Get Ready for ICANN69!

Register now for the [ICANN69 Virtual Annual General Meeting](https://www.icann.org/meetings). Community Days will take place from 13-15 October and Plenary Week from 19-22 October.

The ICANN69 schedule will be published on 28 September 2020. Sessions will be held online between 08:30-18:00, Central European Time (CET). All public sessions will have a Zoom meeting link posted in the event schedule.

ICANN69 was originally scheduled to be held in Hamburg, Germany, but moved online due to the COVID-19 pandemic. ICANN thanks the Hamburg host committee and our regional partners in Europe for their input during the planning process.

**Pandemic Internet Access Program**

To facilitate participation during the virtual ICANN69 among community members with limited Internet capacity, ICANN will offer financial assistance to increase Internet bandwidth for the Virtual Annual General Meeting.

Please read more about the Pandemic Internet Access Program Pilot [here](https://www.icann.org/news).
Global Domains Strategy (GDS). This function is led by Senior Vice President Theresa Swinehart.

Xavier Calvez now leads planning and implementation operations, in addition to his role as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer.

Read Göran Marby’s recent blog about these changes and read an earlier blog for more background information.

Updated Coronavirus Guidance

ICANN org has extended its suspension of face-to-face meetings, business travel, and returning to the workplace until 31 December 2020. ICANN org has a dedicated team monitoring COVID-19 developments and will keep the community updated on any changes to this guidance.

ICANN Announces the Location for ICANN75

ICANN selected Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, as the location for ICANN75. The Annual General Meeting will be held 17-22 September 2022 at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre. Read more about this announcement here.

You can find more information about upcoming ICANN Public Meetings on ICANN’s Meeting website here.

2020 Nominating Committee (NomCom) Update

Read 2020 NomCom Chair Jay Sudowski’s update on NomCom’s progress selecting qualified candidates for open ICANN leadership positions.

Deepening Understanding of the Root Server System

ICANN org and the Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC) recently worked together to help further deepen the understanding in China of the Root Server System (RSS).

At the Critical Internet Resources Forum, ICANN org introduced the RSS, while RSSAC Chair Fred Baker explained the historical development of RSS. He also introduced the new proposed governance model.

At the Technical Summit, ICANN Chief Technology Officer David Conrad also gave a recorded keynote address titled the “Security of the DNS Ecosystem.” He introduced the vulnerabilities and mitigations in each aspect of the DNS – protocol, namespace, and service.
Both sessions were held on 12 August and part of the second Beijing Cyber Security (BCS) 2020 conference held virtually from 7-16 August.

ICANN68 Readout at APAC Space

The Asia Pacific (APAC) community actively discussed how to foster APAC participation in ICANN Public Meetings and policy development processes (PDP) at the ICANN68 Readout on 28 July 2020. They also discussed how to attract the APAC community to ICANN activities while balancing global time zone challenges.

Significant work updates were provided by APAC community leaders and members on topics such as the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures (SubPro) PDP, and the Review of All Rights Protection Mechanisms (RPM) PDP. Perspectives from various stakeholders were also shared, including updates on the Governmental Advisory Council (GAC), At-Large, Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council, and the Registry and Registrar Stakeholder Groups.

Details, including the readout notes, are on the APAC Space community Wiki. Join the mailing list for regular updates: subscribe@apacspace.asia

Inaugural China Internet Governance Forum (IGF) Attracted Eight Million Views

The first China IGF kicked off virtually on 24 July with the theme "Inclusive Governance and Digital Inclusion." The half-day meeting attracted about eight million real-time online views by local and global audiences.

ICANN Board Chair Maarten Botterman recorded congratulatory remarks on the China IGF event. He emphasized the importance of Internationalized Domain Names (IDN) and Email Address Internationalization (EAI), noting the active engagement between the Chinese community with Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG) and ICANN.

The China IGF is a joint initiative by the Internet Society of China (ISC) and China Academy of Information and Communication Technology (CAICT), with support from the Chinese government. It is governed by a multistakeholder advisory group.

Indian Network Operators Group Virtual Conference

The Indian Network Operators Group (INNOG3) Conference was held virtually from 6–7 August 2020, attracting remote participants from all over India. ICANN org was part of the INNOG3 program committee, which evaluated content submissions. ICANN org also moderated two Birds of a Feather (BoF) group meetings, “ICANN and Its Working” and “DNS for Network Operators” in which attendees had the opportunity to ask questions about ICANN and the DNS.

INNOG3 also featured the Open Policy Meeting (OPM) of Indian Registry for Internet Names and Numbers (IRINN), the national Internet registry for India. INNOG3 was organized by INNOG and Internet Service Providers Association of India (ISPAI).

Cyber Hygiene and Staying Safe

Cyber hygiene took center stage at the webinar hosted by the Associated Chambers of
Commerce and Industries of India (ASSOCHAM India) titled, “DNS Abuse & Scaling Up Cyber Hygiene - During & Post COVID.”

ICANN org participated in the first session of the webinar with a presentation on “Staying Safe in Cyberspace - 8 Attacks You Should Know.” ICANN org also moderated part of the session targeted at industry participants entitled “Cyber Hygiene and the New Normal for Individuals and Corporates.”

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**POLICY UPDATE**

**GNSO Holds PDP 3.0 Webinar to Discuss Implementation**

On 15 September 2020, the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) will hold a community webinar to discuss the implementation status of Policy Development Process (PDP) 3.0, a GNSO Council initiative designed to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the GNSO Policy Development Process. The GNSO Council adopted the PDP 3.0 Final Report in February 2020. Many work products related to the PDP 3.0 improvements have already been deployed.

There are three objectives for this webinar:
- Review the purposes and practical examples of the PDP 3.0 work products that have been applied in ongoing GNSO working groups.
- Kick start the preliminary assessment of PDP 3.0 impact.
- Help other Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees evaluate the applicability of PDP 3.0 improvements in their internal processes.

Participants are encouraged to join the discussions. [Learn more](#).

**New Series of Webinars for ccNSO Members**

The Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) has begun conducting webinars to inform and prepare members for submitting Public Comments, participating in working groups, and voting in elections. The aim of the webinars is to educate the ccNSO community and lower barriers for participation for its members. Recent ccNSO webinars include:

- A webinar on the (de-)selection of Internationalized Domain Name (IDN) country code top-level domain (ccTLD) strings held in July 2020 prior to the call for volunteers to join the working group.
- A webinar on the nomination process for joining the ccNSO Council. The next ccNSO Council elections will be held in early September. The webinar aimed to encourage new participants so councilors can be replaced at regular intervals.
- Later this month, a ccTLD community webinar will welcome newcomers to the ccNSO, provide an overview of the ccNSO and detail its plans for ICANN69.

Recordings of past ccNSO webinars can be found [here](#). Information about the ccNSO Council nomination process can be found [here](#).
The Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG) has kicked off a “Get to Know the UA Ambassadors” campaign on social media. Each week, a new UA Ambassador is profiled with a personal profile on why they became an ambassador, what they hope to accomplish, and why they care about UA. You can view the series by following @UASGTech on Twitter, Facebook, and LinkedIn.

Find out more about the UA Ambassadors representing nine different countries, here.

“How To” with RDAP
The Registration Data Access Protocol (RDAP), developed by the technical community in the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) as a replacement for the WHOIS protocol, allows users to access domain name and Internet identifier registration data.

Bookmark this page and access ICANN’s registration data lookup tool here.

Yenan Ji
Policy Consultant, Governmental Advisory Council (GAC) China Delegation

Yenan Ji is a policy consultant to China’s Governmental Advisory Council (GAC) representatives. She is a senior researcher at the China Academy of Information Communications and Technology (CAICT).

Based in Beijing, Ji has ten years of research experience in the areas of critical Internet resource...
management and Internet governance, and five years of experience in telecommunication and Internet regulation. She has led or participated in a series of influential reports on the global and China’s domain name governance systems, policies, and industries, such as the "China Internet Domain Name Industry Report."

In addition, Ji has been deeply involved in the ICANN Chinese Community Platform, which contributes to promoting exchange and cooperation between ICANN and the Chinese community. She also helps Chinese community members to better understand and participate in ICANN work. She has attended at least seven ICANN meetings since 2014.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

ICANN will be participating in these upcoming events:

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