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TOP STORY

Register Now for the ICANN62 Policy Forum
Panama City, Panama, 25-28 June 2018

ICANN62 starts in just six weeks. The program focuses on policy work and cross-community dialogue, with topics driven by ICANN's Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees.

Before booking your flight, read the travel information on the **ICANN62 website**. For information about whether you need to obtain a visa to enter Panama, visit the **Government of Panama's Immigration website**.

Register now! We hope to see you in Panama City.

APAC ACTIVITIES & HIGHLIGHTS

Focus on Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs) in China

ICANN recently participated in the Second IDN Innovative Application Forum in Beijing. This major industry event focused on IDNs and Universal Acceptance (UA), and served as a platform for further discussions on advancing adoption of IDNs and UA in China.

In the keynote address, ICANN shared examples of best practices in the region and the regional ICANN team's support of IDNs and UA. We also announced upcoming plans in 2018 to cooperate with the Chinese community to promote UA. The forum was well attended by leading local contracted parties, Email Address Internationalization (EAI) providers, and government representatives.

Learn more **IDNs** and **UA**.

Unlocking and Securing Digital Lifestyles in a Connected Pacific

ICANN attended the 22nd Pacific Islands Telecommunications Association Annual General Meeting from 23-27 April,
which saw huge participation from women in the industry.

The Pacific region has experienced an increase in information and communications technology (ICT) infrastructure provisioning in both undersea cables and satellite operators. This change has enabled national service providers to meet consumer bandwidth demands. Recently, the Pacific Islands Telecommunications Association (PITA) held its 22nd Annual General Meeting and tradeshow in Guam to discuss topics such as:

- Challenges of running an ICT business in this small Pacific market
- Capacity-development requirements (at technical and user levels) to embrace the full potential of new services and technologies
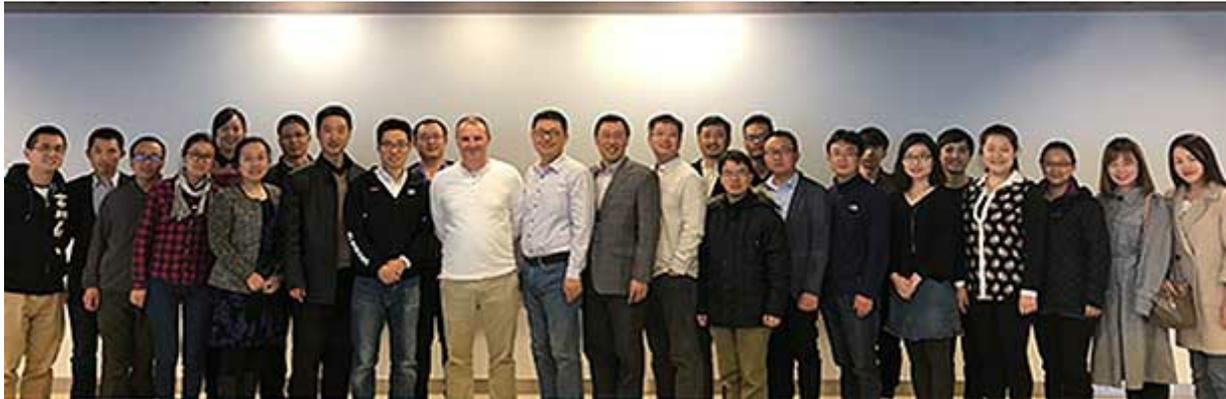- Tips for how to stay safe online

ICANN was among the over 200 participants coming from a wide range of industries and economies. During the meeting, ICANN shared with the participants the need for readiness for the key signing key (KSK) rollover on 11 October 2018, our work on the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the proposed interim model to access WHOIS.

Understanding Domain Name System (DNS) Abuse

What is DNS abuse and its impact? Is it possible to mitigate these threats? What is ICANN doing to ensure the security, stability, and resiliency of the Internet? How can organizations and end users in China protect themselves against DNS abuse?

These questions were addressed in recent engagements in Beijing, China, including a workshop with contracted parties and government representatives, one-on-one meetings with contracted parties, and media interviews.

These sessions helped to increase the contracted parties' understanding of DNS abuse, ICANN's Domain Abuse Activity Reporting (DAAR) system, and also their roles in tackling such abuse. We hope to hold more sessions like these in the future.

ICANN Chief Security, Stability, and Resiliency Officer John Crain with China Academy Information and Communications Technology (CAICT) and participants at the workshop on DNS abuse for contracted parties in early March.

Demystifying Domain Name Dispute Resolution

In conjunction with World IP Day, ICANN took part in two events to help intellectual property (IP) lawyers better understand domain name disputes.

In Cambodia, ICANN conducted a workshop to introduce the emerging IP industry to the topic. The workshop was hosted by the Cambodian Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications (MPTC). Speakers covered the Uniform Domain-Name Dispute-Resolution Policy (UDRP), the state of the IP industry, and current practices for dispute resolution in Cambodia.

In Guangzhou, China, ICANN participated in a training course conducted by the Internet Intellectual Property Institute (IIPI), Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC), and Guangdong IP Protection Association. The course provided practical guidance to IP lawyers and in-house counsels on handling different domain name disputes.

Top and bottom left: The workshop in Cambodia sparked interest among community members who were curious about the best practices of various dispute resolution mechanisms.
Bottom right: ICANN participated in Internet Domain Name Dispute Resolution training and introduced ICANN, the DNS and UDRP with participants.

Annual IANA Functions Audits Validate ICANN Systems Controls

The ICANN organization has completed audits of the Public Technical Identifiers (PTI) Registry Assignment and Maintenance Systems (RAMS) and the Root Zone Domain Name System Security Extensions (DNSSEC) services provided as part of the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) functions. International accounting firm PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) conducted the audits for the period of 1 October 2016 through 30 November 2017.

For the fifth consecutive year, a System and Organization Controls (SOC) 2 audit of PTI's RAMS shows that the ICANN organization has the appropriate controls in place to ensure the security, availability, and integrity of IANA request processing. For the eighth consecutive year, SOC 3 certification has been achieved for the management of the DNSSEC root key signing key, which is the trust anchor of the Domain Name System.

Read the full announcement.

News and Updates on the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

Stay up to date with the latest ICANN organization news about data protection and privacy.

Click **here** for GDPR announcements, blogs, and updates.

View the Latest Quarterly Stakeholder Update

On 9 May, ICANN posted its Quarterly Stakeholder Update for the quarter ending 31 March.

Learn more.

Call for Proposals for ICANN DNS Symposium 2018

The ICANN Domain Name System (DNS) Symposium (IDS 2018) will be held on 13 July 2018, in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. It takes place back-to-back with this trimester's conference of the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF 102).

ICANN is soliciting proposals for presentations for IDS 2018. We'd like you to share experiences, data, or innovative thinking on how we might improve the DNS, or how we might foster innovation by adapting the DNS to support emerging identifier needs. Proposals are due by 1 June.

Learn more about IDS 2018.

Aftab A. Siddiqui
Chair of Address Supporting Organization Address Council (ASO AC)

Aftab A. Siddiqui is the Technical Engagement Manager for the Internet Society (ISOC) in the Asia Pacific Regional Bureau. He is based in Sydney, Australia. His role at ISOC is to engage network operators, enterprises and governments, and to encourage them to implement routing security and deploy Internet Protocol version 6 (IPv6).

Siddiqui has been part of the ASO AC since 2014, representing the Asia Pacific region, and was elected chair this year. His main goal as chair is to ensure that the ASO AC takes necessary steps to implement the recommendations highlighted in the ASO Review.

Siddiqui is also an active member of the Internet community in the region and takes part in policy development at the Regional Internet Registry for the Asia Pacific region (APNIC). Before joining ISOC, he was the chief technologist of an Australian system integrator.

POLICY UPDATE

ALAC Ratifies Statement on Draft NCAP Plan

On 22 April, the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) ratified a statement on the **Draft Project Plan for the Proposed Name Collision Analysis Project (NCAP)**. The ALAC supports the Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC) in its efforts to address the issue of name collisions, while encouraging clarity on the bidding process for work contemplated in the draft project plan.

View all recent ALAC statements.

New ccNSO Council Leadership Team Appointed

The Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) Council reappointed Katrina Sataki as chair and Byron Holland as vice chair, and appointed Debbie Monahan as vice chair. See the list of **ccNSO Council assignments**.

Following the sudden passing away of **Ben Fuller**, the ccNSO anticipates appointing a new liaison to the GNSO soon. For more information, see the **call for volunteers**.

Public Comment: CSC Charter Review Team's Initial Report

The Customer Standing Committee (CSC) Charter Review Team seeks **comments and input** on proposed changes to the CSC charter, as included in its initial report. The proposed changes to the charter:

- Mandate the CSC to agree with Public Technical Identifies (PTI) on minor changes to the service levels without needing to go through an extensive public comment process.
- Reflect that CSC and PTI have agreed on **Remedial Action Procedures** (RAP) - a formal escalation methodology in case of poor performance by PTI.
- Include an arrangement for dealing with changing circumstances of appointed members.

The deadline for comments is 1 June.

GAC Maintains Active Post-ICANN61 Agenda

On 11 April, the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) participated in a call with members of the ICANN Board. Topics were the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and International Governmental Organization (IGO) reserved acronym protections. Dialogue continues on both matters.

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By acclamation, the GAC selected a new vice chair on 18 April 2018. Thiago Jardim from Brazil fills the seat of Milagros Castañon from Peru.

The GAC is also working on:

- Developing feedback for next steps on the resolution of the Action Request Register (ARR).
- Considering first steps for evolution of the current GAC Operating Principles.
- Planning the agenda for the upcoming High Level Government Meeting to be held with ICANN63.

On 26 April 2018, the GNSO Council adopted its **review** of the ICANN61 GAC Communiqué and transmitted it to the GAC and the ICANN Board.

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Pre-ICANN62 GNSO Webinar

In June, the GNSO is hosting a webinar on GNSO policy development processes (PDPs). The goal is to help prepare ICANN62 participants to engage in policy development activities. The leaders of major GNSO PDPs will give overviews of their topics, current issues being discussed, and what to expect at ICANN62.

Attendees are encouraged to prepare by reading the GNSO Policy Briefings, to be published before the webinar, and to bring their questions. This webinar complements the Pre-ICANN62 Policy webinar, an overview of the activities of all Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees.

Stay tuned for the announcement!

WHAT'S NEW IN REVIEWS

Get Involved in Reviews

Take the SSAC2 Review Survey
Do you have experience with the Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC) or suggestions for improving it? Share your input by completing the **SSAC2 Review survey**.

Participate in the Public Comment on Draft Final Report of the RSSAC2 Review
Comment on the Draft Final Report of the second review of the Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC2 Review).

Help ICANN Seek Candidates to Conduct the ccNSO2 Review
Share this **Request for Proposal (RFP)** to help ICANN seek candidates to conduct an independent assessment of the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO2 Review).

Visit the **Review Status Update Table** for the latest status on all active Specific and Organizational Reviews.

ICANN Organization's IDN Programs Director Recognized for Work in Pakistan

On 23 March 2018, Sarmad Hussain, ICANN's **Internationalized Domain Name** (IDN) Programs Director, received the President of Pakistan's Pride of Performance Award. The Government of Pakistan confers this prestigious award on citizens who demonstrate excellence in their field. Hussain's work, which focuses on enabling people around the world to use domain names in local languages and scripts, was recognized for advancing the computing of languages spoken in Pakistan. Congratulations, Sarmad!

CONGRATS!

Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG) Now on Twitter

The UASG has launched a new social media channel on Twitter. By engaging directly with CIOs, developers, Internet associations, and UASG partners, the UASG aims to raise awareness about Universal Acceptance (UA) and Email Address Internationalization (EAI). UA and EAI are essential to ensuring that all Internet applications and systems can accept, validate, store, process, and display all domain names

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UPCOMING EVENTS

ICANN will be participating in these upcoming events:

- 14-17 May | **GDD Industry Summit** | Richmond, Canada
- 21 May | **ThaiNOG 2018** | Bangkok, Thailand
- 23-23 May | **BKNIX Peering Forum** | Bangkok, Thailand
- 23 May | **CloudFest & NamesCon India** | Mumbai, India
- 18-20 June | SGNIC DNSSEC workshop | Singapore
- 25-29 June | **PacNOG 22** | Nadi, Fiji
- 13-14 July | **Taiwan IGF** | Taipei, Taiwan
- 23-27 July | **Asia Pacific Internet Governance Academy** (APIGA) 2018 | Seoul, Korea

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