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GETTING TO KNOW YOUR ICANN COMMUNITY

Community Member Kristina Hakobyan Talks About Her ICANN Experience

How have you been involved in ICANN?

I heard about ICANN in 2010 when I started working in the domain industry. My colleague told me about ICANN, which had seemed so inaccessible then. Only seven years later, in 2017, I applied for the Fellowship Program at ICANN60 in Abu Dhabi. My application was declined. Then I worked harder and applied again, this time for ICANN61, and was selected as a fellow!

How long have you been involved with ICANN?

I was a fellow in 2018 at ICANN61 in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Then I was a fellow again at ICANN63 in Barcelona, at ICANN64

in Kobe as a Coach, and lastly at ICANN65 in Morocco. I will be at ICANN66 as an At-Large funded traveler.

At this point, I am also involved in different working groups:

- Policy Development Process (PDP) - Retirement
- ccNSO IDN Policies Preliminary Review Team - Internationalized Domain Names-Policy Review Team (IDN PRT)
- GNSO Registration Data Policy Implementation - Implementation Review Team (IPT)
- NomCom Review Implementation Working Group (NomComRIWG)

What are the most challenging things about being a part of the ICANN community?

The most challenging thing is to understand ICANN's structure and find the place within the community that fits you best.

What are the rewarding things about being a part of ICANN community?

Information-sharing between professionals from around the world, a deep understanding of different cultures, and interactions between the community members.

What would you suggest to the newcomers at ICANN?

Be as active as you can, do not hesitate to ask questions of everybody, try to be involved in different communities, read, and learn a lot.

Kristina will be at the 4th Eastern European DNS Forum (EEDNSF), which will take place in Yerevan, Armenia on 11-12 October 2019. Join Kristina and other ICANN community members from the region at the EEDNSF. Find out more about the event [here](#).



EUROPE



ICANN's Registrar Trainings are Expanding in Europe and Beyond

Our latest Community Engagement pilot training for registrars in Europe was held in June on the sidelines of NamesCon, in Lisbon, Portugal. The location and timing were planned to help us reach the Domain Name System (DNS) industry in southern Europe. Issues tackled ranged from discussing the effect of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) on ICANN and its contracted parties to taking a deep-dive into how ICANN's Compliance department operates.

ICANN held its first training in 2018 in Munich, Germany, in conjunction with Domain Pulse, one of the largest DNS industry conferences for the German-speaking community. The positive reception from participants and collaboration with the registrar community in developing the agenda laid the foundation for additional workshops across Europe and beyond.

Read more in our editorial on news.srl [here](#).



MIDDLE EAST

The Middle East Community Delivers Feedback on Our Work in the Region

As part of our commitment to engagement with our stakeholders in the Middle East, a survey was conducted to assess the satisfaction levels with ICANN's engagement across the region. Initial highlights of the responses are as follows:

- 70% found regional engagement efforts to be either effective or extremely effective.
- 74% showed satisfaction or extreme satisfaction with the engagement efforts during FY19.



The initiatives that attracted the highest participation rate from the region included the Middle East Space at ICANN Public Meetings, the Middle East Domain Name System Forum (MEDNSF), webinars, capacity development activities, and the Middle East and Adjoining Countries Strategy Working Group (MEAC-SWG).

Overall, the survey showed great satisfaction with the work undertaken, the level of friendship and professionalism of ICANN org members, and eagerness to continue working with the regional stakeholders.

You can read the full report [here](#).



MEAC School on Internet Governance 2019 (MEAC-SIG 2019)

The 6th edition of the Middle East and Adjoining Countries School on Internet Governance (**MEAC-SIG 2019**) was held in Rabat, Morocco from 8-12 July. It was hosted by the Institut National des Postes et Télécommunications (INPT) and the L'Agence Nationale de Réglementation des Télécommunications (ANRT). ICANN, among the organizers and a longtime supporter of the School, was represented by Fahd Batayneh, our

Stakeholder Engagement Manager in the Middle East. He delivered a presentation on ICANN and domain names, participated in a panel discussion on different stakeholder groups, and helped with the students' group projects through facilitation of discussions.

The school attracted 33 participants from 10 countries in the Middle East, representing all stakeholder groups with academia being the most dominant. The agenda was rich with a mix of theoretical lectures and group works. It also included a panel discussion, and featured guest speakers who talked about embracing the Internet in their daily lives. The group project asked groups of students to develop a policy on a topic of their choice.

We look forward to the next edition of MEAC-SIG. Planning has already started in March by the MEAC-SIG partners; Arab World Internet Institute, ICANN, the Internet Governance Project at Georgia Tech (IGP), the Internet Society, and RIPE NCC.

Baher Esmat Invited to Speak at the ICT Award Ceremony in Istanbul

On 4 July, ICANN's VP of Stakeholder Engagement in the Middle East, Baher Esmat, was gave a keynote speech at the ICT500 Awards Ceremony in Istanbul, Turkey. In his speech, Esmat talked about what one single Internet means and why it matters for business. He also talked about ICANN's role as a technical body in coordinating the DNS, new generic top-level domains (new gTLDs), Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs), and Universal Acceptance as a foundation for a unified DNS and inclusive Internet.



ICT500 Awards is a highly esteemed annual event, recognizing Turkey's top tech companies. It is organized by BTHaber, a leading local media company with whom ICANN has been collaborating for several outreach activities across Turkey.

We are happy to have been a part of this event and hope to continue our collaboration with BTHaber and our other partners and stakeholders in Turkey

You can find out more about the event [here](#).



AFRICA

ICANN at Africa Internet Summit 2019



For the seventh year in a row, ICANN org participated in the [Africa Internet Summit](#) (AIS). This year's Summit was held in Kampala, Uganda, from 9 to 21 June.

Since 2012, the AIS has been a key regional event and an effective platform for ICANN to engage with diverse groups of African stakeholders and raise awareness about ICANN and issues affecting the domain name industry. As a gold sponsor and a key player at the event, ICANN held several activities:

- 13 June: Media Roundtable with Local Media
- 15 June: ICANN Workshop for African Registries, Registrars, and Registrants
- 16 June: ICANN Day
- 17 June: Opening Ceremony
- 21 June: IANA Update

Along the sidelines of the Summit, ICANN also held a YouthCom (Youth Community) Workshop on 13-14 June, organized in partnership with the Internet Society Uganda Chapter, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration of Uganda (NTIA-U), and the Ministry of Information and Communication Technologies of Uganda. Around 50 young students were trained on ICANN ecosystem and Internet governance-related topics. For more on our participation, read this [blog](#).



African Community Gets Together at the ICANN65 Policy Forum in Marrakech

A special session on "Engagement in Africa" was held on 26 June during the ICANN65 Policy Forum in Marrakech, Morocco. The meeting was initiated with the introductory messages from ICANN Board Chair Cherine Chalaby, ICANN CEO and President Göran Marby, and Senior Advisor to President and SVP of Global Stakeholder Engagement Sally Costerton. The audience had the opportunity to ask Marby, Chalaby, and Costerton several questions.

The Q&A with ICANN leaders was followed by a presentation on African participation in ICANN, by Africa Global Stakeholder Engagement team members. The presentation included inputs of the community leaders from the African Regional At-Large Organization (AFRALO), Not-for-Profit Operational Concerns Constituency (NPOC), Non-Commercial Users Constituency (NCUC), Business Constituency (BC) and Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC). Feedback from the audience was collected on supporting and capacity building for the Africa region, fostering the regional DNS market, and providing accurate data related to the community participation.

To view the recordings, transcripts, and presentations from the session, click [here](#).

ICANN Participates in the 23rd EACO Congress and 26th EACO Assemblies: Mwanza Tanzania

The Africa Global Stakeholder Engagement team members were in Mwanza, Tanzania from July 1-5 to participate in the 23rd East African Communications Organization ([EACO](#)) Congress and 26th EACO Assemblies. Africa team members delivered presentations during these events to raise awareness on Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs) and Universal Acceptance, as well as the need for IPv6 Deployment. Details of the meetings are available [here](#).

Contribution to Community events in Cameroon and Benin

ICANN's Africa Global Stakeholder Engagement (GSE) team members participated in two events with presentations on the ICANN ecosystem:

- A workshop titled "Les Rencontres Africaines du Numérique" (African Digital Meetings) in Yaoundé, Cameroon from 3-5 July: Attended by 45 participants, including delegates from Senegal, Ivory Coast, and Equatorial Guinea.
- The Annual School of Internet Governance organized by Benin Internet Governance Forum ([FGI Benin](#)): Attended by 20 local participants.

Africa Women in Tech Convene at the 3rd AfChix TechWomen Summit

The 3rd AfChix TechWomen Summit took place on 15 June at the Sheraton Hotel in Kampala, Uganda.



The AfChix Summit aims to create:

- Collaboration with leaders of the African ICT Industry to support women in technology in the workplace and policy.
- Increased awareness of the important role of women in technology and other technical careers.
- A learning, role model, and networking platform that will
- engage 500 women and girls across the continent onsite and online.



Meet the NextGen at ICANN66

Among those attending ICANN66 in Montréal, Canada (2-7 November) will be some relatively new faces representing ICANN's NextGen program.

"The 11 individuals are students at North American universities," said Deborah Escalera, NextGen Program Manager. "This is a diverse cohort, their fields of academic study span computer science, law, and international security."

Also attending the meeting, are three former NextGen selectees who will be serving as ambassadors for these newcomers. They will help NextGenners get a sense of ICANN and guide them through an ICANN Public Meeting.

"The NextGen program is aimed at looking for the next generation of individuals who are interested in becoming actively engaged in their regional communities and in shaping the future of global Internet policy," said Escalera.

An independent selection committee assessed the NextGen candidates based on their current studies and several other factors. One key consideration was the candidate's interest in the Internet ecosystem, global policy, and Internet governance.

The individuals selected as ICANN66 NextGen participants are:

Abdeali Hatim Saherwala	York University, Toronto
Akshay Broota	University of Colorado Boulder
Lukas Paul Bundonis	Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy
Diler Cavdar	Berkeley Law School
Josh Gold	University of Toronto
Austin Bollinger	Grand Rapids Community College
Kushagra Bhargava	University of Southern California
Arjun Sanya	University of Toronto
Ariane Nakpokou Houessou	HEC Montréal
Lilia Dawn Herdegen	Ferris State University
Shreya Richharia	University of Southern California

The individuals selected as ICANN66 ambassadors are:

João Pedro Damas Martin	ICANN63
Jaewon Son	ICANN64
Stefan Filipovic	ICANN63

[Click here for more information about the NextGen program.](#)

New Pilot Program Aims to Help Ease Childcare Costs at ICANN Public Meetings

Unable to attend an ICANN Public Meeting because of the costs associated with childcare? If so, ICANN is launching a pilot program that might help.

The Community Childcare Grants Pilot Program will award a limited number of grants of up to \$750 per family to eligible community members. The grants are intended for families with children up to 12 years old.

"We are always searching for ways to facilitate people attending our public meetings," said Sally



Costerton, Senior Advisor to the President & Senior Vice President of Global Stakeholder Engagement. "This new pilot program will give the grant recipients the ability to choose their own childcare provider."

ICANN org will conduct research prior to each meeting to form a list of local potential childcare providers, though ICANN is not in a position to sanction or recommend specific childcare providers. All efforts will be made to identify providers close to the meeting facilities. Families may choose a provider from the list or find a provider that best meets their needs.

The program will be initiated at the ICANN66 meeting in Montréal, Canada. Interested parties have until 3 September 2019 to apply for the grants.

For more information and details about the program and how to apply, please visit: <https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/community-childcare-grants>

Can We Save the Global Internet? Find Out by Helping ICANN Get to SXSW 2020

The Internet is still expanding, but will the next billion users get the same global Internet we take for granted? How can we all work together to keep the Internet stable, growing, and interoperable? One way is to vote! ICANN's panel "Can We Save the Global Internet?" is on the ballot for South by Southwest 2020. Partnering with the Internet Society and Access Now, we plan to be in Austin, Texas next March discussing innovative models for policy development and stakeholder collaboration. We need your help to get there! Please vote here: <http://panelpicker.sxsw.com/vote/99999> before August 23.



How Does Your Background and Experience Influence Your Decisions?

ICANN Learn, our online capacity development platform, has a new course that provides an introduction to the concept of "unconscious bias".

Unconscious biases are assumptions we make automatically and unintentionally, often without being aware. The course explores how these quick, implicit judgments or assumptions may create challenges for working in a multistakeholder community.

"As the name implies, unconscious bias occurs at a level that few of us recognize," said Ergys Ramaj, Vice President of Public Responsibility Support. "With this ICANN Learn course we want to help community members increase their ability to detect unconscious bias."

The course will introduce you to related concepts such as "fast thinking" and the "Stroop effect," which is a demonstration of the way our minds process information, and aid in the development of tools to better manage unconscious bias and its impacts. The course aims ultimately to improve effectiveness among groups in the global multistakeholder environment.

Interested? Sign up for free at <https://learn.icann.org> and explore our training catalog.



POLICY UPDATE

Evolving the Governance of the Root Server System

Today the number of hosts on the Internet is thousands of times larger than when the Root Server System (RSS) for the Domain Name System (DNS) was originally designed. The network has evolved to billions of hosts, billions of users, new governance structures, and new business models, that all place new expectations on the infrastructure. The Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC) has been

engaged in an ongoing process to adopt new governance structures and business models to meet the more rigorous requirements of governance, accountability, and transparency in this new era.

In June 2018, the RSSAC presented to the ICANN Board and ICANN community its proposed governance model for the RSS in "RSSAC037: A Proposed Governance Model for the DNS Root Server System" (RSSAC037). As part of the ICANN Board's consideration of RSSAC037, ICANN org prepared a "Concept Paper on a Community-Driven Process to Develop a Final Model Based on RSSAC037." The Concept Paper outlines a community-driven process to develop a final model for the RSS to be led by the Root Server System Governance Working Group (GWG). To launch the work of the GWG, ICANN org developed a draft charter and operating procedures, and a draft work plan. RSSAC037, the Concept Paper, the draft charter and operating procedures, and draft work plan for the GWG are available for Public Comment until Friday, 9 August. **Provide your input today.**

At-Large Updates

At-Large Capacity Building Working Group Co-Chair, Joanna Kulesza, and At-Large Consolidated Policy Working Group Co-Chair, Jonathan Zuck, recently presented an updated **ALAC Hot Policy Topics document**, which highlights upcoming work related to Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs) and Universal Acceptance.

All RALOs announced the results of their leadership elections. **All elected positions** will be renewed at the end of the ICANN66 Annual General Meeting.

In early July, the Third At-Large Summit (ATLAS III) Selection Committee **announced** the names of successful candidates eligible for travel support to attend ATLAS III during ICANN66.



GDD UPDATE

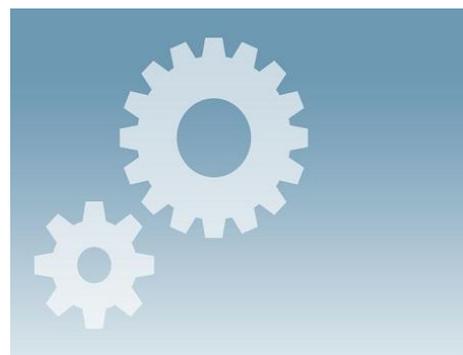


Get Your Systems UA-ready!

The Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG) has several tools available to help you get your systems UA-ready. Access the UASG **Blueprint for CIOs** for tips on evaluating and fixing your systems. **Test** your email address to see if it is compliant with internationalized email. You can also report an issue **here** and they can help resolve the problem. Visit **www.uasg.tech** for more information.

Coming Soon: RDAP Service Implementation Deadline - 26 August 2019

All generic top-level domain (gTLD) registries and registrars are required to implement a Registration Data Access Protocol (RDAP) service no later than 26 August 2019, according to the ICANN org's **legal notice issued on 27 February 2019**. For a complete overview of RDAP, navigate to this **page**. Details about the gTLD RDAP Profile implementation and the RDAP Response Profile created by the RDAP Working Group, can be found **here**.



New Milestone for Internationalized Domain Names

The third version of the **Label Generation Rules for the Root Zone (RZ-LGR-3)** was recently released integrating 16 new



scripts. These rules define a set of criteria for determining valid Internationalized Domain Name (IDN) labels for the Root Zone of the Domain Name System (DNS) and their variant labels. Congratulations to the Generation and Integration Panel communities who have reached a milestone with these new set of scripts. Read the full announcement to [learn more](#).



UPCOMING EVENTS

Join ICANN at these upcoming events in the EMEA region:

- 26-30 August: [FFGI 2019](#), Ouagadougou-Burkina Faso
- 11-12 September, [TLDCON](#), Vilnius-Lithuania
- 16 September, [North Africa IGF 2019](#), Rabat, Morocco
- 22-23 September, [Arab Security Conference 2019](#), Cairo-Egypt
- 23-25 September, [10th IGF-UA](#), [RIPE NCC Regional Meeting](#), Youth IGF, Kiev-Ukraine
- 11-12 October, [Eastern European DNS Forum](#), Yerevan-Armenia

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