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Start Planning Your ICANN65
ICANN65 in Marrakech, Morocco is around the corner. The Policy Forum will take place 24 to 27 June at the Palmeraie Conference Center. Check out the session schedule below and start planning your participation. Here are some resources to help:

- ICANN65 website
- ICANN65 schedule
- Pre-ICANN65 Prep Week materials

Don't forget to download the ICANN Meetings mobile app to help you navigate ICANN65. You'll find tools like the full session schedule, maps, the daily newsletter, and the shuttle schedule. The app is available in the Apple or Android app stores.

Join ICANN at the Africa Internet Summit
This year, members of the ICANN community and organization are participating in the Africa Internet Summit (AIS) in Kampala, Uganda, from 9 to 21 June. The Summit brings together industry members and the global and regional Internet community for a series of seminars, workshops, tutorials, and panels.

Read more here.

ICANN Support Event in Uzbekistan at the 24th Anniversary of UZ

EASTERN EUROPE & CENTRAL ASIA
This year marked the 24th anniversary of .uz, Uzbekistan’s country code top-level domain. ICANN was pleased to join .uz in celebrating the anniversary, in addition to supporting and participating in two key events in the country.

Challenges into Opportunities at the Central Asian Internet Governance Forum

ICANN’s Global Stakeholder Engagement (GSE) Manager for Eastern Europe and Central Asia Natalia Mochu attended the 4th Central Asian Internet Governance Forum in Tashkent, Uzbekistan on 15-16 May. The Forum’s goal is to strengthen the existing public platform for policy discussions on Internet governance in Central Asia. She participated in a plenary panel on “Transforming Geographic Challenges into Digital Opportunities in Central Asia”. She detailed how Central Asian countries can get involved in ICANN to bring their voice into the global policy development process and encouraged Forum participants to take part in regional ICANN activities, especially events related to the stability and security of the Domain Name System (DNS). ICANN was a sponsor of the event.

In-Depth DNS Training in Uzbekistan

UZINFOCOM, .uz registry administrator, hosted a detailed and unique DNS training in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, organized by the Asia Pacific Top Level Domain Association (APTLD) and ICANN. The training was attended by UZINFOCOM staff, representatives of Uzbekistani registrars, telecom operators, and invited representatives from .AF, the Afghan country code top-level domain. Participants were welcomed by UZINFOCOM Deputy Director General Nozimjon Dalibaev, APTLD General Manager Leonid Todorov, and ICANN’s Natalia Mochu.

The two-day training featured sessions on DNS Security Extensions (DNSSEC) moderated by Champika Wijayatunga, ICANN’s APAC Engagement Manager for Security, Stability, and Resiliency, and Abdalmonem Galila from the Universal Acceptance Ambassador program. Following the DNSSEC sessions, Galila also delivered a two-day training on Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs).
ICANN64 Readout Session in Istanbul Attracts Several Newcomers

Istanbul Bilgi University hosted the ICANN64 Readout Session, continuing the initiative held after ICANN63 at the same University.

The session provided updates on key issues such as General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the related Expedited Policy Develop Process (EPDP) work, IDNs and Universal Acceptance, DNS Security, and updates from various ICANN Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees. Around 20 participants - mostly newcomers to ICANN - attended the lively session and were very engaged in the discussion.

Regional Community Feedback on the Middle East DNS Forum 2019

The 6th Middle East DNS Forum attracted the highest number of participants yet at the latest event in Dubai, United Arab Emirates on 20-21 February 2019. More than 150 people attended and 30 people participated remotely. Following the Forum, the ICANN org Middle East team launched a short survey to learn from the success of this year's event and help with planning the next Forum.

Overall, the 34 respondents were extremely satisfied with the Forum. Satisfaction was marked on meeting facilities, agenda, ease of finding information, remote participation facilities, diversity of topics on the agenda, and the partnership with APTLD and RIPE NCC.

The highly acclaimed sessions of the Forum were those on GDPR, DNSSEC, IDNs, Universal Acceptance, and technical topics such as DNS Over HTTPS (DoH) and DNS Over TLS (DoT). Participants also valued the Policy Development Process Workshop from the Generic Names Supporting organization (GNSO).

The complete report on the survey can be found here.

The 5th Transform Africa Summit Attracts Record Number of Participants in Rwanda

Transform Africa Summit brings together leaders from government, business, and international organizations to collaborate on building Africa's digital transformation. The theme of this year's event was "Boosting Africa's Digital Economy". A record number of delegates attended, with over 5,600 onsite participants in Kigali, Rwanda, on 15-17 May.

The President of Rwanda, Paul Kagame, opened the Summit, and also attending were Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta and President Ibrahim Boubacar Keita of Mali. In his speech, President Kagame asserted his belief that everything needed to realize a strong African digital economy was in the room, sharing "Africa has all along been waiting for herself".

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ICANN Joins Discussions on Digital Trust in Morocco

ICANN participated in the 4th Scientific Event on Information Technology (SEIT19), themed "Digital Trust: Challenges and Opportunities" in Rabat, Morocco on 24-25 April 2019. The event was organized by the Moroccan Association of Information and Communication Technologies (AMTIC) and National Institute of Posts and Telecommunications. ICANN's VP of GSE in Africa, Pierre Dandjinou delivered a keynote speech at the event, addressing issues around DNS abuse, and ICANN's efforts towards the mitigation of cyber threats to improve digital trust globally.

Future Public Meeting Locations Announced

Cancún, Mexico will host the ICANN70 Community Forum from 20-25 March 2021 at the Cancún International Convention Center. ICANN71, a Policy Forum, will be held in The Hague, Netherlands, from 14-17 June 2021. In January, ICANN announced Seattle, Washington, U.S. will host the ICANN72 Annual General Meeting from 23-28 October 2021. Reserve those dates in your calendar today!

Zoom: Responding to Your Feedback

As previously announced, ICANN org is deploying Zoom as ICANN's official remote participation (RP) platform, and we are on track to transition entirely to Zoom in time for ICANN65 in Marrakech, Morocco. Chief Information Officer Ashwin Rangan addresses some of the feedback on the transition in his latest blog.

Get Ready for ICANN65! Prep Week Material Now Available

The ICANN65 Prep Week was held 11 - 17 June, and featured webinars and updates on several community-led projects. Public Meeting Prep Weeks are designed to enable more substantive conversations during sessions, increase awareness of cross-community and high-interest topics, and enhance briefings and readout sessions. Access the webinar recordings and related materials here.

ICANN Board Reviews EPDP Recommendations
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On 15 May 2019, the ICANN Board adopted 27 of the 29 Phase 1 policy recommendations from the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data. The Board did not adopt two of the recommendations in full, where they identified portions of those recommendations that they believe are not in the best interests of the ICANN Community. The Board has initiated the consultation process with the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council. For a number of other recommendations, the ICANN Board noted specific issues that it expects to be addressed during implementation of the EPDP Phase 1 recommendations or considered during Phase 2. Learn more [here](#).

GNSO Update

The GNSO Council:

- Confirmed Julf Helsingius to serve as a GNSO representative to the Cross-Community Working Group on New gTLD Auction Proceeds, replacing Stephanie Perrin.

On 24 June 2019, the GNSO Policy Support Team will host an interactive session for participants to ask questions and engage in candid discussions about GNSO policy development processes and beyond. All ICANN65 attendees, especially newcomers, are welcome to participate. [Learn more](#).

Evolving the Root Server System Governance

In June 2018, the Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC) presented to the ICANN Board and community "RSSAC037: A Proposed Governance Model for the DNS Root Server System" (RSSAC037). As part of the Board’s consideration of RSSAC037, ICANN org prepared a concept paper outlining a community-driven process led by the Root Server System Governance Working Group (GWG) to develop a final cooperation and governance model for the RSS. ICANN org developed a draft charter, operating procedures, and draft work plan for the GWG. RSSAC037, the concept paper, draft charter, operating procedures, and draft work plan for the GWG are available for [Public Comment](#). Provide your input today.

ccNSO Takes Next Step on Internet Governance

The Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) recently established the Internet Governance Liaison Committee (IGLC) to increase participation by country code top-level domain (ccTLD) managers on discussions related to Internet governance. The IGLC will provide regular feedback to the ccNSO Council, ccNSO members, and broader ccTLD community. Consult the IGLC Terms of Reference [here](#) and workspace [here](#).

ALAC-GAC Collaboration and ICANN65 Planning

- The At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) and the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) are collaborating on a variety of topics including the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) and the submission of joint statements to the ICANN Board. Most recently, this included a [joint statement on the EPDP](#). A new focus group, led by Yrjö Lansipuro (ALAC Liaison) and Ana Neves (GAC point of contact), will develop capacity building initiatives for both groups.
- For ICANN65, the At-Large Consolidated Policy Working Group (CPWG) is developing talking points and a policy workshop for At-Large members. A pilot on Universal Acceptance is also being developed by ALAC Vice Chair John Laprise for discussion at ICANN65 African Regional At-Large
developed by ALAC Vice Chair John Laprise for discussion at ICANN65. African Regional At-Large Organization (AFRALO) leaders and At-Large support staff are organizing multiple events for ICANN65, including an AFRALO-AfriICANN meeting, the AFRALO Hot Topics session, and an AFRALO-At-Large networking event. The groups are also working to promote the participation of Rabat University students at ICANN65.

Call for Volunteers
ICANN is seeking volunteers for an Implementation Review Team to help with the upcoming Registration Data Policy Implementation. Read the recent announcement to learn more about the requirements, expectations, and how you can sign up here.

New Consensus Policy Now in Effect
Generic top-level domain (gTLD) registries and registrars were notified in May of ICANN’s newest Consensus Policy requiring implementation of the Interim Registration Data Policy for gTLDs. More background and details outlining this new policy can be found here.

Survey Confirms GDD Meeting Objectives
ICANN commissioned an independent research company, the MITA Group, to conduct the third annual survey of ICANN contracted parties to examine the Global Domains Division’s (GDD) performance with the ICANN community and contracted parties. The results outline how the GDD delivers on its stated mission and objectives along with recommended steps to be even more effective. Read the full results here.

Opportunities to Participate: ICANN Reviews
The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) has several opportunities for community input and participation.
Specific Reviews are led by teams of community volunteers to assess the performance of the ICANN organization and make recommendations for improvement.

- Observe the SSR2 and ATRT3 Review Team face-to-face meetings at ICANN65. The second Security, Stability, and Resiliency Review Team (SSR2) is finalizing draft findings and recommendations. The third Accountability and Transparency Review Team (ATRT3) is in the research and analysis phase of the review.
  - SSR2 face-to-face meeting: 22 and 23 June 2019. Learn more here.
  - ATRT3 face-to-face meeting: 23 June 2019. Learn more here.

Organizational Reviews are led by independent examiners who 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.

- Listen to the Nominating Committee Review Implementation Working Group (NomCom RIWG) pre-ICANN65 Webinar. The NomCom RIWG is currently developing a detailed implementation plan of the recommendations as detailed in the Feasibility Assessment and Initial Implementation Plan (FAIIP). Access the webinar here. Learn more about the NomComRIWG's work here.

Visit the Reviews Status Update Table for the latest progress of Specific and Organizational Reviews and links to additional key resources for each.

Attend the ICANN65 session on Evolving ICANN's Multistakeholder Model. Facilitated by Brian Cute, this session will continue a community conversation, following the closure of a recent public comment proceeding on issues that the community has identified to be addressed. Learn more here.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Join ICANN at these upcoming events in the EMEA region:

- 9-22 June, Africa Internet Summit, Kampala, Uganda
- 18-20 June, EuroDIG, the Hague, Netherlands
- 20-22 June, NamesCon, Cascais, Portugal
- 24-27 June, ICANN65, Marrakech, Morocco
- 22-24 July, Africa DNS Forum, Gaborone, Botswana

Learn more about ICANN participating in regional events near you.
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