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TOP STORY

ICANN at the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) 2018 Plenipotentiary Conference

ICANN President and Chief Executive Officer Göran Marby spoke at the opening of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) 2018 Plenipotentiary conference (PP-18) in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Every four years, this conference brings together representative governments and members from telecommunications, information and communication technologies (ICT), and academic institutions from all over the world to decide the ITU's course of action for the next four years. Decisions taken during this meeting have direct effects on how the world of communications will evolve, impacting the way billions of users communicate on a daily basis.

The security, stability, and resiliency of the Internet remain paramount for ICANN's work to ensure a global, interoperable Internet for all. ICANN's engagement with all stakeholders and organizations, including the ITU, is an important part of our commitment to raise awareness and enhance opportunities.

Read the full speech on the **ICANN blog.**

ICANN NEWS

ICANN65 Fellowship Round Now Open

ICANN is now accepting applications for the ICANN65 Fellowship Program. This round is open only to those who have previously completed an ICANN Fellowship because ICANN65 is a Policy Forum. The meeting is from 24-27 June 2019 in Marrakech, Morocco. The deadline to apply is 14 December 2018.

ICANN's 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, and the security and stability of the global Internet. The goal of the 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

Multistakeholder Advice Development Process

Want to learn more about how ICANN works with stakeholders to develop advice on global gTLD, ccTLD, and IP address policies? We've created a new infographic which explains the multistakeholder Advice Development Process from start to finish across the four major policy advisory committees.

Click **here** to explore.

EUROPE

ICANN's Second Registrar Training in Europe Takes Place in Sweden

In November, Stockholm hosted ICANN's second registrar training in Europe. The training took place at .se registry IIS during the **Nordic Domain Days**, as part of the **Internetdagarna** (Internet Days of Sweden). This workshop follows the positive feedback received from ICANN's **pilot registrar training** held in Munich, Germany earlier this year.

ICANN's Registrar Training workshops are aimed at newly accredited registrars, new staff at established ICANN accredited registrars, and resellers interested in ICANN accreditation. The workshops give participants an overview of ICANN's mandate and work; and equip them with the skills to start participating in ICANN's policy making processes.

This training had eight on-site and two remote participants. For access to the training materials and a recording of the session, click **here.**

MIDDLE EAST

ICANN's Middle East Strategy Extended by a Year

The Middle East and Adjoining Countries (MEAC) community has agreed to extend the current Middle East Strategy by a year. The Strategy calendar will now conclude on 30 June 2020, in alignment with

ICANN org's overall strategy concluding on the same date. In the meantime, the Middle East Strategy Working Group (MEAC-SWG) will work towards the regional strategy beyond 2020.

This decision was made collaboratively via a consultation process begun in August 2018. Regional community members and MEAC observers were requested to explore and make suggestions for the Strategy's future.

The consultation process was launched via the MEAC **mailing list,** and was followed by the "Middle East Strategy: The Way Forward" **public session** at ICANN63 in Barcelona. This session allowed for the wider regional community and all those interested in ICANN's work in the Middle East to voice their thoughts. Remote participation was available for the session.

For feedback or questions, please write to **meac.swg@icann.org.**

Register Now for the 6th Middle East DNS Forum in February

The 6th edition of the Middle East DNS Forum (MEDNSF) will take place in Dubai, United Arab Emirates on 20-21 February 2019. This next MEDNSF will be held in conjunction with the Asia Pacific Top Level Domain Association's Meeting (**APTLD75**), taking place around the same time in Dubai as well. The collaboration will allow for joint sessions, as well as access to the MEDNSF participants to attend APTLD75 public sessions of interest.

Registration for the Forum is **open**. Stay tuned for more information, including the agenda and speakers, which will be uploaded on the event website soon: **www.mednsf.org.**

We look forward to seeing you in Dubai!

AFRICA

ICANN Continues to Support the African School on Internet Governance

ICANN was a sponsor of the sixth African School on Internet Governance (**AfriSIG 2018**) held in Zanzibar, Tanzania, from 11-16 October. Larry Strickling of the Internet Society's Collaborative Governance Project held a pre-event workshop, and ICANN contributed to the agenda.

ICANN Sponsors and Participates in the AfIGF 2018 in Sudan

The seventh Africa Internet Governance Forum (**AfIGF 2018**) took place in Khartoum, Sudan from 4-6 November. Themed "Development of the Digital Economy and Emerging Technologies in Africa", it was organized by the African Union Commission. ICANN was a sponsor and participated in the following sessions:

- "Connecting the Unconnected": A session organized by Universal Acceptance champion and Internationalized Domain Names Working Group member, Abdalmonem Galila
- A plenary panel on "Emerging Technologies: Internet of Things (IoT) & Big Data", where IoT in relation to the ICANN mandate was discussed.

ICANN would like to thank the organizers and the Sudanese government for this year's AfIGF, and for providing a platform to further ICANN's visibility and engage with stakeholders and community members.

ICANN Discusses GDPR at FIFAfrica2018

ICANN participated in the fifth edition of the Forum on Internet Freedom in Africa (**FIFAfrica**) from 26-28 September in Accra, Ghana. The event was organized by International ICT Policy in East and Southern Africa (CIPESA), with the support of the Media Foundation for West Africa.

ICANN took part in a panel on "Privacy and Personal Data Protection in Africa: Trends and Challenges", during which the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) was discussed. Participants were informed about ICANN's **work towards a compliant model of Data Registration Directory Service to the GDPR.**

ICANN Takes the Lead in Recent Workshops in Burkina Faso

ICANN has taken major roles in two workshops in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso recently:

- **CyberSecurity, CERT & ICANN Ecosystem Workshop** (15-19 October)
- **Women in DNS Entrepreneurship Workshop** (12 November)

The first workshop was hosted by ARCEP, the local registry for .bf ccTLD. The event was jointly organized by ICANN and the International Telecommunications Union (ITU). Participants were mostly from the local regulation authority. Among the topics of discussion were: cybersecurity, a legal framework for electronic transactions, privacy and data protection, and DNS abuse. Participants requested a similar workshop to be organized once a year at minimum.

The second workshop, where sixteen women were trained on DNS business entrepreneurship, was facilitated by ICANN and hosted by Fondation Femme TIC & Développement Durable **(FTIC&DD),** a regional organization for women in information and communications technologies (ICT). Participants had the opportunity to better understand the domain name business environment. The workshop was a pre-event activity leading up to the Femmes, Numériques et Développement Conference (FENUD 2018), an annual regional event promoting women in ICT.

Updated Africa Strategy Document Launched at ICANN63 in Barcelona

The **reviewed Africa Strategy document** was launched during the "Ongoing Engagement in Africa" session held on 23 October during ICANN63 in Barcelona.

If you weren't able to participate on-site or remotely, you can watch the session **here,** and view the presentations from the session **here.**

POLICY UPDATE

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TLD-OPS Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity Planning

Community volunteers under auspices of the TLD-OPS Steering Committee are currently drafting a playbook containing basic concepts for disaster recovery and business continuity specific to ccTLDs. During a

collaborative session at ICANN63, TLD-OPS organized an in-depth discussion focused on the various aspects of disaster recovery. Participants discussed detection, activation, analysis of incidents, and action and communications planning. One of the takeaways from the workshop is the need to develop a ccTLD playbook to assist ccTLD registry and DNS operations. A draft of the playbook should be presented at ICANN64.

Learn more about TLD-OPS **here**.

GNSO Council Update

The Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council reconfirmed one of its original candidates and nominated two additional primary candidates as the GNSO representatives for the third Accountability and Transparency Review (ATRT3). These three candidates are: Wolfgang Kleinwächter (reconfirmed), Patrick Kane, and Osvaldo Novoa. The GNSO Council also named four additional nominees to be considered should additional places be available.

EPDP Team Publishes Initial Report for Public Comment

The Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) Team on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data published its Initial Report for **public comment**. The Initial Report includes the EPDP Team's proposed responses to the charter questions. It also includes their preliminary recommendations and specific questions concerning the purposes of processing registration data, required data processing activities and terms, and updates to other consensus policies. Commenters are strongly encouraged to use the **input form** to provide feedback. The public comment period is scheduled to close on 21 December 2018.

Read the EPDP Team Leadership **blog** for more details.

At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)/At-Large Update

The **At-Large Review Implementation Working Group (ARIWG)** has made significant progress on the first ARIWG Milestone Report, due in December 2018.

The At-Large Advisory Committee confirmed endorsement of candidates and alternates for the 2019 ICANN Academy Leadership Program at ICANN64. The candidates represent a regionally diverse group of leaders interested in developing their knowledge of ICANN and Internet policy.

The **At-Large Consolidated Policy Working Group (CPWG)** has held weekly calls since ICANN63. Highlights of those discussions include: improvements to the At-Large advice development process; updates about the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data, and current ICANN public comment proceedings. Steve DelBianco from the Business Constituency presented on the **Unified Access Model**.

ALAC and At-Large community members took part in the **Internet Governance Forum 2018 in Paris, France**. **The European Regional At-Large Organization also signed a memorandum of understanding** with the Council of European National Top-Level Domain Registries (CENTR), agreeing to collaborate on areas of mutual interest.

GDD UPDATE

UASG Presents the Universal Acceptance Thought

Leader Award

On November 12, the Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG) presented the Chief Minister of Rajasthan, Vasundhara Raje, with the Universal Acceptance Thought Leader Award for her outstanding work fostering Universal Acceptance and Email Address internationalization through her government email service, Rajmail. This service, developed in collaboration with email provider Data Xgen Plus, enables the people of Rajasthan to get an email address in their local language. Rajmail already benefits two million residents.

Ajay Data (Data Xgen Plus CEO), Vasundhara Raje (Chief Minister of Rajasthan), and Samiran Gupta (ICANN Head of India on behalf of the UASG).

Registrants

Read the latest edition to the Registrant Blog Series - Do you have a domain name? Here's what you need to know. **Part V: Renewing Your Domain Name.** Find more Domain Name Registrant resources **here.**

WHAT'S NEW IN REVIEWS

ICANN Announces Calls-to-Action for Community Participation in ICANN Reviews

The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) has several calls-to-action for community participation in ICANN reviews. ICANN reviews are important accountability mechanisms that need community input to help ICANN deliver on its commitments to bottom-up policy development.

Specific Reviews

Join the fourth face-to-face meeting of the RDS-WHOIS2 Review Team on 10-12 December 2018. The team will review the public comments received on its **draft report,** determine any corresponding changes, and finalize its recommendations before they are submitted to the ICANN Board. Remote attendance will be supported. Click **here** to learn how to join.

Organizational Reviews

Please take the **ccNSO Review survey,** now available for community input. The aim of the survey is to collect input from those who have interacted with ccNSO or have suggestions for ways to improve it. The survey is informed by learnings from Meridian Institute's research and the interviews it has conducted to date. The survey will close on 21 December 2018.

Please Visit the **Review Status Update Table** for the latest status on Specific and Organizational Reviews and additional key resources.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Join ICANN at these upcoming events in the EMEA region:

- 10-14 December, **Africa e-Commerce Week:** Empowering African Economies in the Digital Era, Nairobi, Kenya
- 12-13 December, Africa Domain Names Registrars Meeting, Addis-Ababa, Ethiopia
- 13 December, **IGF Poland**, Warsaw, Poland

Learn more about how ICANN will be participating in **regional events near you**.

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