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ICANN70 Schedule Now Available

ICANN has released the [schedule](#) for the ICANN70 Community Forum, **22-25 March 2021**. Initially planned for Cancún, Mexico, the meeting will take place virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



Registration is required to view the schedule. Details and information about remote participation tools, including interpretation, can be found [here](#). Important note: ICANN70 will be held in the Eastern Standard Time (UTC-5) time zone of Cancún.

Read [the Announcement here](#).



EXPLORE NEW ICANN CONTENT

New ICANN Learn course: ICANN Public Meetings for Newcomers



Is ICANN70 going to be your first ICANN Public Meeting? Have you attended an ICANN meeting before but weren't sure which sessions to attend or which groups to join? Are you unsure how to get involved in a remote meeting? If any of these are true, ICANN Learn has you covered!

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multistakeholder model, explain key terms, help you to locate groups and sessions that may interest you, and provide tips so that you can make the most of the meeting experience.



ICANN NEWS

ICANN71 to be Held as a Virtual Meeting

ICANN's Board of Directors has announced that ICANN71 will be held as a virtual Public Meeting

due to the continuing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The ICANN71 Policy Forum was scheduled to be held in The Hague, Netherlands, from 14-17 June 2021. The meeting dates will remain the same.

Read the [Announcement here](#).

Deadline to Apply for ICANN Leadership Positions Extended to 29 March

The 2021 Nominating Committee (NomCom) is inviting applicants for key leadership positions within ICANN, including:

- Three members of the ICANN Board of Directors
- Three regional representatives for the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) – one each representing the Africa region, Asia, Australia, and Pacific Islands region, and Latin America and Caribbean region
- Two members of the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council – one each representing the Contracted Parties House and Non-Contracted Parties House
- One member of the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) Council



The new deadline to submit the applications is **29 March 2021 at 23:59 Universal Coordinated Time (UTC)**. Find more information on the positions and application process at the [NomCom webpage](#).

Read the [Announcement here](#).

Information Transparency Initiative Update: Project to Reach Milestone on 16 March



On 16 March 2021, the Information Transparency Initiative (ITI) team will replace some content types on the current <https://icann.org> with a new ITI search experience and launch a new content subscription feature.

Read more about this important update in ICANN President and CEO Göran Marby's [latest blog](#).

Learn how to sign up for content subscriptions in ICANN Senior Vice President, Global Communications, [Sally Newell Cohen's blog](#).



APAC ACTIVITIES & HIGHLIGHTS

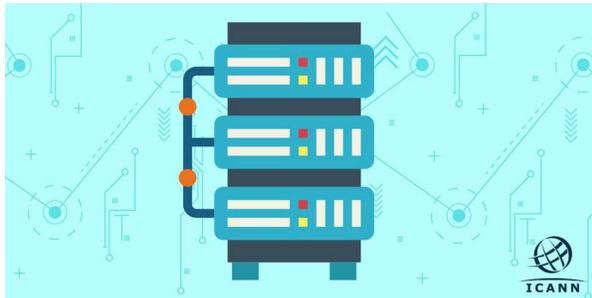
ICANN Board Chair Speaks to Youth at Global CyberPeace Challenge 2.0

At the virtual Global CyberPeace Challenge 2.0, ICANN Board Chair Maarten Botterman recorded a congratulatory speech for the closing ceremony, where he emphasized the importance of multistakeholder collaboration in developing solutions against rising

cybersecurity threats. He recognized the Indian community's leadership and commitment in various efforts such as Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs) and Universal Acceptance (UA), as well as their participation in the Identifier Technologies Health Indicators (ITHI) initiative.

ICANN org also conducted a workshop focusing on the Domain Name System (DNS) threats and abuses, as well as best practices for securing the DNS. ICANN's Domain Abuse Activity Reporting System (DAAR) and ITHI were introduced, and ICANN organization staff called for greater participation in these initiatives.

The competition, targeted for global youth, comprised of three sub-challenges: policy development, cyber-hygiene, and information technology solutions for specific cybersecurity issues. Participants from 55 countries competed in the challenge, which was held from 3 January through 9 February 2021.



Root Server System Information Sharing at APAC Space

The APAC Space webinar held on 25 February 2021 featured an information-sharing session on a key technical component of the Internet – the Root Server System (RSS). The session provided an opportunity for both technical and non-technical members of the APAC community to learn more about the RSS and its ongoing work.

RSS Advisory Committee (RSSAC) Caucus member Anupam Agrawal introduced the RSS, including its functions and critical importance. With this background, Hirofumi Hotta from the RSS Governance Working Group (GWG) provided an overview of the group's work.

Presentation materials, recordings, and session notes are on the Community Wiki [page](#).

Join APAC Space by writing to subscribe@apacspace.asia.

ICANN at Asia Pacific's Largest International Internet Conference

The first ever virtual Asia Pacific Regional Internet Conference on Operational Technologies (APRICOT) 2021 included a tutorial week from 22-26 February 2021, as well as a conference week from 1-4 March 2021. As a member of the regional community, ICANN org participated in both weeks.

ICANN org contributed to the "Domain Name System Security Extensions (DNSSEC) Operations Tutorial," a four-part technical training series on the topic of DNSSEC deployment for authoritative and recursive DNS operators. ICANN President and Chief Executive Officer Göran Marby also delivered a keynote speech on 1 March 2021. He shared his top concerns about today's Internet in view of the pandemic and the evolving world.

For more on the event, visit [here](#).



POLICY UPDATE

GNSO Council Approves New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP Final Report

On 18 February 2021, the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council voted on the [Final Report](#) of the New gTLD

Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process (PDP).

Concluding five years of work, this working group put forward hundreds of affirmations, recommendations, and implementation guidance under 41 topics (collectively referred to as “outputs”). Only two outputs did not receive consensus or full consensus support from the working group. The GNSO Council unanimously approved all outputs except for those two. The GNSO Council also requested that the ICANN Board initiate an Operational Design Phase on the Final Report and that the ICANN org convene an Implementation Review Team to implement the outputs.



Expediting the Policy Proposals on Retirement of ccTLDs

The third Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) Policy Development Process Working Group (ccPDP3) submitted its Interim Report to the Issue Manager for consideration by the ccNSO.

The Issue Manager is now seeking Public Comment on the Interim Report. This proceeding includes the proposed policy recommendations for the retirement of country code top-level domains (ccTLDs) and separation of ccPDP3 into two parts: part one, the retirement of ccTLDs; and part two, proposed policy recommendations for a review mechanism of decisions pertaining to the delegation, transfer, revocation, and retirement of ccTLDs.

If the separation receives support, the ccNSO decision process on the retirement policy will start in April 2021 without waiting for the completion of part two.

For more information, visit the Public Comment proceeding [here](#).

GNSO Council Initiates PDP to Review Transfer Policy



On 18 February 2021, the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council initiated a two-phase Policy Development Process (PDP) to review the Transfer Policy. This PDP is tasked to determine if changes to the policy are needed to improve the ease, security, and efficacy of inter-registrar and inter-registrant transfers.

After incorporating feedback received via [Public Comment](#), the [Final Issue Report](#) recommends that the PDP address the following topics in sequence: Form of Authorization and AuthInfo Codes (Phase 1a); change of registrant (Phase 1b); transfer emergency action contact and reversing inter-registrar transfers, Transfer Dispute Resolution Policy, NACKing transfers, and ICANN-approved transfers (Phase 2).

The GNSO Council requested that the working group be convened as soon as possible after the adoption of the proposed PDP charter, incorporating PDP 3.0 improvements.

[Learn more](#).

ICANN Community Excellence Award 2021: Nominations Close on 29 March!

The nomination period for the ICANN Community Excellence Award 2021 closes in

two weeks. Each year, the ICANN Community Excellence Award recognizes ICANN community members who substantively contribute to ICANN policy development and who are deeply invested in developing consensus-based solutions within the ICANN multistakeholder model.

Learn more about the [nomination process](#) and submit your nomination(s) [here](#).



GETTING TO KNOW YOUR ICANN COMMUNITY

Photchanan Ratanajaipan

Chair, Thailand Universal Acceptance (UA) Local Initiative

Photchanan Ratanajaipan is the Chair of the Thailand UA local initiative, which aims to raise awareness of the importance of UA to the public sector, government agencies, businesses, and the technical community.

Photchanan has been promoting Internationalized Domain Name (IDN), Email Address Internationalization (EAI), and addressing the acceptance of all domain names and email addresses since 2018.

As a newcomer, Photchanan attended the ICANN64 meeting in Kobe, Japan, and presented the progress of Thailand's IDN/EAI. At ICANN69, she was a panelist in the Outreach for Addressing Universal Acceptance session and discussed how to perform UA engagement more effectively.

Photchanan believes that IDN and UA are important for the continued expansion of the Internet while narrowing the language gap for people with limited English literacy. She urges companies to have their information systems improved to be UA-ready, so that all domains and email addresses can be received and used correctly.



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