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### Watch the ICANN57 Wrap-Up Interview

At the end of the recent ICANN57 Public Meeting in Hyderabad, India, Liana Teo, ICANN's Head of Communications in the Asia Pacific region, sits down with Stephen Crocker, Board Chair, and Göran Marby, President and CEO. Crocker and Marby look back on the seven-day event that showcased ICANN's work to a broad global audience. **Find out what they have to say!**

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## ✏️ APAC ACTIVITIES & HIGHLIGHTS

### In Pictures: The APAC Community at ICANN57

Our largest ever public meeting, ICANN57, just concluded in Hyderabad, India last week with a record attendance of 3,182 participants. Of these, about two thirds were from Asia, with local Indian participation accounting for a third. Also worth noting is that there were almost 2,000 newcomers at this meeting. APAC Space, which was held on Tuesday, 8 November, also saw a record participation of over 80 attendees.

Thank you to all our community members for your participation. We also congratulate Guo Feng who has been elected as Vice-Chair of the Governmental Advisory Committee.

Here are some highlights captured in photos. For more photos, click **here**.



*Thank you to the APAC community for attending and participating in ICANN's work at ICANN57. This photo was taken at the APAC Space session at ICANN57.*

**Government of India Reinforces Support for Multistakeholder Model**

*ICANN's Tarek Kamel (man in left photo) speaks at "Looking Back, Looking Ahead" panel, and Asha Hemrajani (right photo) speaks at "Access and Inclusion" panel. Both panels were part of the recent India Conference on Cyber Security and Internet Governance (CyFy 2016).*

The Government of India has again pledged support for the multistakeholder model and the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) stewardship transition. Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad reiterated this commitment in his inaugural address at the India Conference on Cyber Security and Internet Governance (**CyFy 2016**). Held in New Delhi from 28-30 September 2016, the event had over 500 participants. The event's organizer was the Observer Research Foundation.

ICANN panelists at the event were Asha Hemrajani, ICANN Board Member, and Tarek Kamel, ICANN's Senior Adviser to President and Senior Vice President, Government and IGOs Engagement.

Also attending from ICANN were Sally Costerton, Senior Advisor to The President and Senior Vice President, Global Stakeholder Engagement; Jia-Rong Low, VP and Managing Director of ICANN Asia Pacific; Nick Tomasso, Vice President, Meetings; and Samiran Gupta, Head of India.

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## Bridging the Digital Gender Gap: Bringing More Women Online

The gender gap in the technology industry is a well-known phenomenon - women are not represented equally in technology jobs. But did you know that there is a similar gender gap in Internet access?  This "online" gender gap was a main topic of the Gender Mainstreaming Workshop, held on 2 October 2016 in Bangkok, Thailand.

Around the world, women are more likely than men to be denied access to the Internet. Women face challenges that fall into four categories:



*Participants at the Gender Mainstreaming Workshop discuss issues related to the gender inequality in access to the Internet.*

- Affordability and availability
- Culture and norms
- Capacity, skills and content
- Participation in decision-making and policies

ICANN's Joyce Chen, Global Stakeholder Engagement Strategy and Development Senior Manager, participated in vibrant discussions that explored the different implications for women and men in policymaking, and ways to achieve gender equality in Internet access.

The following day, Chen attended the Asia-Pacific Regional Internet and Development Dialogue (**APRIDD**), co-organized by the Internet Society Asia-Pacific Bureau and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP). An outcome of the event was the Asia-Pacific Information Superhighway (AP-IS) initiative, which aims to encourage the 62 member states to provide greater regional Internet connectivity through terrestrial or submarine fiber cables.

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*The 4th INTERPOL-Europol Cybercrime Conference attracts about 200 experts in cybersecurity from over 50 countries.*

## Fighting Cybercrime Through Multistakeholder Cooperation

The ICANN Security, Stability and Resiliency (SSR) team was in Singapore from 28-30 September 2016 for the **4<sup>th</sup> INTERPOL-Europol Cybercrime Conference**. Cyber experts attending the conference came from many security stakeholder organizations.

The conference's theme was "Solutions for Attribution" - taking stock of current cyber threats and trends and exploring the best practices or solutions to enhance the global response to cybercrime. ICANN participated in a session on multistakeholder cooperation in fighting cybercrime. Cyber experts also discussed efforts to enhance private-public partnerships, reshape information-sharing agreements and develop capacity-building programs with a regional focus.

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*ICANN's Champika Wijayatunga and Ed Lewis instruct APNIC 42 participants on security issues related to the Domain Name System.*

## Record Turnout at Network Security Workshop at APNIC 42

A record number of 75 technical personnel representing various industry segments attended the Network Security Workshop at **APNIC 42** (APNIC is the Regional Internet Registry for the Asia Pacific). This year's APNIC conference was held in Colombo, Sri Lanka, from 28 September - 5 October 2016. ICANN's Champika Wijayatunga (Security, Stability and Resiliency Engagement Regional Manager) and Ed Lewis (Senior Technologist) were among the trainers at the workshop. Lewis also talked about the rollover of the root zone key signing key (KSK rollover) during the session on the Domain Name System (DNS) and Internet Routing Security.

Jia-Rong Low, VP and Managing Director of ICANN Asia Pacific, gave an update on ICANN's recent activities. Naela Sarras, Senior Manager of IANA Services, spoke about IANA, in particular highlighting the **Public Technical Identifiers (PTI)** structure and functions.

Low and Wijayatunga also visited other stakeholders (government, technical and academia) on the sidelines of the event.

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## Lao Generation Panel Finalizes Root Zone Label Generation Rules

In October, the Lao script community finalized its proposal for root zone Label Generation Rules (LGR). The proposal is the fifth to be finalized - after Arabic, Armenian, Georgian and Khmer script rules - and is now available for **public comment**. In addition, ICANN announced the formation of a Generation Panel to develop LGRs for the Greek script.

Root zone LGRs determine valid **Internationalized Domain Name** (IDN) labels and their variants in the world's many languages and scripts. Internationalized Domain Names include non-ASCII characters from scripts such as Arabic.

## ICANN NEWS

### Take the ICANN57 Surveys!

Tell us what you thought about ICANN57 by taking the **ICANN57 surveys.** Your feedback is important to us - it helps us improve future meetings.

### Missed the Recent Quarterly Stakeholder Call?

On 18 October, ICANN held its Quarterly Stakeholder Call for the quarter ending 30 September. In keeping with the new format, the call highlighted the Asia-Pacific region. This new focus (including a region-friendly start time) encourages greater local engagement and participation. If you couldn't attend live, you can access the **presentation materials and recordings.**

### Call for Volunteers

Has ICANN lived up to its commitments to ensure accuracy and compliance with WHOIS? You can participate in the Review of Registration Directory Service (RDS) - also known as WHOIS.

Apply to join the ICANN Review Team that will analyze WHOIS and make recommendations to make it more effective. Click **here** to learn more and apply.

## GETTING TO KNOW YOUR ICANN COMMUNITY

### Chester Soong
### Asian, Australasian and Pacific Islands Regional At-Large Organization Representative

Chester Soong is currently the Chairman of the Internet Society (ISOC) Hong Kong Chapter and Vice-Chairman of the Asia Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum (APrIGF) Multistakeholder Steering Group. He is also a member of the Asian, Australasian and Pacific Islands Regional At-Large Organization (APRALO) at ICANN.

Soong has been working in the Internet and Information Technology (IT) security field since 1994. He has been a lecturer on cybercrime management and on IT forensics in legislation related to e-business. He is now working as a principal consultant at an IT security consulting and solution service provider firm in Hong Kong.

Before this, Soong worked at the Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data, Hong Kong. There, he led the division responsible for launching compliance investigations, responding to data breach notifications and replying to general inquiries about the Privacy Ordinance. He was also a member of the founding Board of Directors at the Hong Kong Internet Registration Corporation Limited (HKIRC), the country code top-level domain registrar of .hk. It was at HKIRC that Soong was introduced to domain name management and policy.

## POLICY UPDATE

### Governmental Advisory Committee ICANN57 Communiqué

The Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) Communiqué from ICANN57 is available for review **here**. ICANN receives input from governments through the GAC. Its key role is to give advice to ICANN on issues of public policy, especially where there may be an interaction between ICANN activities or policies and national laws or international agreements. The GAC meets three times a year at ICANN Public Meetings, where it discusses issues with the ICANN Board of Directors and other ICANN Supporting Organizations, Advisory Committees and other groups.

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### GNSO Council Approves Proposed Framework for Future Cross-Community Working Groups

Up to now, cross-community working groups (CCWGs) have been formed on an ad-hoc basis, without a consistent framework of underlying operating principles that take into account the different working methods of the various Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees. In March 2014, the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) Council and Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council **approved the charter** for a CCWG to develop a framework for future CCWGs. The proposed framework identifies key principles and process steps to be considered during each phase of the CCWG life cycle (initiation, formation, operation, decision-making, closure, and post-closure). The CCWG submitted its proposed framework to the ccNSO and GNSO Councils on 19 September 2016. The GNSO Council **approved the proposed framework** at its meeting on 13 October 2016.

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### Extended Process Review Panel Working Group (EPSRP) - Final Report

In June 2015 the ICANN Board of Directors requested that the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) - in consultation with other stakeholders, including the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) and the Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC) - provide further guidance on and refinement of the methodology for the second string similarity review process. This includes the interpretation of split recommendations, to be applied to the relevant, current and subsequent cases in the Internationalized Domain Names (IDN) Country Code Top-Level Domains (ccTLD) Fast Track process, as well as to inform the proposed policy for the selection of the IDN ccTLD strings. In October 2015, the ccNSO established a working group with participants from the ccTLD community and the GAC.

In July 2016, the **EPSRP working group** sought feedback, via a **public comment proceeding**, on its proposed guidelines for the methodology on the second string similarity review process, including the interpretation of a split recommendation.

Feedback received during the public comment proceeding included a **statement from the At-Large Advisory Committee**, **input from Verisign** and a **statement from the SSAC**. The GAC submitted **comments** at a later stage. The ccNSO **discussed** the EPSRP **final report** at its meeting at
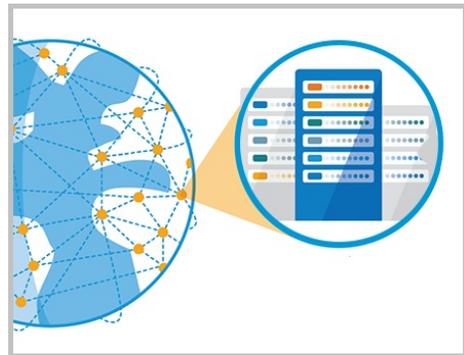
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### Key Signing Key Rollover Operations Begin

On 27 October 2016, ICANN created a new root zone key signing key (KSK). This new cryptographic public/private key pair was made during the quarterly Root KSK Ceremony at our secure key management facility in Culpeper, Virginia. With this key generation, the initial operational phase of the first root KSK rollover - the process of changing the "master key" of the Domain Name System (DNS) - has begun. Network operators, Internet service providers and those who have enabled DNS Security Extensions (DNSSEC) validation will need to update their systems with the new root KSK once it has been published in July 2017. To learn more, visit the **KSK rollover webpage.**

### Available for Comment - New gTLD Program Study Results

Reviews of the New gTLD Program are currently underway to assess whether program objectives are being met. In October, ICANN published two new reports that will feed into these reviews:

- "Phase II Assessment of the Competitive Effects Associated with the New gTLD Program" explores whether the program has affected competition in the domain name marketplace. **Read the draft report** or **submit a comment.**

- "Continuous Data-Driven Analysis of Root Server System Stability" will help the Internet community determine if additional steps are required to safeguard the root zone's security and stability. **Read the draft report** or **submit a comment.**

## ☑ DELEGATED TLDs

### Eight New gTLDs Were Delegated in October

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| case | baseball |
| basketball | iveco |
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### ➕ READ MORE

Join us at these upcoming events in the APAC region:

- **International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Telecom World 2016** | 14-17 November | Bangkok, Thailand
- **3rd World Internet Conference** | 16-18 November | Wuzhen, China
- **Pacific Network Operators Group (PacNOG) 19** | 28 November - 2 December | Nadi, Fiji
- **Asia Pacific Regional Internet Conference on Operational Technologies (APRICOT) 2017** | 20 February - 2 March 2017 | Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

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