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TOP STORY



ICANN Launches Testing Platform for the KSK Rollover

ICANN is offering a testing platform for network operators and other interested parties to confirm that their systems can handle the automated update process for the upcoming Root Zone Domain Name System Security Extensions (DNSSEC) Key Signing Key (KSK) rollover. The KSK rollover is scheduled for 11 October 2017.

[Read the full announcement.](#)

Click [here](#) to watch the interview with CTO David Conrad.

KSK Quick Guide Is Now Available

We've created materials to help you understand the upcoming root zone key signing key (KSK) rollover. The KSK Quick Guide is available in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. Japanese and Korean translations are coming soon.

Download the [KSK Quick Guide](#).



EUROPE

ICANN Sponsors the Commonwealth Cybersecurity Conference in London

For the fifth consecutive year, ICANN partnered with the Commonwealth Telecommunications Organization (CTO) for its annual conference, [CyberSecurity '17](#), held 22-24 March in London. This important global cybersecurity event attracted over 200 delegates from 40 countries. This year's theme was "Cybersecurity: From Strategies to Implementation," which encouraged a practical and results-oriented dialogue.

ICANN was afforded a keynote in the opening session. ICANN Board Member Chris Disspain talked about ICANN's mission and the organization since the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) stewardship

transition. He praised the partnership with CTO, expressing how he looked forward to seeing concrete actions emerge from the numerous strategic discussions.

Nigel Hickson, VP of IGO Engagement, chaired a session on Internet governance that examined some of the legal issues pertaining to the Domain Name System (DNS). This interactive session, which featured panelists from Queen Mary University, the U.K. Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS), and Nominet, demonstrated the growing complexity of issuing domain names and the challenges posed by harmful content.

This event gave ICANN an opportunity to engage with a wide range of stakeholders from over 30 countries. We look forward to the next year's conference!



EASTERN EUROPE & CENTRAL ASIA

Eastern Europe and Central Asia GSE Team Participate at ICANN58

On 11-16 March, Michael Yakushev, VP of Stakeholder Engagement in Eastern Europe and Central Asia, and Alexandra Kulikova, Global Stakeholder Engagement Manager of Eastern Europe and Central Asia, participated in ICANN58 in Copenhagen, Denmark. The Meeting proved a very busy one with over 2500 participants gathering for the first (Type A) conference of the year. We are proud to say that the region of Eastern Europe and Central Asia was represented more than ever, with eight people joining the Fellowship and NextGen programs. Some of them are our long-term partners and some are newcomers, whom we hope we've managed to gain their interest in ICANN's mission and community work. Many thanks to Siranush Vardagnan and Janice Douma Lange for an excellent job introducing Fellows and NextGen participants to the ICANN world.



All in all, more than forty people from the region joined us in Copenhagen, taking part and showing interest in various SO/ACs and constituencies. There were not only representatives and delegates from Eastern Europe, but also broader Russian-speaking ICANN community and staff members. It brought us all together and gave a chance to share impressions from the meeting and highlights from the region, as well as improve personal interaction between participants from different jurisdictions and different stakeholder groups.

We are looking forward to [ICANN59](#) in Johannesburg!



MIDDLE EAST



ICANN Engages in the West Bank in Palestine

Fahd Bataneyh, Stakeholder Engagement Manager in the Middle East, traveled to the West Bank in Palestine on 19-23 February to engage with the local Internet community. This was the second visit of ICANN's Global Stakeholder Engagement in the Middle East to the West Bank, with the first dating back to 2009.

During the week-long visit, Bataneyh had meetings with the Ministry of Telecom and Information Technology, Palestine CERT, the e-Government Program, the top four local ISPs (Zaytona, Mada ISP, CoolNet and Hadara), the sole two mobile operators (Wataniya Mobile and Jawwal), the Palestinian IT Association (PITA), and the incubation center at the Al-Najah University in

Nablus. He also gave a lecture on "Internet Governance, ICANN, the IANA and the Digital Economy" at Al-Najah University to a group of students, academics, private companies and journalists.

On 23 February, the ISOC Palestine Chapter held a workshop titled "The Internet World - Opportunities and Challenges" where Bataneyh was invited to give a keynote speech and talk about ICANN's work and its role in the Internet Governance ecosystem. The workshop attracted 120 attendees and provided another

good venue to engage with the local community.

ICANN expresses its sincere appreciation to the Ministry of Telecom and IT for supporting our engagement efforts in the West Bank, and special gratitude goes out to Palestine's GAC representative *Mr. Allan Ghazi* for making the visit fruitful.

We look forward to more engagement in Palestine.

IPv6 Workshop Takes Place in Tunisia

ICANN's Adiel Akplogan, Vice President for Technical Engagement, participated in the third workshop of a **series** organized in partnership with the Centre de Calcul El-Khawarizmi (CCK), dedicated to "IPv6 roadmap for Tunisia: The Case of Research and Education Networks." The one day event gathered speakers from the CCK, various universities, a member of the Tunisia RENU as well as Telecom Operators and an ATI representative. The keynote address was delivered by Adiel Akplogan. His speech presented the global and regional state of IPv6 uptake and how a multistakeholder approach is key for a successful roadmap. Following Akplogan's keynote were presentations from the CCK on their IPv6 deployment plan and the work they have done with a pilot local university, including information on their native dual stack IPv6 functioning link.

The meeting ended with a good commitment from the present parties to continue the discussion and revive the country's task force lead by ATI.



ICANN Workshop on DNSSEC Takes Place in UAE

ICANN, in cooperation with the UAE Telecommunication Regulatory Authority (TRA), organized a one-day workshop on DNSSEC. The workshop is one in a series of activities that ICANN along with the TRA are planning in the coming months to raise awareness about ICANN and encourage participation at ICANN60 in Abu Dhabi this year.

The (.ae) domain administration team of the TRA had deployed a DNSSEC testbed a while ago, but decided to hold off on signing the (.ae) zone due to lack of awareness and interest by the local community. The workshop, run by ICANN's Patrick Jones, Senior Director of Global Stakeholder Engagement, and ICANN's Baher Esmat, VP of Global Stakeholder Engagement in the Middle East, attracted participation from UAE government departments, network operators, local registrars along with business and banking sectors.

The event aimed to inform the audience about the importance of DNSSEC to the UAE's Internet infrastructure, share deployment experiences of several ccTLDs and new gTLDs, provide an overview of the KSK rollover plan and what it means for both service providers and end-users. The discussion was interactive and the participants were very interested in the topic. Some participants have asked for a hands-on training to gain the skills needed to deploy DNSSEC in their networks. ICANN is working with the TRA to organize the hands-on training during May 2017.



AFRICA

African Community Gathers in Denmark for ICANN58

There were over 300 sessions during the ICANN58 public meeting in Copenhagen, two sessions in particular drew high participation from the African community.

The first one was **the Africa Strategy session** where the main topic was the presentation on the **draft report of the Africa DNS market study** currently out for public comment. The presentation of the draft report issued by South African Communications Forum (SACF) was followed by a series of questions and answers from the community. From the questions and comments SACF received during the meeting they should be expecting a lot of comments from the



community. The public comment period on the draft report is open until 5 May.

After the .africa generic top level domain names was delegated on 11 February 2017, there was a need from the community to know more about the next steps. Lucky Masilela, from .ZA Central Registry (ZACR) provided an update for the community with a few slides showing that public registration under .africa will begin July 2017.

AFRALO, the Africa Regional organization for the At-Large Structures also organized its traditional session which ended with a declaration. AFRALO has expressed a series of concerns on the **draft report of the At-Large Review Study which is open for public comment** until 7 April 2017.

Pierre Dandjinou, ICANN's VP of Global Stakeholder Engagement in Africa, and Yaovi Atohoun, ICANN's Stakeholder Engagement and Operations Manager for Africa, also had meetings with working groups in particular with representatives of the Underserved Region Working group to share the outcomes and lessons learned from the **Capacity Building Workshop** for GAC representatives from Africa. The GAC welcomed Zimbabwe as a new member during the meeting in Copenhagen

We are looking forward to **ICANN59** taking place from 26-29 June in Johannesburg!



ICANN Participates in the Inaugural Commonwealth ICT Applications Forum

On 15-16 February, the Africa GSE team joined about 100 application developers, policymakers and regulators gathered in Kigali, Rwanda to promote mobile application entrepreneurship to accelerate the development of ICT applications in areas such as

education, health and other sectors.

The Commonwealth ICT Applications Forum '17, organized by the Commonwealth Telecommunications Organization (CTO) and hosted by the Ministry of Youth and ICTs as well as the Government of Rwanda, was a platform to showcase the work of application entrepreneurs and hear how policy and regulation can foster innovation to maximize the opportunities presented by the global Internet. The overriding theme of the Forum was "Promoting ICT Entrepreneurship."

Pierre Dandjinou, ICANN's VP of Global Stakeholder Engagement in Africa, gave a keynote address on the panel themed "Reducing Risks: Increasing Usability." His message included a brief introduction on ICANN's remit and reiterated that Africa must insist on one global, stable and secure Internet. He emphasized that the projections outlined in various reports and the real potential of the Internet can only be realized if the Internet remained as one open platform. ICANN participated in a total of four panels over the two-day event.

Africa Participates in the East African Communications Organization (EACO) WG07 Meeting

The 8th meeting of the EACO Working Group 7 (WG07) was held on 1-4 March at the TCRA (The Tanzanian Telecoms Regulator) HQs in Tanzania. Bob Ochieng, Stakeholder Engagement Manager of East Africa, represented ICANN. Representatives from National Regulatory Authorities (NRAs) from the EACO Partner States of Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, Kenya and Burundi along with representatives from Telecom Operators in Tanzania were also present at the event.

This WG07 has relevant topics to ICANN such as recommending model guidelines for ccTLD management and coming up with IPV6 migration strategies for partner states. ICANN's presentation highlighted how names and numbers are coordinated globally, the difference between ccTLDs and gTLDs, and enlightened participants on the DNS ecosystem. Detailed reports can be found **here**.



PRESS HIGHLIGHTS

Press Coverage Highlights for ICANN58 in Copenhagen, Denmark

The Digital Post (.eu)	<u>Göran Marby: How ICANN has become more accountable and democratic</u>	13 March 2017
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Computerworld.dk	<u>Global Internet conference underway in Copenhagen: Here is the web's brand new super-encryption</u>	13 March 2017
Computerworld.dk	<u>Danish minister reaches out to ICANN: Just build the future of Internet in Denmark</u>	13 March 2017
Nigeria Communications Week	<u>Internet Community Needs 'Diversity' to Accommodate Next Generation- Marby</u>	14 March 2017
Computerworld.dk	<u>The number of top-level domains can explode within a few years: Cities will soon be able to purchase your own domain</u>	15 March 2017

TV Interview with Pierre Dandjinou on .africa

TV5MONDE	<u>".africa": A new internet domain name for the continent</u>	12 March 2017
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Press Release of the Commonwealth Cybersecurity Forum, where ICANN Board Member Chris Disspain gave a speech

Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation	<u>Commonwealth Cybersecurity Forum calls for more international collaboration in the fight against cybercrime</u>	23 March 2017
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Other

IT Web Africa	<u>ICANN wants response on Domain Name System study</u>	15 March 2017
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ICANN NEWS



Click [here](#) to watch the interview.

Watch Wrap-Up Interview of ICANN58 Copenhagen

As ICANN58 concludes in Copenhagen Denmark, Luna Madi, ICANN's Communications Director in Europe, the Middle East and Africa, sits down with Stephen Crocker, Board Chair, and Göran Marby, President and CEO. Crocker and Marby talk about ICANN58's highlights and takeaways, and expectations for the Policy Forum in Johannesburg, South Africa. Watch what they have to say!

CCWG-Accountability Co-Chairs Issue Statement at ICANN58

On 10 March 2017, the Cross Community Working Group on Enhancing ICANN Accountability (CCWG-Accountability) held a full-day meeting at ICANN58 to further discussions on Work Stream 2. Ninety members and participants attended in person, and many others joined remotely through the virtual meeting room. The CCWG-Accountability received updates from its subgroups and informed the ICANN community about the status of its work. Co-Chairs Thomas Rickert, León Sánchez and Mathieu Weill issued a statement on behalf of the CCWG. Read the statement [here](#).

Register Now for ICANN59!

Registration is open for ICANN59, which will be held from 26-29 June, in Johannesburg, South Africa. This meeting will be a Policy Forum, where the Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees focus on topics that contribute to policy development and cross-community dialogue.

Please check to see if you need to obtain a visa to travel to South Africa before you book your travel. [Register here.](#)



Read the Post-ICANN58 Reports

The ICANN58 Community Forum concluded in Copenhagen, Denmark, on 16 March 2017. As part of ICANN's commitment to transparency, we publish reports after every ICANN Public Meeting. The data in these reports will help ICANN improve future meetings. The post-conference reports are now available in English, and will soon be posted in Arabic, Chinese, French, Japanese, Korean, Russian, Spanish and Turkish.



Post-ICANN58 Policy Report

Read updates from our Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees. Our community develops and refines policies that ensure the security, stability, and resiliency of the global Internet, and the ICANN organization is proud to facilitate this work.



ICANN58 Community Feedback

Find out the outcome of the survey that asked you to rate aspects of ICANN58 - the Community Forum format, sessions, venue, and networking opportunities. You can also read constructive feedback from attendees in their own words.



ATRT3

Third Accountability and Transparency Review



Apply to be Considered for the Third Accountability and Transparency Review Team (ATRT3)

How well has ICANN implemented community recommendations from the second Accountability and Transparency Review? Is ICANN effectively facilitating public comments in its decision-making process? Apply to be considered for the Third Accountability and Transparency Review (ATRT3) Team which will explore these questions and others. This is your chance to help improve ICANN accountability and transparency by assessing its existing initiatives and making recommendations for how it can improve. Application Deadline:

Friday, 21 April 2017 23:59 UTC.

Follow progress of the 2nd Security, Stability and Resiliency

What improvements can ICANN make to its security efforts to meet future challenges and threats? Follow the latest progress of the Second Review Team focusing on the Security, Stability and Resiliency of the Domain Name System and share your input on

the security issues you feel need to be addressed by emailing: input-to-ssr2rt@icann.org. The SSR2 Review Team kicked off with their first face-to-face meeting at ICANN58 and heard from the community on issues and topics to consider incorporating into the SSR2 review. The next face-to-face meeting will be in Madrid, 14-15 May 2017. [View the SSR2 wiki](#) for participation details.



SSR2

2nd Review of the Security,
Stability and Resiliency of the
Domain Name System



POLICY UPDATE



Governmental Advisory Committee Issues ICANN58 Communiqué

The Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) Communiqué from ICANN58 is available for review [here](#). ICANN receives input from governments through the GAC. Its key role is to give advice to ICANN on issues of public policy, especially where there may be an interaction between ICANN activities or policies and national laws or international agreements. The GAC meets three times a year at ICANN Public Meetings, where it discusses issues with the ICANN Board of Directors and other ICANN Supporting Organizations, Advisory Committees and

other groups.

Just Published: A Lexicon for DNS Root Server System Terminology

On 14 March 2017, the Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC) published [RSSAC026: RSSAC Lexicon](#). This document standardizes the terminology related to the Domain Name System (DNS) root server system. The lexicon will benefit technical and non-technical audiences alike: RSSAC members, RSSAC Caucus members, and the ICANN, Board, organization and community.

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Join MENOG 17 in Muscat!

The Middle East Network Operators Group (MENOG) is a great forum to network with colleagues, share experiences and knowledge, discuss the latest networking innovations and discover new business models and applications. The meetings are attended by experts and interested people from industry, academia and government.

MENOG 17 will be held in Muscat, Oman from 19-20 April 2017. There will also be workshops on IPv6 and DNS Operations/DNSSEC ahead of the meeting from 16-18 April. More information and a link to register is available [here](#).

New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP Working Group Seeks Public Comment

The leadership team of the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process (PDP) Working Group (WG) is seeking input. The WG has created a set of four sub-team work tracks (WTs) that are addressing several subjects within the WG charter. The WG is soliciting feedback on certain questions and issues that stem from the charter and the initial deliberations of the WTs. Community input is critical in enabling these subjects to be considered fully and achieving a thoughtful outcome, which could include new policy recommendations, amendments to existing policy recommendations, or implementation guidance for future consideration. The public comment proceeding is open through 1 May 2017. [Provide](#)

Geographic Names at the Top Level

The leadership team of the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process (PDP) Working Group is seeking input on the issue of geographic names at the top level. All are welcome and encouraged to participate and contribute their perspectives.

To facilitate a broad, community-wide dialogue on this topic to feed into the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP, a **webinar will be held on 25 April 2017**. Two sessions will take place at 15:00-17:00 UTC and 22:00-0:00 UTC. All community members are welcome to submit positions on the treatment of geographic names at the top level to be presented in the webinars.

The webinar will be the beginning of a discussion that will continue at ICANN59. The leadership team will be holding an extended session in Johannesburg to work through the positions presented in the webinars and to propose solutions seeking common ground on a way forward. For additional information please visit [this page](#).



GDD UPDATE



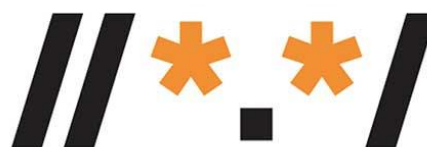
Competition, Consumer Trust and Consumer Choice Review

It's Not Too Late! Share Your Input on the Competition, Consumer Trust and Consumer Choice Draft Report

The draft report examines the extent to which the introduction of new generic top-level domains (gTLDs) has promoted competition, consumer trust and consumer choice in the domain name system. It also assesses the effectiveness of the safeguards ICANN has implemented to mitigate issues related to the introduction new gTLDs. [Read the draft report](#) and [submit a comment](#).

Help Wanted! Preparing for Billions of New Internet Identities

The Internet has changed. Users can now register names on more than 1,200 new generic top-level domains, as well as create email addresses using Arabic, Chinese, Devanagari, Thai and other scripts. You can join the Universal Acceptance Steering Group to prepare for billions of new Internet identities. Visit www.uasg.tech to find out about volunteer and paid opportunities to get involved. The website also features learning resources and case studies to help software developers and website owners understand how to update their systems to keep pace with an evolving domain name system.



www.UASG.tech

If you've found an application or system that's not Universal Acceptance-ready, [report the issue](#).

Register Now for the ICANN DNS Symposium!

The inaugural ICANN DNS Symposium, co-located with OARC 26, is a one-day event focused on all aspects of the Domain Name System (DNS). Join members of the ICANN organization to explore ICANN's current initiatives and projects relating to DNS research, operations, threats and countermeasures, and technology evolution. This event is geared to those who have a foundational understanding of the DNS and an interest in DNS operations, engineering, research and standards development or



operational security. The 6th Registration Operations Workshop will be held on Friday 12th May in the same venue prior to the DNS Symposium. [Learn more](#) and [register!](#)

Meet and Greet Welcome Reception: Friday 12 May (evening)

Sessions: Saturday 13 May

Venue: Hotel NH Madrid Eurobuilding, Madrid, Spain



DELEGATED TLDs

No New gTLDs Were Delegated in March

[See the full list here.](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

Join us at these upcoming events in the EMEA region:

- 11-14 April, **OSIANE 2017**, Brazzaville, Congo
- 25-26 April, Capacity Building Workshop for WATRA, Monrovia, Liberia
- 17 April, I-Forum, Kiev, Ukraine
- 19-21 April, Russian Internet Forum, Moscow, Russia
- 19-20 April, **MENOG 17**, Muscat, Oman
- 2-4 May, UAE DNSSEC Workshop, Dubai, UAE

Learn more about how ICANN will be participating in [regional events near you.](#)

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