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# EMEA Newsletter

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## TOP STORY

### Register for ICANN64

Registration for ICANN64 in Kobe, Japan is now open. [Please register here.](#)

The Community Forum will be held from 9-14 March at the Kobe Portopia Hotel and Kobe International Conference Center. A preliminary schedule is available, [here](#). Travel resources, including hotel group rates and visa information, are also available on the [ICANN Public Meetings site](#).



ICANN Public Meetings are open to everyone and registration is free. Participants can attend in person or join remotely. Read more about ICANN Public Meetings and how to get involved [here](#).



## SPOTLIGHT

### Share Your EEDNSF Experience with Us!

Did you attend the Eastern European Domain Name System Forum ([EEDNSF](#)) in Moscow, Russia on 4-5 December 2018? ICANN org wants your feedback! Please participate in a [short survey](#). The results will be shared in a blog on <https://www.icann.org>. Your opinion contributes to our effort to share DNS expertise across the community. The survey will be available until **19 February 2019**.

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**The Middle East Domain Name System Forum Returns to Dubai**



The 2019 Middle East DNS Forum (**MEDNSF**) will be held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE) 20-21 February. The event is hosted by the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (**TRA**) of the UAE.

The sixth MEDNSF will feature international and regional field experts and industry stakeholders who will discuss the latest developments and issues in the global and regional domain marketplace. The forum will also have panel discussions and presentations on topics of interest to the regional community in an effort to strengthen the DNS industry in the Middle East.

Read more in our announcement [here](#).



## MIDDLE EAST

### Egypt's DNS Entrepreneurship Center Promotes Universal Acceptance

Egypt's DNS Entrepreneurship Center (**DNS-EC**) has been hosting educational sessions with local government information technology (IT) divisions and young software developers to raise awareness about Universal Acceptance (UA), with a focus on the use of Arabic script.

Led by Abdalmonem Galila of Dot Masr Registry and hosted by the Information and Decision Support Center (**IDSC**) and the Information Technology Institute (**ITI**), the sessions introduced the concept of Universal Acceptance, the use of Arabic in Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs), and Email Address Internationalization (EAI).

The DNS-EC is working closely with the ITI on organizing additional activities to raise awareness on this important topic over the coming months. Please email [meac.swg@icann.org](mailto:meac.swg@icann.org) if you are interested in participating.



## AFRICA

### ICANN Organization Participates at the Central Africa IGF 2018

The Central Africa Internet Governance Forum (IGF) took place in



Brazzaville, Congo, on 13 and 14 December 2018. One significant session discussed the mechanism for coordinating the Central Africa IGF to ensure that the needs of the regional African nations are adequately represented.

During the forum, ICANN org staff participated in two panels: the first on ICANN and the Internet ecosystem; the second on blockchain technology.

## ICANN GSE Team Presents at the National IGF in Togo

At the Internet Governance Forum on 6 December 2018 in Lome, Togo, ICANN's Global Stakeholder Engagement (GSE) team in Africa gave a presentation on the Internet ecosystem and answered questions about Internet Protocol version 6 (IPv6) deployment.



## GSE Africa Team Takes on Cybercrime with Interpol and Africa Working Group

ICANN's GSE team in Africa participated in the 5<sup>th</sup> Africa Working Group Meeting on CyberCrime for Heads of Units. The annual event is organized by Interpol and this year's event was hosted by the Ghana Police in Accra from 4-6 December 2018.

The opening was attended by the Ghanaian Minister of Interior, Ambrose Dery, and the Minister of Communications, Ursula Owusu-Ekufu, underscoring the importance Ghana's government put on the event. The Director of Interpol's Cybercrime Directorate also spoke at the opening ceremony.



## ICANN NEWS

### Apply Now for ICANN and Public Technical Identifiers Leadership

**The 2019 Nominating Committee (NomCom)** is accepting applications for key leadership positions within Public Technical Identifiers (PTI) and ICANN. Selected individuals will have a unique opportunity to work with accomplished colleagues from around the globe to help shape the Internet's technical coordination and policy development. The deadline to submit applications is **18 March 2019 at 23:59 Universal Coordinated Time (UTC)**.

The open positions in 2019 are:

- Three members of the ICANN Board of Directors.
- One member of the PTI Board of Directors.
- Three regional representatives to the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) - one from the Asia, Australia, and Pacific Islands region, one from the Latin America and Caribbean Islands region, one from the Africa region.

- Two members of the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council.
- One member of the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) Council.

For more information on the position requirements, click [here](#).

To apply, please submit an application, [here](#).

The NomCom is also accepting candidate recommendations. To submit a recommendation, fill out the [online form](#).



## POLICY UPDATE

### Register for the Pre-ICANN64 Policy Webinar

Join ICANN's Policy Development Support Department to discuss the policy agenda at the Pre-ICANN64 Policy Webinar on Thursday, 28 February at 16:00 UTC. Please review the [Pre-ICANN64 Policy Report](#) and the [Generic Names Supporting Organizational Policy Briefing: ICANN64 Edition](#) after 21 February in order to prepare for the 60-minute interactive session. Register by 22 February, [here](#).

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### EPDP Team Prepares Final Report

From 16-18 January 2019, the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) Team on the Temporary Specification for generic top-level domain (gTLD) Registration Data met in Toronto, Canada. The Team reviewed public comments on its Initial Report and worked to refine and build agreement on policy recommendations to include in the Final Report. Read more detail on the Team's progress [here](#).

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### GNSO Council: Focus on Strategic Planning

1. From 23-25 January 2019, the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council met in the ICANN Los Angeles office for its strategic planning session. Each day of the meeting had a specific focus and objective:

- Day 1: Development and orientation.
- Day 2: Implementation of the Policy Development Process 3.0 initiative.
- Day 3: 2019 strategic planning, workload management, and objectives.

The Council members also met with ICANN Board members. A full report of the meeting will be published shortly.

2. The GNSO Council confirmed Jonathan Frost as one of the GNSO appointees to the Cross-Community Working Group on New gTLD Auction Proceeds.

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### The ccNSO Council Prepares for ICANN64

The Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) Council will hold a workshop at ICANN64. Main points on the agenda include the development of the ccNSO 2019 work plan and discussions on the expectations and responsibilities of ccNSO and individual councilors. The ccNSO councilors will be conducting two exercises:

- The role of the ccNSO Council Triage Committee and the criteria it uses to select work items.
- A simulation of the ccNSO Rejection Action Procedure to understand the procedures and impact on the ccNSO Council and ccNSO membership given tight timelines and dependencies. The ccNSO has adopted a guideline on how the ccNSO should exercise its Empowered Community's rights to Reject Specified Actions.

Consult the ICANN64 ccNSO schedule [here](#).

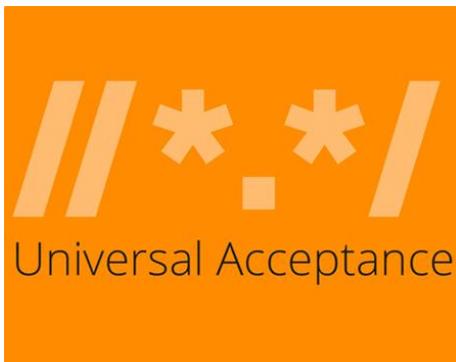
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## At-Large: Advisory and Activities Updates

- The At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) continues its focus on public comment and advice development, and released a statement on the [Initial Report of the Expedited Policy Development Process \(EPDP\) on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data Team](#). To participate in public comment development with ALAC, join the weekly [At-Large Consolidated Policy Working Group](#) teleconferences or join the At-Large policy sessions at [ICANN64](#).
- Phase one implementation activities of the At-Large Review are underway. The ICANN Board reviewed the [At-Large Review Detailed Implementation Plan](#) at their January workshop.
- Preparations for the third At-Large Summit (ATLAS III) are underway. ATLAS III will bring together current At-Large leaders and 60 future leaders during ICANN66 in Montréal, Canada. They will focus on developing their abilities to effectively implement recommendations from the At-Large Review.



### GDD UPDATE



#### All Domain Names Created Equally: UA, IDNs, and EAI

Universal Acceptance (UA) will enable people around the world to use the Internet in local languages. Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs) combined with email addresses in local scripts, known as Email Address Internationalization (EAI), are key factors to enabling a multilingual Internet.

ICANN is working with the community to get the word out about this important project. [Read about our latest roadshow promoting awareness in China and find out how to get involved here.](#)

#### A Flexible and Stable New Portal for Registry Operators and End Users

Last month, the ICANN organization introduced a more stable, flexible, and secure portal that also has the ability to support future enhancements. The Centralized Zone Data Service (CZDS) provides a centralized access point to the Zone Files provided by participating top-level domains.

Registry operators can access CZDS through the Naming Services portal [here](#) while CZDS end users can access the portal [here](#).



### WHAT'S NEW IN REVIEWS

#### Opportunities to Participate: ICANN Reviews

ICANN has several opportunities for community input and participation.



**Organizational Reviews** are led by independent examiners to assess the extent to which ICANN's Supporting Organizations (SOs), Advisory Committees (ACs), and the Nominating Committee (NomCom) fulfill their purpose, are accountable to their stakeholders, and whether any changes in structure or operations are needed.

- **Feasibility Assessment and Initial Implementation Plan** -Read the [Nominating Committee](#) and [Root Server System Advisory Committee's](#) plans in response to the final reports issued by the independent examiners. The ICANN Board is expected to take action on these reviews in March 2019.
- The second **Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC2) Final Report** is now

available. Click [here](#) to read it.

Visit the [Reviews Status Update Table](#) that outlines the work currently in progress and latest developments. There, you can review the progress of the specific review teams, supporting materials, and evaluate the output.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Join us at these upcoming events in the EMEA region:

- 20-21 February, [6<sup>th</sup> Middle East DNS Forum](#), Dubai, UAE
- 25-28 February, [Mobile World Congress](#), Barcelona, Spain
- 14-16 March, [WACREN 2019 Conference](#), Accra, Ghana
- 16-18 April, [OSIANE 2019](#), Brazzaville, Congo

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