EMEA Newsletter
YOUR SOURCE FOR ICANN EMEA NEWS

APRIL 2016

| Policy Update | ICANN website www.icann.org | Feedback |

TOP STORY

IANA Stewardship Transition Update

On 10 March 2016, the ICANN Board transmitted the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) Stewardship Transition Package to the U.S. National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). Since then, NTIA has been reviewing the proposals to ensure that they meet the criteria of their 14 March 2014 announcement. This review period is expected to last 90 days, and will be guided by recommendations from the U.S. Government Accountability Office. In addition, the U.S. Congress has a strong interest in the proposals; it is expected that they will closely monitor and review the proposal as a part of NTIA's evaluation. The current contract with ICANN expires on 30 September 2016, but NTIA has the authority to extend the contract if needed.

While the community was working to finalize the IANA Stewardship Transition Package, ICANN's implementation team has been diligently preparing for the "implementation phase" of the IANA Stewardship Transition. Significant preplanning for implementing changes to the Root Zone Management System, elements proposed in the ICG Proposal, as well as the Post-Transition IANA and Customer Standing Committee, are underway. These activities will continue to develop over the coming weeks and months.

ICANN's legal team is coordinating with the two external law firms that have provided support to the CCWG-Accountability and CWG-Stewardship to prepare proposed changes to the ICANN Bylaws to implement the changes outlined in the IANA Stewardship Transition Package. The draft Bylaws will be put out for public comment prior to Board approval, and once adopted, ICANN will notify NTIA of the adoption. NTIA has stated that the Bylaws must be adopted before NTIA can issue a report on the transition proposal.

For updates on all implementation work, visit: https://www.icann.org/stewardship-implementation.

Once the Bylaws work is complete, the CCWG-Accountability will turn its focus to its inventory of Work Stream 2 items (outlined in Annex 12 of the CCWG-Accountability Work Stream 1 Report):

- Considering improvements to ICANN's standards for diversity
- Focusing efforts to enhance ICANN's transparency
- Improving and clarifying expectations of ICANN staff accountability
- Enhancing the accountability of ICANN's Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees
- Addressing jurisdiction-related questions, focused on applicable law for contracts and dispute settlements
- Developing a Framework of Interpretation for ICANN's Human Rights commitment and proposed draft Bylaw (more information in Annex 6 of the Work Stream 1 Report)
- Considering enhancements to the Ombudsman's role and function

The CCWG-Accountability is open to anyone who wishes to join, and the group has issued a Call for Volunteers for anyone interested in the Work Stream 2 efforts.

🔔 ICANN NEWS

Save the Date: ICANN Quarterly Stakeholder Call

ICANN will hold its next Quarterly Stakeholder Call on 27 April at 15:00 UTC. Learn more about ICANN's activities, progress and financials for the quarter ending 31 March 2016. The call is available in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish. Register here.

Interested in ICANN Reviews?

Do you know what ICANN reviews are and why they are important? Reviews are crucial to evaluating what happens when ICANN processes and policies from the multistakeholder model meet the real world. Reviews enable us to assess ICANN's performance toward our commitments, much like a report card. This process is a tool for continuous improvement - it helps us look at the past so we can do better in the future. We have several new reviews planned for this year.

Now is a great time to learn more about them and get involved! Sign up here.

🌍 EUROPE

ICANN Cohosts Prague Conference on Digital Economy: Chances and Challenges

On 17-18 March 2016, a conference was held in Prague to explore the topic of **"Digital Economy: Chances and Challenges"**.

ICANN and the Czech Telecommunication Office co-organized the event, and sought participation from across the Visegrad Group (Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia). Representatives from several other countries were also present. In total, over 200 people attended the event, with many governmental authorities represented.

Participants discussed issues ranging from Internet innovations and regulations to cybersecurity and Internet governance. Another hot topic was the "Internet of Things." Jean-Jacques Sahel, ICANN's VP of Stakeholder Engagement for Europe, gave an overview of multistakeholder governance and the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) Stewardship Transition.

This event was the first of its kind in the Czech Republic. The hope is for yearly follow-up events, which could develop into a local Internet governance forum.

ICANN Supports Two Recent Internet Governance Forums in Serbia
By Serbian National Internet Domain Registry (RNIDS) Foundation

This year's Serbian Internet Domains Day conference was held from 15-16 March in Belgrade, under the slogan "Living the Internet… Globally - Securely - Locally." The seventh annual conference welcomed more than 370 attendees, 1300 online viewers and 50 domestic and foreign speakers. DIDS 2016 was organized by the RNIDS Foundation. Stressing the importance of multistakeholderism in Internet governance initiatives, the sessions explored how to engage the local community in ICANN's policymaking processes. Speakers were: Mike Silber, Member of the ICANN Board; Gabriella Schittek, Manager of Global Stakeholder Engagement for Central and Eastern Europe at ICANN; Wolf Ludwig, Chair of the European Regional At-Large Organization (EURALO); and Marília Maciel of the Getulio Vargas Foundation.
Read more and watch video coverage.

The second Regional Internet Forum (RIF 2016) was held on 16 March as part of the DIDS 2016 conference. Attendees included about 50 representatives of national Internet registries from Southeastern Europe, state bodies, local Internet communities and legal experts. ICANN's Gabriella Schittek explained how the multistakeholder model was a way to become involved in Internet governance. For more information, visit the RIF 2016 website.

EASTERN EUROPE & CENTRAL ASIA

Growing Interest in ICANN from Stakeholders in the Region

March and February were busy for the ICANN team in the region. Alexandra Kulikova and Michael Yakushev participated in many important Internet-related events in Moscow, Russia. They offered ICANN's expertise in discussions of different aspects of Internet development, both locally and

regionally. Key events included:

- Cyber Security Forum 2016, hosted by the Russian Association of Electronic Communications as part of the Safer Internet Week in Russia (9 February)
- Workshop on the Legislative Regulation of the Russian Internet, organized by Mr. Dmitry Marinichev, Internet Ombudsman of the Russian Federation (16 February)
- Round table discussion of recent developments in global Internet governance, held at the Russian Diplomatic Academy (18 February)
- Workshop on new legal problems in the theory and practice of Internet law, held at the Moscow State Judicial Academy (20 February)
- Conference on the Trust and Security in the Use of Telecommunications, Russian Association of Networks and Services (2-3 March)

The events reflect how stakeholders in the region, particularly in Russia, are increasingly interested in ICANN, and in our efforts to keep the global Internet infrastructure stable and secure.

MIDDLE EAST

DNS Entrepreneurship Center Showcased at ICANN55

By Hadia El Miniawi, Director, DNS Entrepreneurship Center

ICANN55 marked the first time that the DNS Entrepreneurship Center (DNS-EC) was present at an ICANN Public Meeting. Our involvement in Marrakech featured a booth, brochures, giveaways and a video. I introduced the DNS-EC and its activities in a session entitled "The DNS Industry in the Middle East."

To date, the DNS-EC has conducted nine workshops in various locations. Topics have included: DNS business development, registry best practices, "train the trainer" sessions, Domain Name System (DNS) operation and DNS Security Extensions (DNSSEC), and Uniform Domain-Name Dispute-Resolution Policy (UDRP). DNS-EC has also conducted SWOT (strengths, weaknesses,opportunities, threats) analysis workshops for local DNS markets in Tunis, Doha, Muscat and Dubai. More than 150 trainees - coming from more than 15 countries in the region - have attended the workshops.

Looking ahead, we are developing an outreach program, targeting university students and new graduates, with the purpose of educating and raising awareness among youngsters. We are also facilitating a networking day for top-level domain (TLD) operators. Operators from the region will have a chance to share their challenges and success stories and work on topics of common interest. In addition to the current slate of workshops, we have added online courses and marketing workshops to our training agenda.

DNS-EC is attracting more participants and partners - we are looking forward to getting closer to the Internet community in the region and exploring new opportunities. For the latest news and information about workshops, visit the DNS-EC website.

Africa Strategy Session Held at ICANN55

ICANN55 was a huge success. Of the 2273 attendees, nearly 1000 were from Africa. The high participation numbers from Africa validate the effectiveness of the African engagement strategy. This high level of interest was evident in two overcrowded sessions: a joint AFRALO-AfrICANN meeting* and an an update on ICANN's Africa strategy.

The Africa strategy session briefed the community on ICANN's work and strategy on the continent. ICANN global leaders Tarek Kamel and Sally Costerton participated in the session. Attendees reacted positively to the announcement of a new engagement center in Nairobi, Kenya - ICANN's first engagement center in Africa.

The Africa strategy meeting had two special moments:

- Announcement of the Youth Comm (Youth Community) program, developed by ICANN's Development and Public Responsibility Department and the Global Stakeholder Engagement Team in Africa. Youth Comm will provide youth with learning opportunities and will build capacity by holding two-day country workshops around the region.
- Recognition of outgoing President and CEO Fadi Chehadé by members of the community. Highlights were a farewell speech and the presentation of gifts.

Finally, in this session, the community was encouraged to cooperate with the South African Communications Forum, the organization commissioned to develop the study of the African DNS market. The final report presenting the study's findings is expected by June 2016.

If you are interested in the session "Africa Strategy and Looking Ahead," review the audio, video and presentation materials.

AFRALO - African Regional At-Large Community
  AfrICANN - African ICANN Community

ICANN Participates in Africa DNS Forum 2016

ICANN was the platinum sponsor and an active participant at the fourth Africa DNS Forum 2016 held in Marrakech, Morocco from 4-6. The forum presented key DNS topics affecting Africa - and the North African region, following successful events held previously in other regions: South Africa (Southern Africa) in 2013, Nigeria (West Africa) in 2014, and Kenya (East Africa) in 2015.

The event was well attended both in person and through remote participation. View recorded sessions.

 Major recommendations emerged from the forum:

- Establishing a common payment gateway, thereby allowing registrars and resellers to buy domains from different African country code TLDs (ccTLDs)

- Creating a registrar accreditation framework - led by the African TLD Organization (AfTLD) - to accredit African registrars *once* to sell domains across *all* African ccTLDs

- Localizing similar DNS forums at national levels to increase the reach and impact to local stakeholders

- Fostering closer partnerships with different industry stakeholders, including financial sector players, to help them understand the DNS business and how their actions affect the industry (e.g., costs for sending money across countries)

The event was hosted by Agence Nationale de Réglementation des Télécommunications, which also runs the .ma ccTLD. ICANN organized the event in collaboration with the Internet Society and AfTLD.

POLICY UPDATE

SEE 5: Registration Now Open

South East Europe (SEE) / RIPE Network Coordination Centre (NCC) Regional Meetings gather network operators from across the region to discuss issues unique to them and to share knowledge and expertise. **SEE 5** will be held from 12-20 April in Tirana, Albania. The meeting is free and open to anyone who would like to attend. **Register now!**

Draft Framework of Principles for Cross-Community Working Groups

The Cross-Community Working Group on Principles for Cross-Community Work seeks community feedback on a draft framework of uniform principles to guide the initiation and operations of future cross-community working groups. The public comment period closes 16 April 2016. **Submit your comments today!**

At-Large Begins Series of Capacity-Building Webinars

To continuously improve At-Large members' knowledge of ICANN, the At-Large community launched a **series of capacity-building webinars.** Under the leadership of Tijani Ben Jemaa, Vice Chair of the ALAC, the At-Large Working Group on Capacity Building selected topics ranging from best practices for participating in ICANN and At-Large to specific policy issues, such as the Competition, Consumer Trust, and Consumer Choice Review; country code top-level domain (ccTLD) delegation and relegation; and registrar responsibilities toward new generic top-level domain (gTLD) development. The webinars incorporate interactive learning elements. Review the **webinar schedule and participation details**.

Call for Volunteers to Review All gTLD Rights Protection Mechanisms

The GNSO Council seeks volunteers for a new working group. This Policy Development Process Working Group will review all Rights Protection Mechanisms (RPMs) in all gTLDs in two phases, as defined in the approved charter. Phase One will focus on a review of all the RPMs developed for the New gTLD Program (e.g., Trademark Clearinghouse and Uniform Rapid Suspension procedure). Phase Two will focus on a review of the Uniform Dispute Resolution Policy.Join online or complete the form and send to gnso-secs@icann.org.

---

ccNSO Prepares for Potential IANA Stewardship Transition Implementation

As part of the IANA Stewardship Transition process, the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) community expects to appoint members to new committees and groups. The ccNSO Guideline Review Committee (GRC) will propose procedures and processes to implement these provisions before ICANN56. Learn more about the ccNSO GRC. Watch an interview with new ccNSO Council Chair, Katrina Sataki, who describes the upcoming work of the ccNSO.

Successful High-Level Government Meeting Concludes

Nearly 100 government and 22 international government organization delegations attended the High-Level Governmental Meeting on 7 March 2016, hosted by the Kingdom of Morocco. The meeting was held during ICANN55 - ministers, senior government officials, and Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) and ICANN leadership offered remarks and presentations throughout the day. The GAC also welcomed six new members and one new observer during ICANN55. Listen to audio recordings or watch the meeting.

Stay Current on PDP Efforts

Get updates about ongoing PDPs.

DNSSEC Root Zone KSK Rollover Recommendations Published

A design team consisting of seven independent DNS experts along with representatives from ICANN, Verisign, and NTIA has completed a report with recommendations for changing, also known as rolling, the DNSSEC root zone Key Signing Key (KSK). Rolling the root zone KSK means generating a new cryptographic public and private key pair and distributing the new public component to parties, including Internet service providers, DNS resolver operators, DNS resolver software developers, integrators and distributors. Read the report.

Open for Public Comment: Safeguards to Mitigate DNS Abuse

In March, ICANN published a report that explores how to measure the effectiveness of safeguards against DNS abuse. These protections are part of the New gTLD Program. The report defines the activities that constitute DNS abuse, and assesses indicators of the rate of abuse in new gTLDs and the DNS as a whole. The report's findings are based on analytics and user feedback. The comment period closes 25 April 2016. Read the report and comment now.

DELEGATED TLDs

Twenty nine New gTLDs delegated in March 2016

BAREFOOT	EXTRASPACE
GALLO	BCG
ALLY	GMBH

For the full list of new gTLDs delegated in February 2016, click **here**.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Join us at these upcoming events in the EMEA region:

14-15 April 2016	DNS Business Workshop, Dakar, Senegal
13-15 April 2016	Russian Internet Forum, Moscow, Russia
19-21 April 2016	Innovation Africa Digital (IAD) Summit, Abuja, Nigeria
19 April-10 May 2016	Internet Academy, Warsaw, Poland
22 April 2016	South Eastern European Dialogue on Internet Governance (SEEDIG), Belgrade, Serbia
2-4 May 2016	10th Edition of re:publica, Berlin, Germany
4-5 May 2016	Middle East DNS Forum 2016, Tunis, Tunisia
9-10 May 2016	Topical Workshop, Harare, Zimbabwe
27-28 May 2016	Moldova ICT Summit 2016, Kishinev, Moldova

Look at **complete list of ICANN engagements** here.

ISTANBUL HUB CONTACT DETAILS
ISTANBUL, TURKEY

Hakki Yeten Cad. Selenium
Plaza No:10/C K:10
34349 Fulya, Besiktas,
Istanbul,
Turkey

Tel: +90.212.999.6222

ICANN AROUND THE WORLD

● **Hub Offices**
Los Angeles
Istanbul
Singapore

◉ **Engagement Offices**
Brussels
Beijing   Geneva
Montevideo   Seoul
Nairobi   Washington

For address and contact information, visit: icann.org/contact

Twitter Arabic	Twitter English	Twitter French	Twitter @L_Madi	Twitter Russian	Twitter Spanish
Facebook	Flickr	LinkedIn	Slideshare	Soundcloud	Youtube