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ICANN staff at the Asia Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum 2017

### Asia Pacific Participants Speak Up at the Regional Internet Governance Forum

The **Asia Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum (APriIGF) 2017** attracted over 550 stakeholders throughout the three-day event. Turnout was large and participation was high, both are indicators of the regional community's increased interest in Internet governance (IG) discussions.

ICANN helped organize APriIGF as part of the Multistakeholder Steering Group, supported the newcomer capacity-building workshop, and led discussions on:

- [Ways to connect the unconnected in Asia](#)
- [Internationalized Domain Names and Universal Acceptance](#)
- [Ways to bring IG discussions to communities in APAC](#)

You can join the IG discussion by contributing to the [Synthesis Document](#), available from 16-31 August.



### Web Operators: Change Your Key or Get Locked Out

ICANN will soon change the cryptographic key that helps protect the Domain Name System (DNS). On 11 June 2017, ICANN moved one step closer, when a new key appeared in the DNS for the first time since 2010. This is a lead up to the DNS Security Extensions (DNSSEC) key signing key (KSK) rollover which will take place on 11 October 2017.

If you are a web operator and have enabled DNSSEC validation, you need to update your systems before that date. If not, your users may experience service interruptions.

Don't wait! Use the [ICANN test bed](#) to check if your systems are ready.

ICANN has been spreading the word at events in China, Fiji, India, and Samoa. Articles on the KSK rollover appeared in Japanese publications\*: [INTERNET Watch](#), [NIKKEI Network](#), and [ZDNet Japan](#).

Learn more about the [KSK Rollover](#).

*\*ICANN thanks the Japan Network Information Center (JPNIC) for their contribution towards the Japanese publications.*



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### Demystifying ICANN Policies for Chinese Registrars



*ICANN's Howard Li, Registrar Services and Industry Relations Senior Manager, APAC, explains ICANN policy requirements to over 30 Chinese registrars at the ICANN Registrar Workshop in Xiamen*

For many registrars in China, understanding and implementing ICANN policy or the 2013 Registrar Accreditation Agreement (RAA) requirements can be challenging. Language differences, lack of capacity and resources add on to these challenges. ICANN recently addressed these issues at a workshop in Xiamen, and also met one-on-one with registrars and registries on the sidelines of the workshop.

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### How Do Data Privacy and Protection Affect the APAC Community?

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) by the European Union is a hot topic. What do contracted parties who publish WHOIS information of European citizens and residents need to do to be compliant?

On 13 July 2017, the APAC Space explored the topic of Data Privacy and Protection, of which the above was also discussed. This was the first community-led subgroup session on a current topic of internet. If you missed it, you can view the presentation materials or access the Adobe Connect recording [here](#). The subgroup will be facilitating more conversations soon - stay tuned.

Make your voice heard! Join the APAC Space Data Privacy and Protection Subgroup at [dataprivacy@apacspace.asia](mailto:dataprivacy@apacspace.asia) and subscribe to the APAC Space community list at [discuss@apacspace.asia](mailto:discuss@apacspace.asia).

## Cybercrime Prevention is Key for Korean Law Enforcement Community



*ICANN's Champika Wijayatunga (Regional Security, Stability and Resiliency Engagement Manager) speaks about Internet abuse to over 100 law enforcement personnel from the Korean National Cyber Police*

Faced with increasingly sophisticated cybercrimes, many countries are emphasizing prevention and inter-agency collaboration. Cybersecurity is a timely topic, which explains the success of the workshop held in Seoul on 2 June 2017. ICANN and the Korea Internet & Security Agency (KISA) jointly organized the event, attended by more than 100 law enforcement personnel. Participants discussed ways to distinguish legitimate uses of the DNS from DNS abuse, and how to prevent and combat Internet identifier abuse and misuse.



### ICANN NEWS

## Introducing ICANN's Chief Data Protection Officer (CDPO)

*John Jeffrey, General Counsel and Secretary, ICANN*

Data protection and privacy laws and regulations are constantly evolving. One of the ICANN organization's top priorities continues to be data protection and privacy compliance and maintaining the security of personal data we collect in the course of our operations. As part of the ICANN organization's overall data protection and privacy governance framework, we are creating a new role: the Chief Data Protection Officer (CDPO).

We have asked **Daniel Halloran** to be ICANN's Chief Data Protection Officer. Dan will take on this role, in addition to his current responsibilities as Deputy General Counsel. Dan has been deeply involved in our efforts surrounding data privacy and protection, and he will be an excellent fit for this new role. Dan will continue to report to me in both roles.

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## Data Protection, Privacy Issues, and the GDPR

Data privacy and data protection regulations are evolving. These include the European Union's **General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)**, which will affect the ICANN organization in at least two areas:

- Personal data that participants in the domain name ecosystem collect, display, and process, including

- registries and registrars (pursuant to ICANN contracts)
- Personal data that ICANN collects and processes for internal or external services

In the past few months, we've had several discussions with the multistakeholder community about this topic. Learn more about recent activities on the newly launched [Data Protection/Privacy Issues page](#).



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## Empowered Community - ICANN Budget and Operating Plans in Effect

On 17 July 2017, the ICANN Empowered Community confirmed that it was not rejecting any of the following documents previously approved by the ICANN Board on 24 June 2017:

- ICANN's FY2018 Budget and Operating Plan
- IANA's Budget for FY2018
- ICANN's Five-Year Operating Plan

The confirmation followed the expiration of the 21-day period for the Empowered Community to raise a petition against any of these documents. Read more about these and other Empowered Community actions [here](#).



## It's Time to Register for ICANN60!

For the first time, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE), will host an ICANN Public Meeting. The seven-day ICANN60 Annual General Meeting runs from 28 October to 3 November 2017. [Register now!](#)

Visit the [ICANN60 page](#) to find about travel (including visa requirements) and make hotel reservations. We'll post more information leading up to the meeting - be sure to bookmark the page and check back frequently.

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## Coming Soon - New Accountability Indicators

Have you ever wondered how many events ICANN participates in by region and how many people we engage with? Or what is the state of ICANN's financials? Or how much is being spent on travel and meetings? What if you could find these answers and more in one central place on icann.org?

We'll soon be launching the new Accountability Indicators page, which will replace the KPI Dashboard. There, you'll have visibility into progress against ICANN's strategic and operating plans through easy-to-read charts and detailed data. You'll now be able to drill down to view underlying data. This is one more way the ICANN organization is showing its commitment to accountability.



The page is scheduled to launch in the next few weeks - watch for the announcement!



## GETTING TO KNOW YOUR ICANN COMMUNITY

### Mohamad Shidiq Purnama Technical Manager at Pengelola Nama Domain Internet Indonesia (PANDI), the manager of .id, Indonesia's country code top-level domain (ccTLD)

As a technical manager at PANDI, Mohamad Shidiq Purnama ensures the stability, security, and trustworthiness of .id, and conducts research and development in Internet technology. He was involved in deploying DNSSEC for .id.



Purnama actively supports ICANN in Indonesia. He organized a DNS and DNSSEC workshop for his country's technical community. He has also worked closely with ICANN staff to deliver technical training.

Purnama participates regularly in conferences on Internet matters, including ICANN, the Asia-Pacific Network Information Centre (APNIC), and the Asia Pacific Top Level Domain Association (APTLD).



## POLICY UPDATE

### Decisional Participants Approve Fundamental Bylaw Amendment

Exercising their power as Decisional Participants of the Empowered Community (EC), the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC), Address Supporting Organization (ASO), Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO), Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC), and Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) approved an amendment to an ICANN Fundamental Bylaw. On 18 May 2017, the ICANN Board **approved** an amendment to Section 4.2 to transfer responsibility for reconsideration requests to a new ICANN Board committee. This triggered the Empowered Community Approval Action Process, including the subsequent convening of the first **Community Forum** at ICANN59. During the Community Forum, the five Decisional Participants discussed the proposed Fundamental Bylaw amendment. Following the Community Forum, each Decisional Participant had 21 days to decide whether to support, object to, or abstain from the matter.

### GNSO Confirms James Bladel as Representative to the Empowered Community Administration

The GNSO Council **confirmed** James Bladel, GNSO Chair, to represent the GNSO as a Decisional Participant on the Empowered Community Administration until the end of his term at ICANN60. Since October 2016, Bladel has served as the interim representative. The GNSO Council asked the GNSO Standing Selection Committee to develop the criteria and process for selecting the permanent GNSO representative. The GNSO Council adopted the proposed criteria and process during its meeting on 28 June 2017. The process stipulates that the GNSO Council leadership team will select one of its members (chair, vice chairs) to serve as the representative. The GNSO Council confirmed the decision during its meeting on 13 July 2017.

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### ccNSO Council Adopts CWG-UCTN Final Paper

One week before ICANN59, the Cross-Community Working Group on the Use of Country and Territory Names as Top-Level

Domains (CWG-UCTN) submitted its [final paper](#) to the ccNSO and GNSO Councils for deliberation and decision-making. ccNSO members also discussed the recommendations of the CWG-UCTN during the [ccNSO members meeting](#).

At its [20 July meeting](#), the ccNSO Council adopted the CWG-UCTN final paper (read the [executive summary](#)) and supported the following recommendations:

- The chartering organizations (ccNSO and GNSO) should close the CWG-UCTN in accordance with and as foreseen in the charter.
- The ICANN community should consolidate all policy efforts relating to geographic names to enable in-depth analyses and discussions on all aspects related to all geographic-related names.
- Future policy development work must facilitate an all-inclusive dialogue to ensure that all members of the community have the opportunity to participate.

With respect to the format for the upcoming work, the ccNSO Council decided to first consult its appointed members on the CWG before making any decisions.

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## At-Large Community Enters Next Phase of the Organizational Review Process

The At-Large community started developing a feasibility assessment and implementation plan in response to the [review recommendations](#) proposed by ITEMS, the independent examiner conducting the review. At-Large aims to submit this plan to the ICANN Board Organization Effectiveness Committee in late August, prior to ICANN Board action on the ITEMS recommendations. With significant input from across the community, including the ALAC, Regional At-Large Organizations (RALOs), and At-Large Structures, the [ALAC Statement on the At-Large Review Draft Report](#) has laid the groundwork for analyzing the ITEMS recommendations.

To facilitate this phase of work, a [workspace](#) and a [Google document](#) have been developed with prepopulated content drawn from the previous ALAC statement. The community will focus on refining the content, giving input, proposing implementation steps for each recommendation, and creating a list of priorities. In addition, the community will review and consider if the [RALO Statement on the At-Large Review Draft Report](#) should be incorporated into this document.

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## GAC Looks Ahead to ICANN60

Since ICANN59, the GAC leadership has focused on follow-up items such as the cross-community discussion on "Who Sets ICANN's Priorities?" The GAC also provided input to the General Data Protection Regulation Compliance Consultation Group. The GAC plans to meet with the ICANN Board in mid-August to discuss the [ICANN59 GAC Communiqué](#).

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Several nominations have been received for the next round of GAC leadership elections, which will conclude during ICANN60. The nomination period closes on 13 September 2017.

The GAC is also preparing for ICANN60 with a particular focus on cross-community work. With guidance from the GAC Public Safety Working Group, the GAC submitted several topics for potential cross-community sessions, including DNS Abuse Mitigation.





## Participate in ICANN Reviews

**Reviews** are mandated by ICANN's Bylaws to evaluate the performance of the ICANN organization, its Supporting Organizations (SOs) and Advisory Committees (ACs).

What's Happening?

- The Competition, Consumer Trust, and Consumer Choice Review Team (**CCTRT**) will publish new report sections (DNS Abuse, INTA Survey) for public comment in September and send its Final Report to the ICANN Board before ICANN60. [Learn more.](#)
- The second Security, Stability, and Resiliency of the DNS (**SSR2**) Review Team has been briefed on the implementation of review recommendations from SSR1. The team has also finalized the five broad topic areas that it will examine. [Learn more.](#)
- During its September meeting, the ICANN Board will consider the request to delay the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) Review to August 2018.

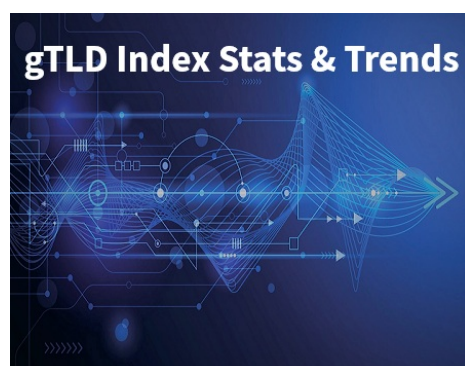
Want to get involved with ICANN Specific Reviews? Become a Review Observer - find out how: [CCTRT](#), [SSR2](#), [ATRT3](#), [RDS/WHOIS2](#).



## GDD UPDATE

### WHOIS Data Gets High Marks for Accuracy in Syntax and Operability

The WHOIS Accuracy Reporting System (ARS) **June 2017 report** is now available. Key findings show that 98.6 percent of WHOIS records contain information that can be used to establish immediate contact through an email or phone number that meets all operability requirements of the 2009 Registrar Accreditation Agreement.



### Just Published in July 2017: Updated gTLD Marketplace Health Index

The gTLD Marketplace Health Index (Beta), first published in July 2016, presents statistics and trends related to generic top-level domains (gTLDs). A community **advisory panel** is working with ICANN to refine the Index in preparation for publishing version 1.0. [View the Health Index.](#)

## Domain Name Registrants - How We Are Increasing Knowledge and Awareness

Domain name registrants are entities or individuals that have acquired the right to use a domain name for a period of time via an agreement with a registrar or reseller. Registrants are integral to the Domain Name System (DNS). Learn more about what the ICANN organization is doing to help increase registrant knowledge - read the [recent blog](#) or visit the [Information for Domain Name Registrants page](#).



### DELEGATED TLDs

#### Seven New gTLDs and Eight ccTLDs Were Delegated in June and July 2017

اتصالات, "Etisalat", /itissalat/	grocery
map	phd
search	merckmsd

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### ONE MORE THING

#### ICANN APAC Regional Office Turns Four!

ICANN opened the APAC regional office in Singapore in August 2013. We'll be releasing a special "APAC Fourth Anniversary Report" later this month. Make sure to watch out for it!



### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Talk to Krista Papac, ICANN's Complaints Officer

Krista Papac will be in Singapore to hold a webinar with the APAC community. She'll share her insights about the Complaints Office, which was created nearly six months ago as a centralized mechanism for tracking complaints about the ICANN organization.

Date: **22 August, 03:00 Universal Coordinated Time (UTC) / 11:00 Singapore Time (SGT)**  
Link to Adobe Connect: [participate.icann.org/apacmtgrm](https://participate.icann.org/apacmtgrm)



You'll learn about the objectives of the Office and the type of complaints it handles. Participate in the conversation and share your feedback with Papac. You can also submit questions ahead of time to [apachub@icann.org](mailto:apachub@icann.org).



## Regional Events

- 7-8 September | [Australian Network Operators Group \(AusNOG\)](#) | Melbourne, Australia
- 7-14 September | [Asia-Pacific Network Information Centre \(APNIC\) 44](#) | Taichung, Chinese Taipei
- 26 September | [APAC Space Web Conference](#) | 03:00 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) / 11:00 Singapore Time (SGT)

Learn more about how ICANN will be participating in [regional events near you](#).

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