Smooth KSK Rollover with Minimal User Impact

As many of you may know, the rollover of the DNSSEC Key Signing Key (KSK) occurred on 11 October 2018. Because of the large amount of preparation by the ICANN organization and many of ICANN’s communities, the KSK rollover went quite smoothly. ICANN is grateful to all the people who made this event go well.

As expected, a small number of resolvers were not ready for the rollover. To the best of ICANN’s knowledge, those resolvers were able to fix their immediate DNSSEC problems and resume their DNS service quickly.

The next step in the rollover process is to revoke the old KSK; this will happen on 11 January 2019. That step is not expected to affect any resolvers because the old KSK is not being used to sign the root zone any more. After that, the final steps of the process will remove the revoked keys from the trust anchors files and from the hardware security modules (HSMs) in ICANN’s secure facilities later in 2019.

ICANN Kicks Off First Community Engagement in Bangladesh

Top: ICANN and the Bangladesh community at the first community engagement in Dhaka.
Bottom-left: Syed Almas Kabir, President of BASIS, welcoming the Bangladesh community.
Bottom-right: ICANN Fellows sharing their ICANN journey with Samiran Gupta, Head of India,
Did you know that Bangladesh, with over 80 million Internet users, is ranked 10th in the world for its Internet user size? To support the growing Internet community in Bangladesh, ICANN recently held an engagement event targeting the business community in Dhaka on 8 September.

Past ICANN Fellows also attended and shared their experiences during the outreach event hosted by the Bangladesh Association of Software & Information Services (BASIS). We look forward to working more closely with the local community to support their engagement and participation in ICANN.

Enabling Participation Through a Multilingual Internet

How can we enable more participation from the next billion users, especially since most of them will be non-English speakers from Asia Pacific? A key area will be Internationalized Domain Names (IDN) and Universal Acceptance (UA). This was the focus of ICANN’s presentation at Mobile 360 - Digital Societies 2018 in Bangkok, Thailand last month.

Supporting the Security and Stability of Cyberspace

The Domain Name System (DNS) is integral to the architecture of the Internet and its security. ICANN’s role in coordinating the DNS and ongoing WHOIS discussions are useful references for discussions on norms of responsible behavior in cyberspace. Theresa Swinehart, Senior Vice President, Multistakeholder Strategy & Strategic Initiatives, shared these when she participated in the Cyberstability Hearings of the Global Commission on the Stability of Cyberspace (GCSC), part of Singapore International Cyber Week, on 19 September.

Read GCSC’s announcement "Global Commission Agrees on Five Critical Norms to Protect Cyberspace."

Asia Pacific Top-Level Domain Association Celebrates its 20th Anniversary
The Asia Pacific Top-Level Domain Association (APTLD) marked its 20th anniversary with APTLD74 in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan. Held on 20 - 21 September, the 74th members’ meeting got together a record-breaking number of delegates and guests.

With its membership base spanning across all the sub-regions in Asia Pacific, APTLD is ready to continue serving as a platform for regional cooperation and dialogue to promote the community’s interests and values. This extends beyond its membership to include other regional and global I* organizations.

Although its mission is country code top-level domain (ccTLD) centered, APTLD recognizes the importance of other outreach and capacity-building initiatives such as the regional and local Internet governance (IG) forums, IG schools, the Asia Pacific Internet Governance Academy, etc. APTLD is committed to working hard to meet the community’s expectations and demands.

Credit: Leonid Todorov, General Manager, APTLD for the article contribution

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**ICANN NEWS**

**ICANN63**
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**Prepare for ICANN63!**
Barcelona, Spain, 20-25 October 2018

ICANN63 kicks off in just five days. The meeting website is now available and features the final schedule, ICANN Meetings mobile app, and pre-meeting reports.
Data Protection/Privacy Update - Recent News to Share
Review all the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) related and Data Protection/Privacy updates, announcements, and blogs. These documents outline recent activities that affect access to registration data, the WHOIS system, a possible unified access model, and more. Get involved and provide input about the next iteration of the recently published Draft Framework for a Possible Unified Access Model for Continued Access to Full WHOIS Data. You can learn more by viewing our most recent webinar here. Send your comments to gdpr@icann.org.

ICANN Strategic Planning Update
Strategic planning is a fundamental part of ICANN's governance. Mandated by the organization's bylaws, the strategic plan articulates ICANN's vision, restates ICANN's mission, and sets forth strategic objectives and goals for the next five years.

The ICANN community, Board, and organization completed the process of identifying strategic outlook trends in June 2018. The ICANN Board and org then conducted an analysis of key priority trends and their impacts on ICANN.

These findings will inform the strategic plan for the fiscal period 2021 to 2025.

Key resources and upcoming opportunities to participate:

- Learn more about the strategic planning process in this blog post.
- A recorded webinar was held on 9 October 2018 to share an overview of the strategic planning process, and findings from the trend sessions and subsequent analysis. Request a recording of the webinar by emailing mssi-secretariat@icann.org.
- Join the strategic planning session at ICANN63 to share your input for developing ICANN’s next strategic plan. Remote participation will be available for those unable to attend in person. Following ICANN63, a draft strategic plan will be posted for public comment.
Have You Read the Latest SSAC Reports?
What do emojis, the stability of the Domain Name System (DNS), and cryptographic keys have in common? They’re all the subject of a recent report published by the Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC). Every report is available for download at https://www.icann.org/groups/ssac/documents.

Want to learn more about what the SSAC does, or how you can get involved? Then visit https://www.icann.org/groups/ssac.

ITI at ICANN63
The Information Transparency Initiative (ITI) team will be holding a session at ICANN63 in Barcelona. Join ICANN CTO David Conrad and the ITI team as they provide an update and answer questions from the community. Visit feedback.icann.org for more information.

Wednesday, 24 October 2018 at 0830 - 0930, Room 116

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR ICANN COMMUNITY

Amrita Choudhury
At-Large Community Member, ICANN Fellow

Amrita Choudhury is the Director of Cyber Cafe Association of India (CCAOI), treasurer of Internet Society (ISOC) India, Delhi Chapter, and the APAC Lead for ISOC’s Special Interest Groups (SIG) Women.

Choudhury actively participates in ICANN under At-Large and leads the APRALO monthly newsletter. She is an ICANN Fellowship alumna and will be attending ICANN63 as an ICANN Fellow and as one of the Information Booth leads.

Choudhury is a member of the Asia Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum (APRIGF) Multistakeholder Group, and a founding member of the India School of Internet Governance (inSIG).

She is an active contributor at national, regional, and global Internet governance (IG) platforms especially on topics related to Internet access, digital literacy, increasing the participation of women and youth in IG platforms, and the inclusion of underrepresented communities in the region.

An ardent believer of inclusion and diversity, Choudhury is actively involved in capacity-building activities to encourage more participation from the Asia Pacific region on IG platforms.

POLICY UPDATE

EPDP Update
• Starting in September, the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) Team on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data is now publishing a monthly budget fact sheet that details available budget and tracks actual spend with regard to the EPDP effort. The fact sheet is published shortly after the close of the prior month.

• On 15 September, the EPDP Team submitted the Triage Report, its first deliverable, to the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council. This report documents the level of agreement within the EPDP Team on specific provisions in the current Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data.

• The EPDP Team met in Los Angeles from 24-26 September 2018. CBI, a company that specializes in the use of mediation techniques in a multistakeholder setting, provided facilitation services to support the EPDP Team meeting. The main focus of the meeting was to agree on purposes for processing data and to identify the data elements that are collected, redacted, and disclosed to third parties. Learn more.

• The GNSO Council Liaison to the EPDP Team provides detailed weekly updates on its progress. Anyone can subscribe to the updates and all editions can be accessed here.

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GAC Finalizes Preparation for the Fourth HLGM

During ICANN63, the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) will dedicate Monday, 22 October, to the High Level Government Meeting (HLGM) hosted by the Government of Spain.

The HLGM is held approximately once every two years and hosted by a GAC member in collaboration with the ICANN organization. The meeting provides an opportunity to:

- Reaffirm the critical role that governments play in providing advice to the ICANN Board on public policy issues as it relates to the secure and stable functioning of the DNS.
- Enable all parties to gain a clearer understanding of the role of governments in ICANN processes, including the GAC.
- Reach out to administrations and governments who are not yet, or not currently, represented on the GAC or in other ICANN forums.

The agenda for this year’s HLGM can be found here.

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GNSO Council Update

The Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council recently:

- Approved the full slate of members and liaisons of the Customer Standing Committee (CSC) and the suggested method of reviewing its effectiveness in performing the responsibilities outlined in its charter.

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First CSC Effectiveness Review Kicks Off

The first meeting of the Customer Standing Committee (CSC) took place in 2016. Per its charter and the ICANN Bylaws, the effectiveness of the CSC will initially be reviewed two years after its first meeting and then every three years. The first review will kick off at ICANN63.

The Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) and Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNNSO) Councils recently adopted a method for a lightweight and brief CSC Effectiveness Review. The review builds on the outcome and findings of the CSC Charter Review. The results, as adopted by both the GNSO and ccNNSO Councils, will feed into the IANA Functions Review (IFR).

The GNSO Council appointed Donna Austin and Philippe Fouquart as its representatives. They will collaborate with the two representatives appointed by the ccNNSO Council.
**GDD Team in Barcelona!**

If you plan to attend ICANN63 in Barcelona, stop by the Global Domains Division (GDD) information booth. The Global Support team will be on-site to answer general inquiries and discuss suggestions or comments. We look forward to seeing you!

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**UASG looking for companies that are UA-ready or support EAI**

The Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG) is looking for additional companies that are Universal Acceptance-ready, or support Email Address Internationalization (EAI), to be featured in a news announcement scheduled for early 2019. Please reach out to [Don.Hollander@icann.org](mailto:Don.Hollander@icann.org) or [ua-comms-wg@icann.org](mailto:ua-comms-wg@icann.org) for more information.

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**Report Published on the Issues and Challenges Impacting Domain Name Registrants**

The ICANN organization published a report that compiles and analyzes data from various sources within the organization to try and identify pain points. The report aims to raise awareness on some of the common challenges registrants have when managing their domain names. Read the report [here](#).

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