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## TOP STORY



### KSK Rollover Postponed

On 27 September, ICANN announced that the planned changeover of the cryptographic key that helps protect the Domain Name System is being postponed.

The changing or "rolling" of the key signing key (KSK) was originally scheduled to occur on 11 October, but is being delayed because some recently obtained data shows that a significant number of resolvers used by Internet service providers and network operators are not yet ready for the key rollover.

Prior to the announcement, the ICANN APAC regional office raised awareness about the topic in China, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong, India, Malaysia, Singapore, and Sri Lanka.

[Read the full announcement.](#)



## ICANN NEWS



### Register Now! Pre-ICANN60 Policy Open House, 19 October

Join ICANN's Policy Development Support Team at one of two Pre-ICANN60 Policy Update webinars:

**Thursday, 19 October 2017**

**10:00 and 19:00 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC)**

Register via [this form](#) by 17 October!

The format of each 60-minute session will be interactive. We invite you to submit your questions in advance through the [registration form](#) or by email to [policyinfo@icann.org](mailto:policyinfo@icann.org).

[Read the full announcement.](#)

## Get Ready for ICANN60

Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE),

28 October - 3 November 2017



There's still time to [register](#) for ICANN60. Before you book your travel, please read the ICANN60 [travel and visa information](#). If you need to obtain a visa, check with your nearest UAE mission to see if there's still time. And remember, you can also [participate remotely](#).

Be sure to check out these useful meeting tools:

- [Pre-ICANN60 Policy Report](#) and [Pre-ICANN60 GNSO Briefing](#)
- [ICANN60 Meeting Schedule](#)
- [ICANN60 Mobile App](#) (on AppStore and Google Play)
- [ICANN60 Guide](#)

We hope to see you in Abu Dhabi!



## We Heard You: Feedback on the Accountability Indicators

In August, we launched the [Accountability Indicators](#). This is a new way for ICANN to show the community how we are making progress against our strategic objectives. This dynamic and interactive site allows you to investigate different dimensions of what we do and who we are. It also encourages you to give us feedback on what we're measuring and how we're displaying it.

We just published the [first report](#) on the feedback we received and the improvements we plan to make in response to that

feedback. More than half of this feedback came from the Board, so we're seeking more input from the community.

Please take a few minutes to read the report and review the Accountability Indicators. Submit your comments, suggestions, and questions through the feedback links on the webpages or email [accountability-indicators-feedback@icann.org](mailto:accountability-indicators-feedback@icann.org).

## Creating Content Governance and Rebuilding the Infrastructure of ICANN's Public Sites

It probably comes as no surprise to many of you who use [www.icann.org](http://www.icann.org) that our content can be difficult to find. It's an issue we have grappled with for a long time that needs a permanent fix. On 23 September 2017, at the ICANN Board meeting in Montevideo, Uruguay, the Board approved the Information Transparency Initiative to address this and other problems related to our content governance. One of the primary objectives of this initiative is to improve the findability of ICANN's public content in all six U.N. languages. This objective is in service of ICANN's Mission and Bylaws, which will help you, the community, do your work, and will help us meet our commitments to accountability and transparency. Read [ICANN's Duncan Burns and David Conrad's blog](#) to learn more.

## ICANN Releases Findings of Survey on Gender Diversity and Participation

On 12 October, ICANN published the detailed report containing data and analysis from the recent [Gender Diversity and Participation Survey](#). The findings offer insights into current perceptions of gender diversity in the community, potential and perceived barriers to participation, and the community's support for initiatives to enhance gender diversity.

[Read the full announcement.](#)



## GENDER DIVERSITY AND PARTICIPATION SURVEY



## APAC ACTIVITIES & HIGHLIGHTS

### Gaining a Better Understanding of Data Privacy and Protection

The European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) 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

ICANN participated in the 39<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Data Protection and Privacy Commissioners (ICDPPC) to join discussions about the impact of GDPR. Along with the Council of Europe, ICANN organized a side event called "ICANN and Privacy." A relevant topic for ICANN is how GDPR will affect WHOIS policy development. At the event, members of the ICANN organization met with Data Protection Commissioners from Europe and the APAC region.



*ICANN's Theresa Swinehart, Senior Vice President, Multistakeholder Strategy and Strategic Initiatives (second from right), and ICANN Board member Becky Burr (right) discuss the current data privacy discussions taking place in ICANN.*

Read more about ICANN's activities on the [Data Protection/Privacy Issues page](#).

### ICANN Joins the Technical Conversations at APNIC 44



ICANN participated in the Asia-Pacific Network Information Centre (APNIC 44) conference in Taichung, Chinese Taipei, from 7-14 September. Presentation topics included network security, the key signing key (KSK) rollover, and Identifier Technology Health Indicators (ITHI). If you missed the sessions, you can watch the [webcasts](#).

## ICANN Reaches Out to Registrars in Korea and Australia



From 28-30 August, ICANN held outreach sessions for registrars in Seoul, Korea, on topics that included privacy and proxy registration services. From 12-29 September, we visited Australia, conducting similar outreach for registrars, covering various topics such as transfer policy. Here, ICANN's Howard Li (Registrar Services and Industry Relations Senior Manager, APAC) and Jasmine Lim (Specialist, Contractual Compliance) are shown with registrars at the event in Seoul.



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## Ajay Data Co-Chair of Neo-Brahmi Generation Panel (NBGP) Member of the Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG)

Ajay Data works closely with the technical and linguistic experts in the NBGP to develop the proposal for Neo-Brahmi scripts root zone label generation rules (LGR).

Data is a member of the UASG, and has been working on Email Address Internationalization (EAI). He is the Managing Director of Data Group, a company that recently developed an email service that supports email addresses in scripts including Arabic, Chinese, Cyrillic, Gujarati, Hindi, Marathi, Tamil, and Telugu. Data Group also developed a mobile app that allows users free sign-up for email addresses in scripts of their choice.

You can connect with Data on Twitter ([@ajaydata](#)) or on his website ([ajaydata.com](#)). He will be attending ICANN60, so if you are in Abu Dhabi, do say hi to him!



## POLICY UPDATE

### At-Large Community Activities

- Alan Greenberg, At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) Chair, presented the At-Large Review **Feasibility Assessment and Implementation Plan** to the ICANN Board Organizational Effectiveness Committee (OEC). The OEC will meet again before ICANN60 to further discuss the findings.
- The ALAC nominated Sébastien Bachollet, Cheryl Langdon-Orr, and Daniel Nanghaka as its primary candidates for the Third Review of ICANN Accountability and Transparency (ATRT3).
- The ALAC appointed Christopher Wilkinson as a co-leader of Work Track 5 of the New Generic Top-Level Domain (gTLD) Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process (PDP) Working Group. Work Track 5 aims to facilitate discussion on using geographic names as TLDs.

### GNSO Council Updates

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- The Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council approved the **data collection request** from the Review All Rights Protection Mechanisms (RPMs) in All gTLDs PDP Working Group. The PDP Working Group had developed a list of data collection tasks critical to fulfilling its charter.
- The GNSO Council supported the **final recommendations** of the Cross-Community Working Group on the Use of Country and Territory Names as TLDs (CWG-UCTN).
- The GNSO Council nominated Brian Cute, Wolfgang Kleinwächter, and Stéphane Van Gelder as its primary candidates for the Third Review of ICANN Accountability and Transparency (ATRT3).

### ccNSO and SSAC Issue Joint Response to the ICANN Board

The ICANN Board responded to the report of the Extended Process Similarity Review Panel Working Group (EPSRP WG), noting that the Country Codes Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) and Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC) held divergent views on a few key issues. A joint working party of the ccNSO and SSAC crafted a **response**, which the ccNSO and SSAC adopted and submitted to the ICANN Board.

### GAC Finalizes Capacity-Development Workshop

On 28 October, the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) is hosting a workshop at ICANN60 geared toward newcomers and GAC members from the Middle East. The workshop will introduce participants to ICANN, its work in the region, and its role in the global Internet governance ecosystem. You can find the agenda [here](#).



## WHAT'S NEW IN REVIEWS



### Reviews Sessions at ICANN60

We invite you to participate in ICANN Reviews at ICANN60. Whether you're participating in person or remotely, you can engage in discussions with other stakeholders.

#### Community Engagement

- Competition, Consumer Trust and Consumer Choice (CCT) Review Community Engagement Session
- Second Security, Stability, and Resiliency of the Domain Name System Review (SSR2) Community Engagement Session
- Operating Standards for Specific Reviews Community Engagement Session

#### Updates

- Nominating Committee (NomCom) Review: An update by the Independent Examiner

The [ICANN60 schedule](#) has detailed session descriptions and instructions for how remote participants can join.

We hope to engage with you in Abu Dhabi!



## GDD UPDATE



### Registration Data Access Protocol (RDAP) Pilot

The ICANN organization recently announced a voluntary RDAP pilot program, which began on 5 September 2017 and will conclude on 31 July 2018. RDAP, which enables users to access current registration data, was created as a replacement for the WHOIS protocol. The goal of the pilot program is to develop a baseline profile (or profiles) to guide implementation, establish an implementation target date, and develop a plan for implementing an RDAP-based solution. To join the pilot program, please complete the form on the [community wiki workspace for the RDAP Pilot](#).

## Domain Name Registrants

The ICANN organization is regularly publishing information to engage and inform domain name registrants. Registrants, an integral part of the Domain Name System (DNS), can now learn more about their rights and responsibilities from these newly published webpages:

- [5 Things Every Domain Name Registrant Should Know About the ICANN WHOIS Data Reminder Policy \(WDRP\)](#)
- [Do You Have a Domain Name? Here's What You Need to Know \(Part 1\)](#)



## DELEGATED TLDs

### No New gTLDs Were Delegated in September

[See the full list of delegated strings here.](#)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 28 Oct-3 Nov | ICANN60 | Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Join us at these sessions at [ICANN60](#):

- **APAC Space (face-to-face meeting or remote participation)** | 1 November, 13:30-15:00 Gulf Standard Time (GST) / 09:30-11:00 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) | Hall 4
- **APAC Social** | 1 November, 17:30-18:30 GST | Capital Suite 19

Be sure to check your email for further updates to the events. We hope to see you there!

### Other events

- 12-17 Nov | [Internet Engineering Task Force \(IETF\) 100](#) | Singapore
- 20-21 Nov | [PITA NGN and Development Forum](#) | Suva, Fiji
- 23-24 Nov | [5th Global Conference on Cyberspace](#) | New Delhi, India
- 3-5 Dec | 4<sup>th</sup> World Internet Conference (WIC) | Wuzhen, China

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