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TOP STORY

Smooth KSK Rollover with Minimal User Impact

As many of you may know, the rollover of the DNSSEC Key Signing Key (KSK) occurred on 11 October 2018. Because of the large amount of preparation by the ICANN organization and many of ICANN's communities, the KSK rollover went quite smoothly. ICANN is grateful to all the people who made this event go well.

As expected, a small number of resolvers were not ready for the rollover. To the best of ICANN's knowledge, those resolvers were able to fix their immediate DNSSEC problems and resume their DNS service quickly.

The next step in the rollover process is to revoke the old KSK; this will happen on 11 January 2019. That step is not expected to affect any resolvers because the old KSK is not being used to sign the root zone any more. After that, the final steps of the process will remove the revoked keys from the trust anchors files and from the hardware security modules (HSMs) in ICANN's secure facilities later in 2019.



SPOTLIGHT



Prepare for ICANN63!
Barcelona, Spain, 20-25 October 2018

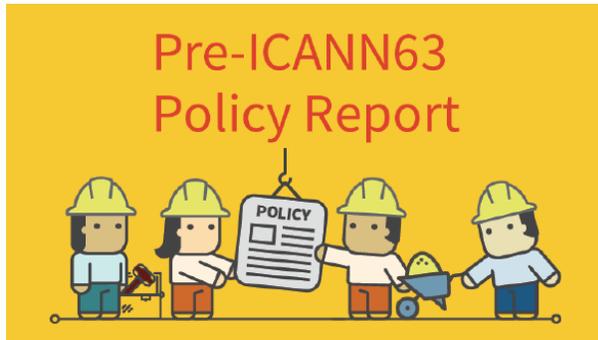
ICANN63 kicks off in just five days. The meeting website is now available and features the final schedule, ICANN Meetings mobile app, and pre-meeting reports.



[ICANN63 Website](#)



[ICANN Meetings Mobile App](#)



[Pre-ICANN63 Policy Report](#)



[Pre-ICANN63 GNSO Briefing](#)

Join Us for the ICANN63 Regional Sessions!

Europe

Monday, 22 October

"Joint NCUC - At Large outreach: your guide to ICANN Architecture"
10:30-12:00

Tuesday, 23 October

"Spanish IGF 10 Year Anniversary"
17:00 - 18:30

Wednesday, 24 October

"European Stakeholders and Regional Internet Organisations"
15:15 - 16:45

Eastern Europe & CA

Sunday, 21 October

Eastern Europe and Central Asia - Regional Strategy Outlook
15:15-16:45

Middle East

Monday, 22 October

Middle East Space
10:30-11:45

Thursday, 23 October

Middle East Strategy: The Way Forward
10:30-11:40

Africa

Monday, 22 October

Joint AFRALO AfrICANN Meeting
13:30-15:00

Tuesday, 23 October

Engagement in Africa
13:30-14:45

Details are available [here](#).



EUROPE

Pre-ICANN63 Autumn School on Internet Governance

ICANN org, in partnership with Consorci de Serveis Universitaris de Catalunya (CSUC) and Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI), is organizing a school on "The Challenges of Internet Governance."

THE CHALLENGES OF INTERNET GOVERNANCE

15 - 19 OCTOBER, 2018

Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI)



The week-long school is taking place from 15-19 October at IBEI in Barcelona. Attendees will include graduate students and professionals eager to understand the impact of the Internet on our society, economy, and its future evolution. The school also serves as preparation in the run-up to ICANN63 in Barcelona. Click [here](#) to find out more.



EASTERN EUROPE & CENTRAL ASIA

ICANN Participates in TLDCON in Latvia

On 12-13 September, the 11th **TLDCON** took place in Jurmala, Latvia, organized by Coordination Center for .RU/.PФ and hosted by .lv registry. The event attracted several experts from Eastern Europe, Caucasus, and Central Asia. The agenda covered legal, marketing, and security aspects of the domain name market as well as emerging technologies such as blockchain, Internet of Things (IoT), and Digital Object Architecture (DOA).



An interesting discussion took place around the role of illegal content considerations in domain name management, which has mostly been perceived as a technical task, whereby websites are blocked by court decisions or law enforcement agencies. John Crain, Chief Security, Stability, and Resiliency (SSR) Officer at ICANN, and Jeff Bedser, iThreat Group CEO and a Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC) member, joined the panel. They discussed their vision of the global DNS abuse picture, including the DNS Abuse Activity Reporting project. Alexandra Kulikova also participated in the session, presenting on the developments of the 'Registrar Club' in the region, looking at the rules of accreditation with ccTLDs and ICANN.

The next TLDCON will take place in Lithuania in 2019.



MIDDLE EAST



ICANN Builds on Its Engagement Efforts in Pakistan

This year, ICANN's GSE Middle East held several engagement activities in Pakistan - a country that accounts for around one fourth of the Middle East's population.

In March, the team visited Islamabad and met with representatives from the government, business leaders in the software industry, and members of the Pakistan Software Export Board (PSEB). Representatives discussed the latest developments in the domain industry. The local community, looking forward to the launch of the country's IDN ccTLD (پاکستان), was updated on the work of the Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG). Relevant stakeholders were also encouraged to take the necessary steps towards preparing their systems for Universal Acceptance (UA).

In September, ICANN participated in two events, both in Karachi:

- 4th edition of the **Pakistan School on Internet Governance**
- **ITCN Asia IT and Telecom Show**

On the sidelines of both events, the regional team engaged with several stakeholder groups to discuss ICANN's work on Universal Acceptance, academic engagement, entrepreneurial engagement, KSK Rollover, root-server instances, new gTLDs, and IDNs.



AFRICA

ICANN Participates in ITU Telecom World 2018

On 10 September, **ITU Telecom World 2018** was launched in Durban, South Africa, with more than 3,000 participants including ministers, regulators, C-level industry representatives, exhibitors, and members of the media. The opening speeches of the event offered thought-leadership, stimulating insights, and international perspectives on innovation for smarter digital development.

ICANN's VP of IGO Engagement, Nigel Hickson, participated in two sessions at the event:

- Going Digital: an integrated and effective approach to policymaking in the digital age
- Strengthening collaboration in data protection

ICANN was also invited to contribute to the "South Africa Internet for All" meeting.

ITU Telecom World'18
10-13 September
Durban, South Africa





South Africa

ICANN's Africa GSE team attended the **Smart Africa** Steering Committee meeting on 9 September in Durban, South Africa. The meeting's objective was to approve the resolution that regulates roaming and international communications within the Smart Africa **member states**. The meeting also served as a platform to review the Smart Africa Secretariat progress on the implementation of the **One Africa Network Initiative**. ICANN is a founding member of the Smart Africa Steering Committee.

Burkina Faso

ICANN participated in the **4th Training of Trainers on Internet Governance** from 27-31 August in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso. The training was attended by 40 people from across Africa and concluded with the participants' presentations on projects they plan to implement. For example, one of the projects plans to hold similar trainings in their respective countries. ICANN also held sessions on topics such as the policy development processes at ICANN, new gTLDs, and Internationalized Domain Names.

Malawi

Hosted by the ICT Association of Malawi (**ICTAM**), ICANN's Africa GSE team organized a DNS Abuse and Internet Safety Workshop for Law Enforcement Agencies on 18-19 September in Lilongwe, Malawi. There were 25 participants from local Law Enforcement agencies and the ICT sector. At the end of the workshop, the participants agreed to organize a follow-up edition with a focus on practicing what they had learned during this first workshop.



ICANN NEWS

ICANN Strategic Planning Update

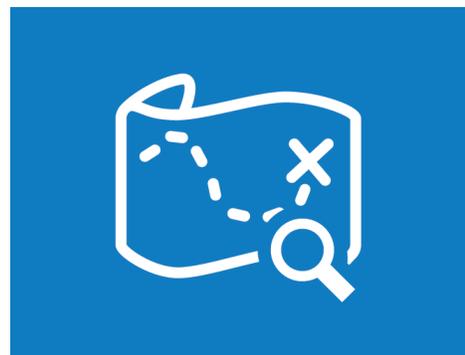
Strategic planning is a fundamental part of ICANN's governance. Mandated by the organization's bylaws, the strategic plan articulates ICANN's vision, restates ICANN's mission, and sets forth strategic objectives and goals for the next five years.

The ICANN community, Board, and organization completed the process of identifying strategic outlook trends in June 2018. The ICANN Board and org then conducted an analysis of key priority trends and their impacts on ICANN.

These findings will inform the strategic plan for the fiscal period 2021 to 2025.

Key resources and upcoming opportunities to participate

- Learn more about the strategic planning process in this [blog post](#).



- A recorded webinar was held on 9 October 2018 to share an overview of the strategic planning process, and findings from the trend sessions and subsequent analysis. Request a recording of the webinar by emailing: mssi-secretariat@icann.org.
- Join the [strategic planning session](#) at ICANN63 to share your input for developing ICANN's next strategic plan. Remote participation will be available for those unable to attend in person. Following ICANN63, a draft strategic plan will be posted for public comment.

ICANN | SSAC

Have You Read the Latest SSAC Reports?

What do emojis, the stability of the Domain Name System (DNS), and cryptographic keys have in common? They're all the subject of a recent report published by the Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC). Every report is available for download at <https://www.icann.org/groups/ssac/documents>.

Want to learn more about what the SSAC does, or how you can get involved? Then visit <https://www.icann.org/groups/ssac>.

ITI at ICANN63

The Information Transparency Initiative (ITI) will be holding a session at ICANN63 in Barcelona. Join ICANN CTO David Conrad and the ITI team as they provide an update and answer questions from the community. Visit [feedback.icann.org](https://www.icann.org/groups/iti) for more information.

Wednesday, 24 October 2018
0830-0930, Room 116



POLICY UPDATE

EPDP Update

- Since September, the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) Team on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data is now publishing a [monthly budget fact sheet](#) that details available budget and tracks actual spend with regard to the EPDP effort. The fact sheet is published shortly after the close of the prior month.
- On 15 September, the EPDP Team submitted the [Triage Report](#), its first deliverable, to the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council. This report documents the level of agreement within the EPDP Team on specific provisions in the current Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data.
- The EPDP Team met in Los Angeles from 24-26 September 2018. [CBI](#), a company that specializes in the use of mediation techniques in a multistakeholder setting, provided facilitation services to support the EPDP Team meeting. The main focus of the meeting was to agree on purposes for processing data and to identify the data elements that are collected, redacted, and disclosed to third parties. [Learn more](#).
- The GNSO Council Liaison to the EPDP Team provides detailed weekly updates on its progress. Anyone can [subscribe](#) to the updates, and all editions can be accessed [here](#).

GAC Finalizes Preparation for the Fourth HLG

During ICANN63, the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) will dedicate Monday, 22 October, to the

High Level Government Meeting (HLGM) hosted by the Government of Spain. The HLGM is held approximately once every two years and hosted by a GAC member in collaboration with the ICANN organization. The meeting provides an opportunity to:

- Reaffirm the critical role that governments play in providing advice to the ICANN Board on public policy issues as it relates to the secure and stable functioning of the DNS.
- Enable all parties to gain a clearer understanding of the role of governments in ICANN processes, including the GAC.
- Reach out to administrations and governments who are not yet, or not currently, represented on the GAC or in other ICANN forums.

The agenda for this year's HLGM can be found [here](#).

GNSO Council Update

The Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council recently:

- **Adopted** the Cross-Community Working Group on Enhancing ICANN Accountability (CCWG-Accountability) Work Stream 2 **Final Report and Recommendations**.
- **Approved** the full slate of members and liaisons of the Customer Standing Committee (CSC) and the suggested method of reviewing its effectiveness in performing the responsibilities outlined in its charter.

First CSC Effectiveness Review Begins

The first meeting of the Customer Standing Committee (CSC) took place in 2016. Per its charter and the ICANN Bylaws, the effectiveness of the CSC will initially be reviewed two years after its first meeting and then every three years. The first review will begin at ICANN63.

The Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) and Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) Councils recently adopted a method for a lightweight and brief CSC Effectiveness Review. The review builds on the outcome and findings of the CSC Charter Review. The results, as adopted by both the GNSO and ccNSO Councils, will feed into the IANA Functions Review (IFR).

The GNSO Council appointed Donna Austin and Philippe Fouquart as its representatives, and the ccNSO Council appointed Martin Boyle and Debbie Monahan as its representatives.



GDD UPDATE



Data Protection/Privacy Update - Recent News to Share

Review all the GRPR-related and Data Protection/Privacy Update **announcements and blogs**. These documents outline recent activities that affect access to registration data, the WHOIS system, a possible unified access model, and more. Get involved and provide input about the next iteration of the recently published **Draft Framework for a Possible Unified Access Model for Continued Access to Full WHOIS Data**. You can learn more by viewing our most recent webinar [here](#) or send your comments to gdpr@icann.org.

GDD Team in Barcelona!

If you plan to attend ICANN63 in Barcelona, stop by the Global Domains Division information booth. The Global Support team will be on-site to answer general inquiries and discuss suggestions or comments. We look forward to seeing you!



UASG looking for companies that are UA-ready or support EAI

The Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG) is looking for additional companies that are Universal Acceptance-ready, or support Email Address Internationalization, to be featured in a news announcement scheduled for early 2019. Please reach out to don.Hollander@icann.org or ua-comms-wg@icann.org for more information.

Report Published on the Issues and Challenges Impacting Domain Name Registrants

The ICANN organization published a report that compiles and analyzes data from various sources within the organization to try and identify pain points. The report aims to raise awareness on some of the common challenges registrants have when managing their domain names. Read the report [here](#).



UPCOMING EVENTS

Join us at these upcoming events in the EMEA region:

- 15-19 October, [ICANN-ITU-WATRA Workshop for Regulators on DNS Abuse and Cybersecurity](#), Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso
- 17 October, [AmCham Digital Economy Conference](#), Brussels, Belgium
- 20-25 October, [ICANN63](#), Barcelona, Spain
- 29-30 October, [Spanish IGF](#), Madrid, Spain
- 29 October-16 November, [ITU Plenipotentiary Conference](#), Dubai, UAE
- 12-14 November, [Global IGF](#), Paris, France
- 19-20 November, [Nordic Domain Days](#), Stockholm, Sweden
- 21-23 November, [Russian Internet Week](#), Moscow, Russia
- 27 November, [German IGF](#), Berlin, Germany
- 4-5 December, [Eastern European DNS Forum](#), Moscow, Russia

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

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