participants from 17 countries.

Policy Implications of an Encrypted Domain Name System

ICANN org was exclusively featured in the Internet Society Japan chapter's (ISOC-JP) online seminar on 30 October. The technical-focused seminar covered DNS over HTTPS

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ISOC-JP Seminar
- ICANN on Policy Implications of
Encrypted DNS -

2020年10月30日

Internet Society 日本支部 (ISOC-JP)

Internet Society
Japan Chapter



(DoH) and DNS over TLS (DoT). ICANN org shared the policy implications of using such encrypted DNS based on a new [publication](#) from ICANN's Office of the Chief Technology Officer (OCTO).

ICANN's Identifier Technology Health Indicators (ITHI) was also introduced, and ICANN org called for greater participation from the Japanese community.

The seminar was conducted via two-way simultaneous interpretation in English and Japanese, and was well attended by 59 participants.

ICANN Participates in Local Internet Governance Forums (IGFs)

ICANN org participated in several local IGFs organized by various communities during the October to November period.

At the TWIGF themed "One World, One Internet?" ICANN Board Chair Maarten Botterman spoke at the opening ceremony as well as at a high-level roundtable on digital sovereignty and Internet fragmentation, highlighting ICANN's technical role with the Internet. ICANN org also organized two other workshops on Email Address Internationalization (EAI) readiness and deployment as well as the impact of new technologies, such as 5G, on the Internet.



ICANN org also contributed to the Bangladesh IGF (BIGF 2020), participating in its opening plenary, and a conversation focusing on the challenges and opportunities for Bangla top-level domain names (TLDs). Notably, ICT Minister Mustafa Jabbar thanked ICANN for its work in Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs), which would pave the way for the Bangladeshi community to use domain names in their own script.

At the India Youth IGF, ICANN org moderated a panel discussion titled "Security and Privacy in the Digital Sphere." The panelists discussed the impacts of Internet governance policymaking on the security, stability, and resiliency of the Internet.



ICANN NEWS

New Infographic: Learn How to Limit Your Risk of Online Fraud

Learn the many steps you can take to protect your domain name from common scams in this new publication aimed to help educate domain name registrants.

[Click here](#) to view the infographic.

Important Tips
to Help Keep
Your Domain
Name Secure



New Resources Available for Domain Name Holders (Registrants)

Read the latest blog from the Registrant Program team highlighting the fourth edition of its “Issues and Challenges Impacting Domain Name Registrants” reporting series, an ICANN69 webinar updating the community about recent work, and a reminder to take the registrant-focused ICANN Learn course where domain name holders can learn how to leverage best practices for their domain name.

Click [here](#) to read the full blog.

Call for SO/ACs to Nominate Fellowship Program Mentors and Selection Committee Members

ICANN org invites Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees (SO/ACs) to nominate volunteers to serve as mentors in its Fellowship Program and to serve on the Fellowship Program Selection Committee.

[Read this announcement](#) for more details on the roles and how to apply.



POLICY UPDATE

GNSO: Review of All RPMs Phase 1 Final Report

On 24 November, the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Review of All Rights Protection Mechanisms (RPMs) in All Generic Top-Level Domains (gTLD) Policy Development Process (PDP) Working Group submitted its Phase 1 Final Report to the GNSO Council. If approved, the GNSO Council will forward the report to the ICANN Board for consideration and potential action in accordance with the ICANN Bylaws. The primary objective of this Final Report is to document the work of the PDP working group in several areas, including:



- Recommendations for new policies or procedures.
- Recommendations to maintain the status quo.
- Recommendations to modify existing operational practice.
- Implementation guidance.
- Associated consensus levels of all final recommendations.

This Final Report also documents the deliberations of the working group, input received on its Phase 1 Initial Report and its subsequent analysis, and other pertinent information that provides background, context, and rationale for its total of 35 final recommendations.

[Learn more here.](#)

GNSO Council Holds Virtual Strategic Planning Session

In November, the GNSO held its fourth



Strategic Planning Session (SPS) over the course of a four-week period. For the last few years, the annual SPS has allowed the GNSO Council to onboard new councilors and to develop a strategic work plan for the upcoming year.

This year, the SPS focused on two topics: empowering the GNSO to deliver on its priorities and commitments and aligning

program management with resources. These two topics were introduced in an initial plenary session and further discussed among councilors during breakout sessions.

In addition, the SPS also included an opportunities and threats brainstorming session, which involved leaders of GNSO stakeholder groups, constituencies, and former councilors. Stay tuned for the SPS Final Report to review the details and outcome.

ccNSO Nominates Katrina Sasaki to ICANN Board Seat 12

The members of the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) recently nominated Katrina Sasaki for ICANN Board Seat 12. Sasaki will begin a three-year term at the conclusion of ICANN72. Although the ccNSO Council is responsible for the nomination, ccNSO members select nominees to serve on the ICANN Board. Sasaki is the current chair of the ccNSO Council and chief executive of NIC.LV, the registry of the country code top-level domain of Latvia.



[Learn more](#) about the election process, including the public call for nominations, the election results, and information on the candidates.

ccNSO Council Welcomes New Members



The ccNSO Council is preparing to welcome newly selected members. Once the ccNSO Council has formally appointed Jiankang Yao (Asia-Pacific), Hadji Mmadi Ali (Africa), Irina Danelia (Europe), Jenifer López (Latin America-Caribbean), and Sean Copeland (North America), their three-year terms will begin at the conclusion of ICANN70.

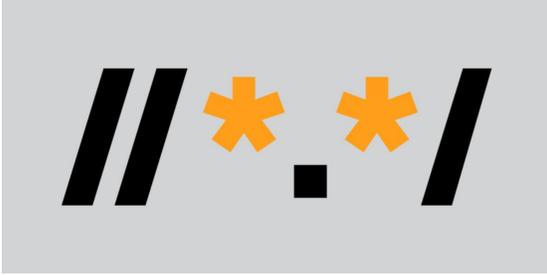
[Learn more](#) about the ccNSO Council election process.



GDS UPDATE

Working Towards an #Internet4All

The Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG), through its various working groups,



Local Initiatives, and UA Ambassadors, is working to develop a more digitally inclusive and multilingual Internet. By ensuring that all domain names and email addresses – in any language, script, or character length (e.g., .pф, .PHOTOGRAPHY) – are accepted equally by all Internet-enabled applications, devices, and systems, users can experience a true #Internet4All.

As 2020 comes to a close, the UASG has published three blogs highlighting recent UA activities and progress made towards an #Internet4All:

- [ICANN69 Highlights Universal Acceptance Initiatives and Global Momentum](#)
- [Support for Email Addresses in Local Languages Grows with Major Tech Companies](#)
- [Making Global Progress Towards an #Internet4All | Universal Acceptance Local Initiatives](#)

The UASG looks forward to expanding its efforts and reach in 2021. If you would like to get involved, please visit <https://uasg.tech/>. And continue to stay informed on everything UA by following the UASG on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

Bangla and Chinese Scripts Integrated into the Root Zone

In November 2020, the fourth version of Label Generation Rules for the Root Zone (RZ-LGR-4) was **published**, integrating a total of 18 scripts into the Domain Name System (DNS) root zone. This latest version added the Bangla and Chinese scripts in addition to Arabic, Devanagari, Ethiopic, Georgian, Gujarati, Gurmukhi, Hebrew, Kannada, Khmer, Lao, Malayalam, Oriya, Sinhala, Tamil, Telugu, and Thai.



RZ-LGRs define a set of rules to determine valid Internationalized Domain Name (IDN) labels for the root zone and their variant labels. This work, which is driven by community-led Generation Panels, helps develop a multilingual Internet by expanding the number of scripts (and languages) that can be used in the DNS in a stable and secure manner.

The community's RZ-LGR efforts will culminate with the publication of the fifth version (RZ-LGR-5), which is expected to be completed in mid-2021. For more information on IDNs, [click here](#).



Access to Registration Data via RDAP

Domain name registration data lookup leveraging the Registration Data Access Protocol (RDAP) has been available from ICANN since last year.

RDAP was developed by the technical community in the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) as a potential replacement for the WHOIS protocol.

You can now access ICANN's Domain Name Registration Data Lookup tool [here](#).



GETTING TO KNOW YOUR ICANN COMMUNITY

Dr. Ma Di

Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC) Caucus Member



Dr. Ma Di is the Principal Research Fellow at ZDNS, a DNS-centric technology company based in Beijing, China. He is also a Guest Research Fellow at the Computer Network Information Centre of Chinese Academy of Sciences.

Dr. Ma has been actively involved in Resource Public Key Infrastructure (RPKI)

and routing security research for years. He co-authored RFC8211 (RPKI Threat Model), RFC8416 (RPKI Local Control), and RFC8897 (RPKI Relying Party Requirements). He is the co-founder and co-chair of APNIC Routing Security Special Interest Group (SIG). Recently, he was one of the industry experts invited to review the ICANN publication OCTO014 on RPKI Technical Analysis.

Dr. Ma is an active ICANN community member. He has been a RSSAC Caucus member since 2015 and has contributed to RSSAC024 and RSSAC028. He also participated in the work of Chinese Root Zone Label Generation Ruleset (LGR). He has attended six ICANN Public Meetings.



UPCOMING EVENTS

22-26 February

Asia Pacific Regional Internet Conference on Operational Technologies (APRICOT) 2021
(Technical Training)

Virtual

1-4 March

APRICOT 2021 (Conference)

Virtual

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