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TOP STORY

ICANN Submits Implementation Planning Report to NTIA

On Friday, 12 August 2016, ICANN submitted an implementation status report to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), in response to NTIA's 9 June 2016 request.

ICANN and the various stakeholder groups have worked tirelessly to ensure that all the necessary implementation tasks are complete in order to allow the contract for the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) functions to expire on 30 September 2016.

ICANN and the multistakeholder community have completed all specific steps that NTIA called out in its letter. In addition, all other tasks in support of the IANA Stewardship Transition are either in the final review stage or are awaiting approval, which will be completed before 30 September 2016.

For more information, review the [Implementation Planning Report](#).



APAC ACTIVITIES & HIGHLIGHTS



ICANN Board and staff at the Asia Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum

ICANN Contributes to Capacity Building and Regional Discussions at 2016 APrIGF

How should governments nurture local Internet governance forums so they hear everyone's voices and opinions? Do the terms *multistakeholder* and *Internet governance* translate meaningfully in local languages? How can we encourage more young people to join in Internet governance discussions?

These were just a few of the topics discussed at the recent 2016 Asia Pacific Internet Governance Forum (**APrIGF**) in Taipei, Taiwan. Held from 26-29 July 2016, the event had one of the largest turnouts since the first forum back in 2010. Over 300 attendees from 20 countries participated in this key regional forum, including several ICANN staff and Board members.

ICANN was involved in **multiple sessions** at the forum, including a full-day capacity-building program for newcomers. These sessions gave attendees a deeper understanding of ICANN, and encouraged them to get involved in ICANN's activities. In particular, the sessions demonstrated the community's support for the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) Stewardship Transition and Internationalized Domain Names (IDN) program.

The second draft of the **APrIGF Synthesis Document** is currently open for public comments until 26 August 2016. The document presents thoughts on relevant subjects related to Internet governance in the Asia Pacific region. The final version of the document will be published on 9 September 2016.



ICANN's Jia-Rong Low speaks about ICANN's role and the IANA Stewardship Transition to an international group of cybersecurity experts.

ICANN Speaks at International Workshop on Cybersecurity in Beijing

The second International Workshop on Cyber Security was held in Beijing on 11-12 July 2016. The workshop kick-started preparations for a new U.N.-mandated **Group of Governmental Experts (GGE)**. The GGE will tackle issues related to information technology as they relate to international security, and will hold its first meeting in late August.

The main topics centered around applying international law, balancing privacy protections and state security, and establishing trust in cyberspace.

ICANN's Jia-Rong Low, VP and Managing Director of ICANN Asia Pacific, highlighted ICANN's work and updated participants on the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) Stewardship Transition.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China and the U.N. Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA), cohosted the

event. Attendees included representatives from the 25 countries participating in the new GGE, along with experts from industry, international organizations and think tanks.

Read the [opening speech of Kim Won-soo](#), UNODA High Representative of Disarmament Affairs.

ICANN Discusses Challenges of Cybersecurity and Cybercrime at Workshop in Brisbane, Australia

Recognizing that cybersecurity and cybercrimes are challenging issues that affect most nations, ICANN was honored to be among speakers and parliamentarians delegated from the Commonwealth countries in Asia Pacific at the inaugural **Commonwealth Parliamentary Cybersecurity and Cybercrime Project: Asia-Pacific Regional Workshop**. The workshop was held from 25-28 July 2016 in Brisbane, Australia. Attending the event from ICANN were Savé Vocea, VP of Global Stakeholder Engagement for Australasia, and Champika Wijayatunga, Security, Stability and Resiliency Engagement Regional Manager.



Savé Vocea (right) with parliamentarians from Cook Islands, Fiji, Solomon Islands during the opening reception.

To help tackle cybercrime and cybersecurity issues, Wijayatunga encouraged country code top-level domain (ccTLD) registry operators in the Asia Pacific region to deploy DNS Security Extensions (DNSSEC). He also talked about ICANN's coordination role in ensuring the security, stability and resiliency of the DNS. Other discussion topics at the workshop included current cybersecurity threats and attacks in the Asia Pacific region, and ways to strengthen international and regional partnerships to mitigate such issues.

APRALO Welcomes New Chinese At-Large Structure

The Asian, Australian and Pacific Islands Regional At-Large Organization (APRALO) welcomed its newest At-Large Structure, the Internet Society of China at the **2016 China Internet Conference** in Beijing in late June. The Internet Society of China organized the event, which welcomed over 1,000 participants! At the conference, Siranush Vardanyan, Chair of APRALO, encouraged the Internet Society of China and the audience to contribute to ICANN's work.



From left to right: Kan Kaili, Maureen Hilyard, Siranush Vardanyan, Satish Babu and Song Zheng at the 2016 China Internet Conference

APRALO leaders also visited the Internet Society of China and engaged in an in-depth discussion of the protection of netizens' rights. The visit helped to foster a closer relationship between both organizations.

Readout Sessions Extend the Reach of ICANN56

ICANN, together with the local community, organized two ICANN56 readout sessions in China and Japan on 12 July 2016 and 4 August 2016 respectively.

Jia-Rong Low, VP and Managing Director of ICANN Asia Pacific, briefed over 30 community members. Community members who attended this first Policy Forum in Helsinki also shared their experiences and thoughts about the meeting. Attendees were eager to hear feedback on the new meeting format. Other topics that generated lively discussion were China's future participation in ICANN and the Internet Assigned Names Authority (IANA) Stewardship Transition.



ICANN's Jia-Rong Low informs Chinese community members about ICANN56 at a

At the Japan readout session, the Japanese community showed particular interest in the Next Generation Registration Directory Service to replace WHOIS in a Panel Discussion segment.

Readout sessions expand the range of ICANN Public Meetings. At these sessions, ICANN staff and community members recap meeting highlights for community members who did not attend in person. If you're interested in organizing a readout for your local community, please [contact us](#).



Champika Wijayatunga talks about DNS security at the 9th Policy and Regulation Forum for Pacific.

ICANN Engages with Policymakers and Regulators at the PRFP-9 in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea

Champika Wijayatunga - ICANN's Security, Stability and Resiliency Engagement Regional Manager - was recently in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, for the **9th Policy and Regulation Forum for Pacific (PRFP-9)**. Held from 28-30 June 2016, PRFP-9 is a discussion forum for policymakers and regulators from the Pacific region in the information and communications technology (ICT) and telecommunications fields.

Wijayatunga spoke about Domain Name System (DNS) security and how the Pacific community could contribute to ICANN's process and policy development. Other topics focused on the

Pacific region and included issues of importance to the ICT and telecommunications professionals in attendance. The forum also sparked a business dialogue on the competitiveness of the telecommunications market in the Pacific.

This forum's host was the National Information and Communications Technology Authority (NICTA), Papua New Guinea.

ICANN Hosts DNS/DNSSEC Workshop in Vietnam

Thirty-five participants from Vietnam's major network operators - including the Vietnam Internet Network Information Center (VNNIC), its members and registrars - attended a three-day hands-on workshop in Hanoi, Vietnam. ICANN, VNNIC and the Asia-Pacific Network Information Centre (APNIC) collaboratively conducted the workshop.



Participants and ICANN staff attend a three-day capacity-building workshop on DNS and DNSSEC in Hanoi, Vietnam, from 19-21 July 2016.

The workshop was organized to support the deployment of Domain Name System Security Extensions (DNSSEC) for the .vn country code top-level domain and to build capacity of DNS professionals in Vietnam. In the workshop survey, participants expressed great interest in a follow-on workshop covering more advanced DNSSEC topics.

After the workshop, ICANN staff members presented to more than 150 participants at the VNNIC Open Policy Meeting, held on 22 July 2016. Joyce Chen, Global Stakeholder Engagement Strategy and Development Senior Manager, focused on the activities of the ICANN APAC hub. She invited participants to attend ICANN57 or upcoming APAC Space web conferences, which will present the New Generic Top-Level Domains (gTLDs) program. Champika Wijayatunga - Security, Stability and Resiliency Engagement Regional Manager - spoke about DNSSEC, addressing ICANN's strategy and the DNSSEC deployment rate globally.



ICANN NEWS

It's Time to Register for ICANN57 Hyderabad!

ICANN57 Hyderabad will be the first ICANN Public Meeting hosted in India since 2008, when New Delhi was the host city for ICANN31. The seven-day meeting will run from 3-9 November.

[Register now!](#)

All foreign nationals traveling to India are required to have a visa. ICANN is currently working with the Indian government on the visa application process. For up-to-date information on obtaining a visa, check the **[ICANN57 home page](#)**.



ICANN57 is defined as a Meeting C in the future meetings strategy developed by the cross-community Meetings Strategy Working Group. A Meeting C showcases ICANN to a broad global audience and includes the ICANN Annual General Meeting.

Learn more about **[historic Hyderabad](#)** and how **[ICANN57 fits into the new meetings strategy](#)**.

FY16 Q4 Stakeholder Call
18 August 1500 UTC

Save the Date! ICANN Quarterly Stakeholder Call

ICANN will hold its next Quarterly Stakeholder Call on 18 August at 15:00 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC). Learn more about ICANN's activities, progress and financials for the quarter ending 30 June 2016. The call is available in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish. **[Register now!](#)**

ICANN Reaches Out to Newcomers

ICANN is always looking for new faces to represent the diversity of the ICANN community - people who want their voices heard and are eager to make a difference. The Newcomers Program helps people who are new to ICANN learn about what ICANN does and how they can participate in the ICANN community.

We've just posted a video for Newcomers to ICANN - with versions in English, Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish.



[Watch the video](#) and forward it to anyone you think may want to get involved with ICANN!



Read Post-ICANN56 Reports

The first Policy Forum concluded in Helsinki, Finland, on 30 June 2016. As part of ICANN's commitment to transparency, we've published three post-conference reports that examine the Policy Forum from different angles.

- **[Post-ICANN56 Policy Forum Report](#)** - Includes updates from the Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees and highlights of the cross-community sessions. This report answers the question "What happened at ICANN56?"
- **[ICANN56 Survey Results](#)** - Presents the results of two surveys that asked participants to rate various aspects of the Policy Forum.
- **[ICANN56 Technical Report](#)** - Contains attendee profiles, session statistics and other technical information. Much of this data is gathered through the registration process or meeting management software.

ICANN gathers metrics and examines data and survey results so we can continue to improve your meeting experience.

ICANN Board Approves Operating Plan and Budget Documents for FY17

The ICANN Board adopted two planning and budget documents for fiscal year 2017 (FY17). The approval of the **Five-Year Operating Plan** (updated) and the **FY17 Operating Plan and Budget** came in June 2016 at ICANN56 in Helsinki, Finland.

The documents resulted from several months of collaboration on the part of members of the community, staff and the Board Finance Committee.

To learn more about what's in these documents, [read the full announcement](#).



GETTING TO KNOW YOUR ICANN COMMUNITY

Andrew Molivuræ Governmental Advisory Committee Representative for Vanuatu

Andrew Molivuræ is currently working as a Consumer Officer for Internet Governance and Child Online Protection with the Telecommunications and Radiocommunications Regulator (TRR) of Vanuatu. He is working on the transition for the re-delegation of .vu at TRR.



Molivuræ has been an advocate for information and communications technology (ICT) developments in Vanuatu for over 10 years. He was previously the Chair of the Pacific Islands Chapter of the Internet Society (PICISOC) and a member of the Vanuatu National ICT Development Committee.

Molivuræ is involved with ICANN through the Vanuatu Governmental Advisory Committee. He is also the founding Chair of Vanuatu Information Technology Users Society (VITUS), an At-Large Structure in APRALO. To date, he has attended three ICANN Public Meetings.



POLICY UPDATE

ccNSO EPSRP Working Group Seeks Input

The Extended Process Similarity Review Panel (EPSRP) Working Group of the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) seeks public comments on its proposed guidelines for and refinement of the methodology on the review process for second string similarity, including the interpretation of its **split recommendations**. After the end of the public comment period, the EPSRP Working Group will review the public comments received and revise its proposed guidelines, if deemed appropriate. The working group will then submit the proposed guidelines to the ccNSO Council for approval and submission to the ICANN Board. The closing date for public comments is 31 August 2016 at 23:59 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC). Learn more about the **EPSRP Working Group** and **give us your feedback!**

Drafting Team to Develop Recommendations for Post-Transition GNSO

The Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council has established a drafting team to work with ICANN staff to identify all new or additional rights and responsibilities for the GNSO after the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) Stewardship Transition. After the ICANN Board adopted new Bylaws on 26 May 2016, the GNSO Council was aware that changes to its Operating Procedures may be needed to effect new roles and obligations. These changes included the mechanisms listed on **page 5 of the**

Call for Volunteers for GNSO Review Working Group

The GNSO Council recently adopted the charter for the GNSO Review Working Group. The working group will oversee the implementation - including a plan with a realistic timeline - of ICANN Board-accepted recommendations and will define desired outcomes. On behalf of the GNSO Council, ICANN has issued a **call for volunteers** to join the working group. The GNSO Council solicits members appointed by stakeholder groups and constituencies, as well as participants from the GNSO and broader community.

GAC Work Continues Post-ICANN56

Despite a shorter time frame to conduct Communiqué drafting, the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) concluded ICANN56 with agreement on the text, which included advice to the ICANN Board. The GAC and ICANN Board discussed this advice on a teleconference on Wednesday, 20 July 2016. Listen to the **recording of this call**.

The GAC participated in cross-community sessions during ICANN56. GAC Chair Thomas Schneider led the "Workload Scheduling and Management" session. Overall, GAC representatives appreciated the Policy Forum format, especially the cross-community sessions which fostered mutual understanding and learning on specific topics.

GAC Working Group meetings took place in the mornings, followed by plenary sessions and bilateral meetings with other groups. The GAC also welcomed six new members, bringing its total membership to 168 members and 35 observers.

Call for Public Comment on IANA IPR Agreements

The Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) Trust, the operational communities, and ICANN announced a call for public comment on 11 August 2016, soliciting feedback on draft agreements designed to address a requirement from the **Proposal to Transition the Stewardship of the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) Functions from the U.S. Commerce Department's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) to the Global Multistakeholder Community**. The Proposal required that the domain names that ICANN uses to perform the IANA functions and the IANA trademarks (the "IANA IPR") be transferred to an entity independent of the IANA Functions Operator, and held for the benefit of the entire community.

Read the **announcement** and give us your feedback **here**.



GDD UPDATE

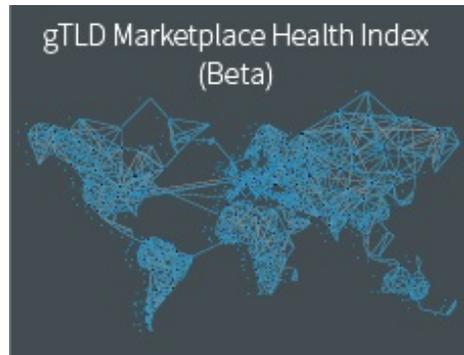


DNSSEC: Rolling the Root Zone Key Signing Key

On 22 July 2016, ICANN posted plans to change or "roll" the Root Zone Key Signing Key (KSK), marking another significant step in our ongoing efforts aimed at improving the security of the Domain Name System. The KSK is a cryptographic public-private key pair, the public portion of which serves as the trusted starting point for Domain Name System Security Extensions (DNSSEC) validation. For more information about the plans and operational processes involved in the KSK rollover, **read the blog** by David Conrad, ICANN Chief Technology Officer.

Check Out the New Universal Acceptance Steering Group Website!

Find presentations, videos and technical documentation such as the "Quick Guide" - available in nine languages - on the new Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG) website! Universal Acceptance is the concept that all domain names should be treated equally. Internet applications and systems must accept, validate, store, process and display all domains, including new generic top-level domains (gTLDs) and internationalized TLDs. The UASG is a community-based team working to share this vision for the Internet of the future. Visit the new site at [UASG.tech](http://www.UASG.tech).



gTLD Marketplace Health Index: We Want Your Feedback!

The gTLD Marketplace Health Index (Beta) has been posted for community feedback. The index analyzes the overall health and diversity of the global gTLD marketplace against three concepts: robust competition, marketplace stability and trust. ICANN intends to publish data twice a year to track progress against its goal of supporting the evolution of the domain name marketplace. We hope to work with the community to build on this beta version

with a more comprehensive set of metrics. To find out more about tracking gTLD marketplace health and how to get involved, [view the Health Index](#) or [read the blog](#).

New Reports Available: DNS Abuse Review and Independent Review of the Trademark Clearinghouse

How do we define Domain Name System (DNS) abuse? Are rights holders using the Trademark Clearinghouse? Reviews of the New gTLD Program are underway, designed to help answer important questions like these.

In July, ICANN posted two new reports resulting from these reviews:

- "Revised Report on New gTLD Program Safeguards to Mitigate DNS Abuse" provides an in-depth examination of possible safeguards to address activities such as cybercrime and hacking. It also presents methods for measuring the effectiveness of those protections. [Read the report](#).
- "Draft Report of the Independent Review of the Trademark Clearinghouse" is now available for public comment. The report considers the effectiveness of key services of the Trademark Clearinghouse in meeting its intended objective of supporting rights protection in the New gTLD Program. [Read the draft report](#) or [submit a comment](#).



DELEGATED TLDs

Seventy-eight new gTLDs were delegated in June

Here are some of them:

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mitsubishi

fujitsu

booking

panasonic

fujixerox

duck

doctor

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ONE MORE THING

ICANN APAC Hub Turns Three!

Three years have passed since the opening of the ICANN Asia Pacific hub in Singapore back in August 2013! To celebrate this anniversary, the ICANN Asia Pacific team is releasing a special newsletter to showcase the hub's achievements. This special edition newsletter will be released later this month - watch for our email in your inbox!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Join us at these upcoming events in the APAC region:

- ICANN/Korea Internet & Security Agency (KISA) Joint Korean Registrar Seminar | 31 August - 1 September | Seoul, Korea
- **AusNOG 2016 (Australian Network Operator's Group)** | 1-2 September | Sydney, Australia
- Pacific Islands Law Enforcement Agency Training | 6-8 September | Suva, Fiji
- **APAC Space Web Conference** | 8 September | 11:00 SGT / 03:00 UTC
- **Asia Pacific School of Internet Governance** | 11-15 September | Bangkok, Thailand
- **DOMAINFest Asia** | 19-22 September | Hong Kong
- **Youth Congress on Information Technology** | 27-29 September | Manila, Philippines
- **CYFY 2016** (The India Conference on Cyber Security and Internet Governance) | 28-30 September | New Delhi, India
- **APNIC 42** | 28 September - 5 October | Colombo, Sri Lanka

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