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# APAC Newsletter

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## TOP STORY



### Start Planning For ICANN65

ICANN65 in Marrakech, Morocco is less than a week away. The Policy Forum will take place from 24 to 27 June at the Palmeraie Conference Center. Check out the session schedule below and start planning your participation. Here are some resources to help:

[ICANN65 website](#)

[ICANN65 schedule](#)

[Pre-ICANN65 Prep Week materials](#)

Don't forget to download the ICANN Meetings mobile app to help you navigate ICANN65. You'll find tools like the full session schedule, maps, the daily newsletter, and the shuttle schedule. The app is available in the Apple or Android app stores.



## APAC ACTIVITIES & HIGHLIGHTS



### Engaging the Law Enforcement Community

ICANN org's representative attended the International Symposium for Cybercrime Response (ISCR) hosted by the Cyber Bureau of the Korean National Policy Agency. With over 500 participants from global security and law enforcement communities, ISCR2019 was one of the largest global conferences for law enforcement officials. The objectives of this symposium are to promote cooperative relationships, share best practices, and discuss capacity building strategies to fight against cybercrime.

### Myanmar Community Growing As Internet Penetration Escalates

Myanmar's rapid Internet penetration growth has sparked high interest in capacity development from its community. Over 100 participants joined the first Myanmar Internet Exchange (MMIX) Peering Forum 2019 held in Yangon, Myanmar, from 2 - 5 May.

Internet usage in Myanmar has been growing rapidly during the last decade. It jumped from one percent of the population using the Internet in 2012 to 33 percent by end 2018, with about 18 million people online.

ICANN org representatives participated in MMIX2019 conference and workshops and presented on the Domain Name System (DNS), security threats to the DNS, and current best practices for mitigating those security threats.



*Champika Wijayatunga, ICANN Regional Security, Stability, and Resiliency Engagement Manager for Asia Pacific (fourth from right) with organizers and partners of the first Myanmar Internet Exchange Peering Forum 2019 in Yangon, Myanmar.*

### Asia Pacific Community Discussion on ICANN's Multistakeholder Model

"How can the Asia Pacific (APAC) community provide greater input into ICANN policymaking?"

This was a key question during the APAC Space web conference held on 28 May. Led by community facilitator Pam Little, the APAC community continued the discussion on evolving ICANN's multistakeholder model of governance.

The participants focused on exploring ways to facilitate more effective contributions to ICANN's policymaking. One suggestion was for APAC community leaders to mentor active community members from the region to help build confidence to speak up on behalf of the wider APAC community.

APAC community members were encouraged to provide their public comments on this topic before the 13 June deadline and to participate in the community discussions at ICANN65 Policy Forum in Marrakech.



## ICANN NEWS

### Future Public Meeting Locations Announced

Cancún, Mexico will host the ICANN70 Community Forum from 20-25 March 2021 at the Cancún International Convention Center. ICANN71, a Policy Forum, will be held in The Hague, Netherlands, from 14-17 June 2021. In

January, ICANN announced Seattle, Washington, U.S. will host the ICANN72 Annual General Meeting from 23-28 October 2021.

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Reserve those dates in your calendar today!



### Zoom: Responding to Your Feedback

As [previously announced](#), ICANN org is deploying Zoom as ICANN's official remote participation (RP) platform, and we are on track to transition entirely to Zoom in time for ICANN65 in Marrakech, Morocco. Chief Information Officer Ashwin Rangan addresses some of the feedback on the transition in his [latest blog](#).



## POLICY UPDATE

### Get Ready for ICANN65! Prep Week Material Now Available

The ICANN65 Prep Week was held 11 - 17 June, and featured webinars and updates on several community-led projects. Public Meeting Prep Weeks are designed to enable more substantive conversations during sessions, increase awareness of cross-community and high-interest topics, and

enhance briefings and readout sessions. Access the webinar



finance briefings and readout sessions. Access the webinar recordings and related materials [here](#).

## Evolving the Root Server System Governance

In June 2018, the Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC) presented to the ICANN Board and community "RSSAC037: A Proposed Governance Model for the DNS Root Server System" (RSSAC037). As part of the Board's consideration of RSSAC037, ICANN org prepared a concept paper outlining a community-driven process led by the Root Server System Governance Working Group (GWG) to develop a final cooperation and governance model for the RSS. ICANN org developed a draft charter, operating procedures, and draft work plan for the GWG. RSSAC037, the concept paper, draft charter, operating procedures, and draft work plan for the GWG are available for [Public Comment](#). Provide your input today.

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## ICANN Board Reviews EPDP Recommendations

On 15 May 2019, the ICANN Board adopted 27 of the 29 Phase 1 policy recommendations from the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data. The Board did not adopt two of the recommendations in full, where they identified portions of those recommendations that they believe are not in the best interests of the ICANN Community. The Board has initiated the consultation process with the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council. For a number of other recommendations, the ICANN Board noted specific issues that it expects to be addressed during implementation of the EPDP

Phase 1 recommendations or considered during Phase 2. Learn more [here](#).

## ALAC-GAC Collaboration and ICANN65 Planning

- The At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) and the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) are collaborating on a variety of topics including the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) and the submission of joint statements to the ICANN Board. Most recently, this included a [joint statement on the EPDP](#). A new focus group, led by Yrjö Lansipuro (ALAC Liaison) and Ana Neves (GAC point of contact), will develop capacity building initiatives for both groups.
- For ICANN65, the At-Large Consolidated Policy Working Group (CPWG) is developing talking points and a policy workshop for At-Large members. A pilot on Universal Acceptance is also being developed by ALAC Vice Chair John Laprise for discussion at ICANN65. African Regional At-Large Organization (AFRALO) leaders and At-Large support staff are organizing multiple events for ICANN65, including an AFRALO-AfriCANN meeting, the AFRALO Hot Topics session, and an AFRALO-At-Large networking event. The groups are also working to promote the participation of Rabat University students at ICANN65.



**Committee** (IGLC) to increase participation by country code top-level domain (ccTLD) managers on discussions related to Internet governance. The IGLC will provide regular feedback to the ccNSO Council, ccNSO members, and broader ccTLD community. Consult the IGLC Terms of Reference [here](#) and workspace [here](#).

## GNSO Update

The GNSO Council:

- Submitted to the ICANN Board a **Recommendations Report** from the GNSO PDP Working Group on the International Governmental Organizations (IGO) and International Non-Governmental Organizations (INGO) Access to Curative Rights Protection Mechanisms. The Recommendations Report addresses Recommendations 1-4 in the PDP Final Report approved by the GNSO Council last month.
- Confirmed Julf Helsingius to serve as a GNSO representative to the Cross-Community Working Group on New gTLD Auction Proceeds, replacing Stephanie Perrin.

On 24 June 2019, the GNSO Policy Support Team will host an interactive session for participants to ask questions and engage in candid discussions about GNSO policy development processes and beyond. All ICANN65 attendees, especially newcomers, are welcome to participate. [Learn More](#).



## GDD UPDATE

### Call for Volunteers

ICANN is seeking volunteers for an Implementation Review Team to help with the upcoming Registration Data Policy Implementation. Read the recent announcement to learn more about the requirements, expectations, and how you can sign up [here](#).



### New Consensus Policy Now in Effect

Generic top-level domain (gTLD) registries and registrars were notified in May of ICANN's newest Consensus Policy requiring implementation of the Interim Registration Data Policy for gTLDs. More background and details outlining this new policy can be found [here](#).

## Survey Confirms GDD Meeting Objectives

ICANN commissioned an independent research company, the

ICANN commissioned an independent research company, the MITA Group, to conduct the third annual survey of ICANN contracted parties to examine the Global Domains Division's (GDD) performance with the ICANN community and contracted parties. The results outline how the GDD delivers on its stated mission and objectives along with recommended steps to be even more effective. Read the full results [here](#).



## WHAT'S NEW IN REVIEWS



### Opportunity to Participate: ICANN Reviews and Evolving ICANN's Multistakeholder Model

ICANN has several opportunities for community input and participation.

Specific Reviews are led by teams of community volunteers to assess the performance of the ICANN organization and make recommendations for improvement.

- **Observe the SSR2 and ATRT3 Review Team face-to-face meetings at ICANN65.** The second Security, Stability, and Resiliency Review Team (SSR2) is finalizing draft findings and recommendations. The third Accountability and Transparency Review Team (ATRT3) is in the research and analysis phase of the review.
  - SSR2 face-to-face meeting: 22 and 23 June 2019. Learn more [here](#).
  - ATRT3 face-to-face meeting: 23 June 2019. Learn more [here](#).

Organizational Reviews are led by independent examiners to assess the extent to which ICANN's Supporting Organizations (SOs), Advisory Committees (ACs), and the Nominating Committee (NomCom) fulfill their purpose, are accountable to their stakeholders, and whether any changes in structure or operations are needed.

- **Listen to the Nominating Committee Review Implementation Working Group (NomCom RIWG) pre-ICANN65 Webinar.** The NomCom RIWG is currently developing a detailed implementation plan of the recommendations as detailed in the Feasibility Assessment and Initial Implementation Plan (FAIIP). Access the webinar [here](#). Learn more about the NomComRIWG's work [here](#).

Visit the [Reviews Status Update Table](#) for the latest progress of Specific and Organizational Reviews and links to additional key resources for each.

**Attend the ICANN65 session on Evolving ICANN's Multistakeholder Model.** Facilitated by Brian Cute, this session will continue a community conversation, following the closure of a recent [Public Comment proceeding](#) on issues that the community has identified to be addressed. Learn more [here](#).



## GETTING TO KNOW YOUR ICANN COMMUNITY

### Minjung Park

General Researcher, Korea Internet & Security Agency (KISA)

Minjung Park is in charge of international relations and Internet governance at KISA, the registry for .kr and .hanguk, Korea's country code top-level domain (ccTLD). Since 2017, she also

country code top-level domain (ccTLD). Since 2017, she also serves on the board of the Asia Pacific Top Level Domain Association (APTLD).

Park has been participating in ICANN and APTLD meetings since 2004. She has been involved in various working groups related to Internationalized Domain Names (IDN), including IDN ccTLD fast-track and Universal Acceptance since 2005. Park was also involved in Internet governance activities such as the IANA Stewardship Transition.

Recently, she is developing and implementing capacity building programs for the Korean and Asia Pacific communities. One such program is Asia Pacific Internet Governance Academy (APIGA), a five-day capacity development workshop on Internet governance aimed at fostering young leaders in the region. Park plans and runs APIGA, in partnership with ICANN.



APIGA 2019 will kick off from 12 - 16 August in Seoul, South Korea. Read more about APIGA [here](#).



## UPCOMING EVENTS

ICANN will be participating in these upcoming events:

| Date                  | Event  | Location            |
|-----------------------|--|---------------------|
| 24-27 June 2019       | <a href="#">ICANN65</a>                                | Marrakech, Morocco  |
| 24-28 June 2019       | <a href="#">Pacific Network Operators Group 24</a>     | Apia, Samoa         |
| 5 July 2019           | <a href="#">Korea Internet Governance Forum</a>        | Seoul, Korea        |
| 5-6 July 2019         | <a href="#">Taiwan Internet Governance Forum</a>       | Taipei, Taiwan      |
| 16-19 July 2019       | <a href="#">Asia Pacific Internet Governance Forum</a> | Vladivostok, Russia |
| 31 July-7 August 2019 | <a href="#">South Asia Network Operators Group 34</a>  | Kolkata, India      |

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