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Mandy Carver Appointed Senior Vice President of ICANN's Government & IGO Engagement Team

Mandy Carver has been appointed to the position of Senior Vice President, Government & Intergovernmental Organization (IGO) Engagement. Carver, whose 30 years of experience includes 13 years of global engagement work at ICANN, is a seasoned international consensus-builder with deep roots in multistakeholder processes. She will lead the Government & IGO Engagement function that identifies and works to address the opportunities and risks governments and IGOs pose to ICANN's mission.

Read the full announcement [here](#).

ICANN stakeholders have questions about the proposed acquisition of Public Interest Registry (PIR) by Ethos Capital, and what it means for .ORG.

Read ICANN's latest blog by President & CEO Göran Marby and Board Chair Maarten Botterman that explains ICANN's role and where we are in the process.

Click [here](#) to read the blog.



Read President & CEO Göran Marby, and Board Chair Maarten Botterman's Latest Blog



SPOTLIGHT



Register Now for ICANN67

Registration for the ICANN67 Community Forum in Cancún, Mexico, from 7 to 12 March 2020 is now open. Click [here](#) to register now. You can find travel and visa information on the [ICANN Meetings website](#).



Potential Adverse Impact of New Technologies on the Internet

ICANN org recently spoke about the potential adverse impact of new technologies on the Internet, and reiterated the importance and benefits of one unified Internet. Watch the video of ICANN's Ashwin Rangan, Chief Innovation and Information Officer, addressing CyFy attendees in New Delhi, India, [here](#).

CyFy is organized by the Observer Research Foundation (ORF) and positioned as an event for governments, policymakers, academia, civil society, and private sector participants to discuss current issues related to technology and its impact on society.



Technical Capacity Development in the Region

Capacity development is a key focus in the region, in line with ICANN's mission and strategic plan to strengthen the Domain Name System (DNS) and root server system.

Hands-on training on Domain Name System Security Extensions (DNSSEC) implementation was conducted during recent months in Beijing, Taipei, and Fiji's capital city of Suva.

The workshop in Suva, Fiji, targeted the .fj country code top-level domain (ccTLD) registry and network operators. The Pacific Islands sub-region lags in DNSSEC implementation. Forty percent of the ccTLDs have yet to sign their zones and DNSSEC validation is almost negligible. The workshop served to raise the confidence and competency level of network operators so they can successfully implement DNSSEC when their organizations are ready.

The DNSSEC training for the Chinese community in Beijing included a hands-on lab session. The organizer, China Education and Research Network (CERNET), envisions being the first to deploy both DNSSEC signing (.edu.cn) and validation in China in 2020. China's DNSSEC validation rate is currently only 0.99 percent.

The Taipei workshop involved network operators, registrars, and financial institutions. Attendees were Taiwan Network Information Center (TWNIC) members and were keen to understand the DNSSEC signing of reverse DNS zones.



12th Asia Pacific Telecommunity Policy and Regulation Forum

ICANN org was invited to the 12th Asia Pacific Telecommunity Policy and Regulation Forum (APT PRFP-12) for the Pacific Islands and participated in discussions on cybersecurity threats.



ICANN NEWS



Domain Abuse Activity Reporting System Expands

Country code top-level domain (ccTLD) operators will now be able to actively participate in the Domain Abuse Activity Reporting (DAAR) system. ICANN's DAAR system is used to study and report on domain name registration and security threat behavior across top-level domain (TLD) registries. The

data is obtained from a curated list of Domain Name System (DNS) reputation providers.

Now, ccTLD operators can pull their own aggregated DAAR data via the Monitoring System Application Programming Interface (MoSAPI). The MoSAPI interface allows registry operators to retrieve information collected by the ICANN Service Level Agreement Monitoring (SLAM) system. While ccTLD operators will not be subject to the SLAs the SLAM system monitors, using MoSAPI will allow a consistent interface for all registries participating in DAAR. The aggregated data counts security threats broken down by threat type (e.g., phishing, botnet command and control, malware distribution, and spam) per TLD. These data sets will be similar to those of the generic top-level domains (gTLDs) that are currently provided via MoSAPI. Having access to such data will enable ccTLD operators to monitor the DAAR security threat levels per threat type per month in the same way as gTLD operators.

The ICANN organization invites all ccTLD operators to participate in the DAAR project to promote a greater understanding of abuse across the global DNS. To participate, ccTLD operators should send a request to globalsupport@icann.org to begin the process.

ICANN66 Post-Policy Report

The [Post-ICANN66 Policy Report](#) captures updates from the more than 200 sessions at ICANN66 dedicated to community policy development and advisory work by Supporting Organizations, Advisory Committees, and Empowered Community. ICANN66 featured three plenary sessions and the third At-Large Summit. Also, [58 community leaders](#) were recognized upon conclusion of their terms of service.

Post-ICANN66 Policy Report





ICANN68 Fellowship Application Round Now Open

The application round for the ICANN68 Fellowship Program is open for the 22-25 June 2020 Policy Forum in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. This round is open only to those who have previously completed an ICANN Fellowship because ICANN68 is a Policy Forum. The deadline to apply is 15 December 2019, 23:59 UTC. Successful candidates will be announced on 24 February 2020

on <https://icann.org/>.

The **Fellowship Program** seeks out individuals who are interested in, or already engaged in, the various aspects of ICANN's work in policymaking, the operation of the Domain Name System (DNS), and the security and stability of the global Internet. The goal of the ICANN Fellowship Program is to strengthen the diversity of the multistakeholder model by fostering opportunities for individuals from underserved and underrepresented communities to become active participants in the ICANN community.

For more information, please visit [this page](#).



POLICY UPDATE

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Prioritizing Areas of Improvement in the ccNSO

At ICANN66, the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) held a workshop to begin prioritizing areas of improvement for the ccNSO. The ccNSO Triage Committee will lead this initiative and is developing a work plan to guide prioritization efforts over the next few months. Recommendations for improvement include topics related to diversity, good faith, and accountability mechanisms. The recommendations for improvement were gathered from the **Final Report of the Second ccNSO Organizational Review** and the **Cross-Community Working Group on Enhancing ICANN**

Accountability Work Stream 2 recommendations. By February 2020, the Triage Committee will present its recommended implementation plan to the ccNSO Council for next steps.

PDP 3.0 Webinar Reflects on Recent Implementation Efforts

On 27 November 2019, the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) held a public webinar to review the Policy Development Process 3.0 (PDP 3.0) and related implementation efforts. PDP 3.0 is a GNSO Council initiative designed to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the GNSO policy development process. This webinar provided details on the proposed implementation of PDP 3.0 improvements, including potential changes to how the ICANN community participates in GNSO working groups and mechanisms to review working group leadership. **Learn more**.

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Revised ASO MoU Signed

ICANN, the Number Resource Organization (NRO), and the five Regional Internet Registries (RIRs) - African Networking Information Centre (AFRINIC), American Registry for Internet Numbers (ARIN), Asia Pacific Network Information Centre (APNIC), Latin American and Caribbean Internet Addresses Registry (LACNIC), and Réseaux IP Européens Network Coordination Centre (RIPE NCC) - **signed a revised Address Supporting Organization (ASO) Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** on Thursday, 7 November 2019. Over 20 members of the numbers community and ICANN Board members Chris Disspain, Ron da Silva, Lito Ibarra, Akinori Maemura, and Kaveh Ranjbar attended the signing ceremony at the Palais des congrès de Montréal. The revised MoU addresses

multiple recommendations from the **most recent organizational review of the ASO**. The revised ASO MoU affirms and strengthens the relationship between the names and numbers communities.

Successful ATLAS III Summit Held

During ICANN66, the At-Large community held its third At-Large Summit (ATLAS III), an assembly of future policy and outreach ambassadors. The participants will implement outcomes from the At-Large Review, such as the participation of At-Large members in the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) policy advice process.

The Summit consisted of a series of plenary sessions and six breakout groups which provided training and interactive, hands-on practice of key skills. A case study on Phase 1 of the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data served as the focus for the training. Current At-Large leaders served as coaches and facilitators of the breakout sessions. ATLAS III also included networking events for participants to get to know At-Large members from around the globe as well as other members of the ICANN community.



At the conclusion of the four-day Summit, At-Large participants were presented with the At-Large Ambassador Journey, a pathway for greater participation within the At-Large community going forward. The journey incorporates activities ranging from At-Large communications to policy advice development, with a focus on capacity building and increased participation in At-Large policy activities. As successful participants of ATLAS III, the At-Large Ambassadors will assume greater roles within their community, At-Large, and ICANN.



GDD UPDATE



Have You Tried the Lookup Tool?

Earlier this year, ICANN launched an updated version of its lookup tool that makes use of Registration Data Access Protocol, known as RDAP, to query, parse, and display domain name registration data in a human-friendly format. If you haven't tried it yet, you have the ability to look up publicly available contact and other information related to a domain name. RDAP was developed by the technical community in the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) as an eventual replacement for the WHOIS protocol. More information on the new tool is available **here**.



Sánchez Nominated for Second Board Term

León Sánchez was nominated by the At-Large community to the ICANN Board Director seat (#15) for a second term. Sánchez will begin his second three-year term as ICANN Board Director at the end of ICANN69 (17-22 October 2020). He also assumed a new role as Vice Chair of the ICANN Board at the conclusion of the ICANN66 Annual General Meeting in November.

The At-Large Community's ICANN Board Director nomination process for the 2019-2020 cycle began in September 2019, and started with the formation of two committees

(BCEC and BMSPC) tasked with managing the timeline, calling for and evaluating candidates, and organizing the final election. The Chair of the Board Member Selection Process Committee (BMSPC) Alan Greenberg, and the Chair of the Board Candidate Evaluation Committee (BCEC) Yrjö Lansipuro, led the two working groups.



As the sole applicant, Sánchez was evaluated by the BCEC and identified as the only candidate on the BCEC slate. According to the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) Rules of Procedure, a single candidate is declared the winner by acclamation. The nomination process officially concluded on 14 November 2019. The ICANN Empowered Community formally designated Sanchez to a second term on 26 November 2019.

Click [here](#) for detailed information about the At-Large Board Seat 15 nomination process.

Click [here](#) for a biography and photo of León Sánchez.



Gunela Astbrink

Member of the Asia Pacific Regional At-Large Organization

Gunela Astbrink is a member of the Asia Pacific Regional At-Large Organization (APRALO) and an ATLAS III Ambassador at ICANN66. She is Vice President of the Internet Society Accessibility Special Interest Group and an incoming member of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG). Having worked in the Pacific Islands, Gunela also understands issues faced by small island developing states such as affordability and access to infrastructure.



Internet accessibility for persons with disabilities is an issue close to Astbrink's heart. Persons with disabilities face barriers such as inaccessible websites and applications. Better web structure and formatting by developers (based on international guidelines), as well as digital literacy training, will help improve accessibility.

Astbrink was part of the At-Large ICANN Accessibility Taskforce and drafted the objectives and proposed actions for the group. She later joined the ICANN Cross-Community Committee on Accessibility to help put those plans into action.

Astbrink is excited that the operators of country code top-level domains (ccTLDs) such as .hk and .nz are committed to promoting web accessibility. Reach out to her if you would like to know more about web accessibility.



UPCOMING EVENTS

ICANN will be participating in these upcoming events:

Date	Event	Location
17 December	CAICT IMRS Launch Ceremony	Wuhan and Zhengzhou, China
21-24 December	THNG#9	Phetchaburi, Thailand

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