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Register Now for ICANN60

28 October - 3 November 2017
Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

ICANN's 2016 Annual General Meeting is less than two months away - **register now!** The **ICANN60 block schedule** is posted now, and the full schedule will be available on 9 October. Before you make travel arrangements, check the **travel and visa requirements**.

Be sure to bookmark our **ICANN60 page** - we'll be updating it frequently.



SPOTLIGHT



Register Now for the Second Eastern European DNS Forum!

The second Eastern European Domain Name System (DNS) Forum will take place from 12-13 October in Minsk, Belarus. This meeting follows a successful first forum held in Kiev last December that attracted more than 200 participants from region. This year's forum will focus on crucial topics of the Eastern European domain name industry. It is organized by ICANN and is hosted by hoster.by, the technical administrator of country code

top-level domains (ccTLDs) .BY and .БЕЛ.

Learn more and register [here](#).



EMEA ACTIVITIES & HIGHLIGHTS

Become a Volunteer for the South Eastern European Dialogue on Internet Governance

After three successful annual meetings and several intersessional activities, the South Eastern European Dialogue on Internet Governance (SEEDIG) is consolidating its internal processes. These transparent mechanisms will reflect the unique nature of SEEDIG, an initiative that relies on the community and many supporting organizations. As part of this effort, SEEDIG is looking for volunteers to build an election mechanism for its executive committee.



If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, email see@intgovforum.org.

Recommendations coming out of this work will be subject to approval by the SEEDIG community. After approval, the next step will be to launch an election process for the new executive committee this September. For updates about this initiative, watch this space: <http://www.seedig.net/>.



This year, MEAG-SIG drew 31 participants from 13 countries.

Middle East and Adjoining Countries School on Internet Governance (MEAC-SIG) Convenes for the Fourth Time

The fourth edition of MEAC-SIG took place from 7-11 August in Ankara, Turkey. It's part of ICANN's efforts to promote awareness of Internet governance in a region where only 225 million of 750 million people are online. Although we're seeing increased interest and involvement in Internet governance, more can be done.

Hosted by NIC.tr, the ccTLD for Turkey, the event was organized by ICANN, the Internet Society (ISOC), and the Réseaux IP Européens Network Coordination Centre (RIPE NCC), in partnership with the [Arab World Internet Institute](#).

Ten faculty members from the region presented sessions that ranged from domain name basics and Internet governance to sustainable development goals and the digital economy. Participants presented topics related to their local Internet governance structures.

Learn more about MEAC-SIG and view the presentations [here](#).

Africa DNS Forum Turns Five

The [Africa DNS Forum](#) turned five this year - and what a journey it has been! Held from 26-28 July in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and hosted by TZNIC, the theme was: "Taking stock of the Africa DNS Industry and planning ahead."

Read the recent [blog](#) by ICANN's Pierre Dandjinou, VP, Stakeholder Engagement, Africa.



ICANN NEWS

Introducing the New Accountability Indicators

Have you ever wondered how many events ICANN participates in by region and how many people we engage with? Or what is the state of ICANN's financials? Or how much is being spent on travel and meetings? Now you can find all of these answers and more on the beta version of our new [Accountability Indicators page](#). It's a place where you can keep track of progress made against ICANN's strategic and operating plans.

[Read more...](#)



ICANN 2017 Nominating Committee Announces Selections

The eight community members selected will take up their positions at the end of ICANN's Annual General Meeting, scheduled for 28 October - 3 November in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

[Read the full announcement.](#)

New on ICANN Learn - ccNSO Basics

A new course on ICANN Learn introduces you to the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO). You'll learn how the ccNSO came to be, its role in the ICANN ecosystem, its structure, and how to join. [Enroll now!](#)

Don't Miss the ICANN FY17 Q4 Update

To boost participation from the ICANN global community, we're changing the format of our quarterly updates. Learn about the new format [here](#).

Click [here](#) to find out about the important events and milestones during FY17 Q4.



WHAT'S NEW IN REVIEWS



- Save the date! Observe the first face-to-face meeting of the Registration Directory Service Review Team (RDS-WHOIS2) in Brussels, Belgium, on 2-3 October 2017. Visit "Opportunities to Participate" on the [RDS-WHOIS2 wiki](#) to learn how.
- The Competition, Consumer Trust, and Consumer Choice Review Team (CCT) is refining its draft recommendations, and plans to issue two new sections for public comment in September. Bookmark the [CCT wiki](#) for this important opportunity to participate.
- The Second Security, Stability, and Resiliency of the DNS Review Team (SSR2) will host open sessions at ICANN60 to update the community on its work. **Visit "Opportunities to Participate" on the [SSR2 wiki](#)** for details.
- The Independent Examiner, Analysis Group, is seeking broad community input to measure



POLICY UPDATE

At-Large Community Responds to Review Recommendations

On 22 August 2017, the ALAC discussed and ratified the Feasibility Assessment and Implementation Plan in response to the [review recommendations](#) proposed by ITEMS International. The document was developed with input from the At-Large community. The next step is to submit the document to the ICANN Board Organization Effectiveness Committee.

At-Large Leadership Positions Announced

The At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) has posted the results of recent elections, selections, and appointments. [Read more here.](#)

Recent GAC Activities

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- Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) members met with the ICANN Board to review the [GAC ICANN59 Johannesburg Communiqué](#).
- The new GAC website "soft" launched at gac.icann.org. It offers improved usability and ease of finding content. We invite community members to explore the new website and give us feedback.

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ccNSO to Participate in New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP Working Group Work Track 5

The Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) will participate in the newly created Work Track 5 of the GNSO [New](#)

[gTLD Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process Working Group](#). Annebeth Lange (.no) will serve as ccNSO-appointed co-leader of this effort.

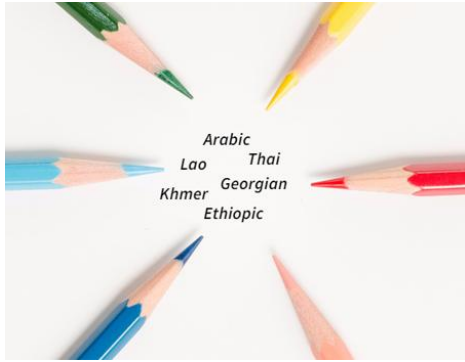
GNSO Council Updates

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- The Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council nominated Norm Ritchie to replace Emily Taylor as a candidate for the Second Security, Stability, and Resiliency of the Domain Name System Review Team (SSR2-RT).
- The GNSO Council submitted the [GNSO Review of the GAC ICANN59 Johannesburg Communiqué](#) to the ICANN Board.
- The GNSO Council directed the Cross-Community Working Group on Internet Governance to explore a [new model for community collaboration](#).

Review of the Customer Standing Committee Charter

Starting in October 2017, the ccNSO and the Registry Stakeholder Group will review the [charter](#) of the [Customer Standing Committee \(CSC\)](#). The review team will adopt a lightweight approach and will consult with the full CSC on potential areas for improvement. The goal is to submit a final report to the ccNSO and GNSO Councils in April 2018.



Six Scripts Integrated into the Second Version of Root Zone Label Generation Rules

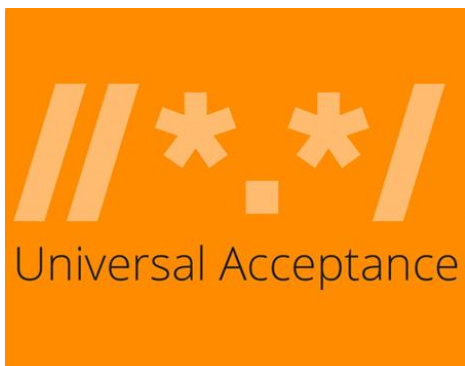
The second version of Root Zone Label Generation Rules (**RZ-LGR-2**) is now available. It integrates six scripts - Arabic, Ethiopic, Georgian, Khmer, Lao, and Thai. The community-developed RZ-LGR-2 provides a conservative and secure method to determine valid top-level Internationalized Domain Name (IDN) labels and their variant labels, if any. In accordance with the **Call for Generation Panels**, five additional scripts - Hebrew, Myanmar, Sinhala, Tibetan, and Thaana - are being actively solicited.

"Statistical Analysis of DNS Abuse in gTLDs" Report Available for Public Comment Until 19 September 2017

The **Competition, Consumer Trust, and Consumer Choice Review Team** (CCTRT) requested the study to measure rates of common forms of abusive activities in the Domain Name System (DNS) - such as spam, phishing, and malware distribution. The study compares rates of these activities between new and legacy generic top-level domains (gTLDs). It also employs inferential statistical analysis to measure the effects of DNS Security Extensions (DNSSEC), domain parking, and registration restrictions on abuse rates. The analysis uses historical data from the first three full years of the New gTLD Program (2014-2016).



[Learn more and submit your comments here.](#)



Universal Acceptance Issue? Report the Problem

The Universal Acceptance (UA) Steering Group (UASG) is a community initiative supported by the ICANN organization formed to educate and ensure that systems are UA-aware. UA-readiness means that Internet-enabled applications, devices, and system can successfully recognize all domain names, including IDNs and new gTLDs. If you find a webpage or application that is not UA-ready, **report it here**. The UASG will pursue resolution options, and this information will help them to drive UA-readiness globally.



No New gTLDs Were Delegated in August

[See the full list here.](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

Join us at these upcoming events in the EMEA region:

- 11-12 September, **Georgian IGF**, Tbilisi, Georgia
- 14-15 September, **APTId72**, Tbilisi, Georgia
- 13-14 September, **Security Case Study**, Warsaw, Poland
- 25-26 September, **G7 2017** Industry/ICT, Turin, Italy
- 12-13 October, **Eastern European DNS Forum**, Minsk, Belarus
- 16 October, School on Internet Governance, Tunis, Tunisia
- 18 October, **Tunisia IGF**, Tunis, Tunisia

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