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Governmental Advisory Committee Issues ICANN59 Communiqué

The Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) Communiqué from ICANN59 is available for review [here](#). ICANN receives input from governments through the GAC. Its key role is to give advice to ICANN on issues of public policy, especially where there may be an interaction between ICANN activities or policies and national laws or international agreements. The GAC meets three times a year at ICANN Public Meetings, where it discusses issues with the ICANN Board of Directors and other ICANN Supporting Organizations, Advisory Committees and other groups.



ICANN59 GAC Communiqué is now available.
[Click here to view.](#)



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Complete our ICANN59 survey.

Improve Future Meetings: Tell Us What You Thought About ICANN59

**Deadline to complete the post-ICANN59 survey is
Wednesday, 12 July.**

If you attended ICANN59 and have not yet taken the survey, we invite you to evaluate your ICANN59 experience. You can rate the sessions, networking opportunities, registration process, venue, and the Policy Forum format.

You can access the surveys by using the ICANN59 mobile app or the desktop version. On the mobile app home screen, click [Survey](#).

It takes just 5 minutes to complete the survey.
[Click here to get started.](#)

ICANN60 Preview

Baher Esmat, VP, Stakeholder Engagement in the Middle East, ICANN

I want to thank everyone who came to engage in four days of intensive policy discussions at ICANN59. The meeting showcased the dedication of ICANN's Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees - and the value of cross-community collaboration.

For ICANN60, we shift locations from Africa to the Middle East. The seven-day Annual General Meeting runs from 28 October to 3 November. And for the first time, the host city will be Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE).



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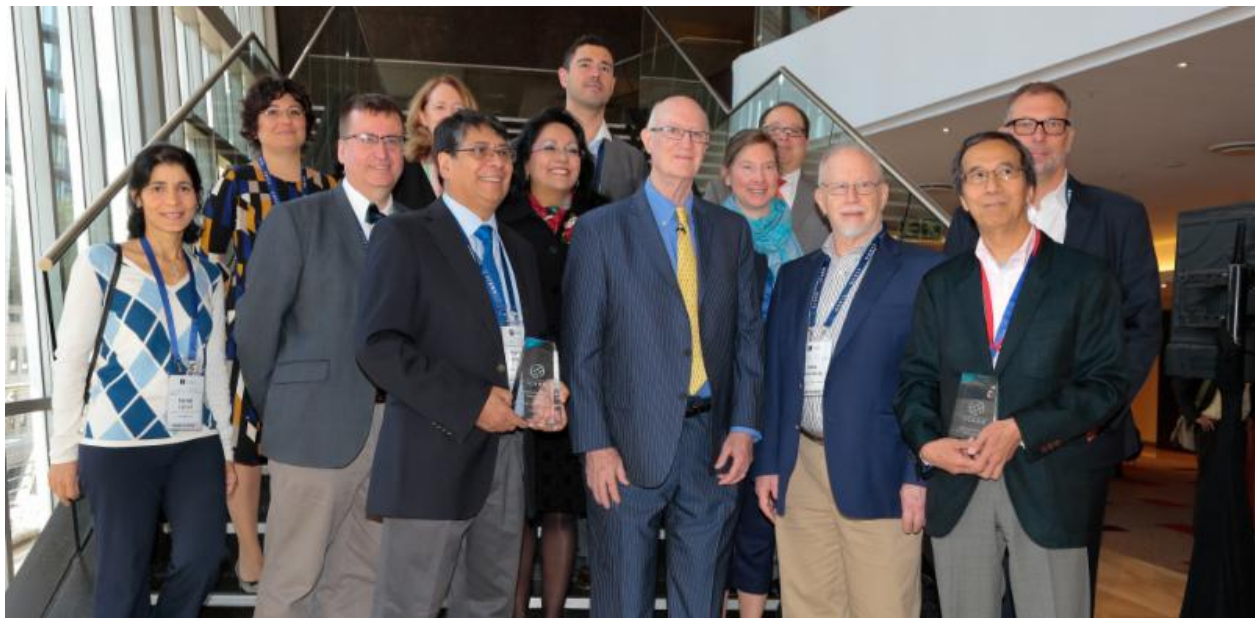
ICANN60 Registration Now Open

Be sure to bookmark the [ICANN60 website](#) and check back frequently for new and updated information.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Holding their awards, long-time community members Patricio Poblete (left) and Hiro Hotta (right)

2017 Multistakeholder Ethos Award Honors Two Members of the Global Internet Community

ICANN is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2017 Multistakeholder Ethos Award. This year, the community evaluation panel recognized two long-time members of the ICANN community: **Hiro Hotta** and **Patricio Poblete**. The awards were presented Monday, 26 June, at ICANN59 in Johannesburg, South Africa.

The Multistakeholder Ethos Award honors members of the ICANN community who have made outstanding contributions to ICANN's multistakeholder model of Internet governance. Hiro Hotta and Patricio Poblete were

selected from a list of 14 nominees as those who best demonstrate the spirit of collaboration, strongly promoting consensus. These recipients have proven their commitment to ICANN's multistakeholder model through decades of active participation and dedication.

[Read the full announcement.](#)

Request for Proposal: SSAC Organizational Review

ICANN is seeking a provider to conduct an independent assessment of the Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC).

The provider should have technical knowledge or experience with security matters with the Internet technical community and the operators and managers of critical DNS infrastructure services; demonstrate an understanding of the SSAC's charter and its [Operational Procedures](#); demonstrate knowledge of the technical areas covered by the SSAC's charter, including security and integrity of the Internet's naming and address allocation systems.

[Read the full announcement...](#)

ICANN59 Statement from the CCWG-Accountability Co-Chairs

On 25 June 2017, the Cross Community Working Group on Enhancing ICANN Accountability (CCWG-Accountability) held a face-to-face meeting before the start of ICANN59 in Johannesburg. Ninety-three members and participants attended in person and remotely using the virtual meeting room to further the CCWG-Accountability's discussions on Work Stream 2.

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Empowered Community Has Opportunity to Trigger Three Powers

On 24 June 2017, the ICANN Board adopted ICANN's FY18 Operating Plan and Budget, the FY18 IANA Budget, and updates to the Five-Year Operating Plan. Under [ICANN's post-IANA Stewardship Transition Bylaws](#), the Empowered Community has the power to consider and, if they choose, to reject these documents before they go into effect.

[Read the full announcement.](#)

Meet ICANN'S Complaints Officer

Krista Papac, ICANN's Complaints Officer, is here in Johannesburg this week. Her office handles complaints about things that don't fall into an existing ICANN complaints mechanism—for example, how a request has been handled, a process that appears to be broken, or insufficient handling of an issue. Krista would be happy to talk about her role, how the Complaints Office is set up, answer any questions you might have, or discuss specific complaints. If you'd like to meet Krista, just reach out to her at complaints@icann.org or stop her in the halls.



[Read Krista's new blog.](#)



ICANN NEWS

Kobe and Montréal Identified as ICANN Meeting Sites for 2019

On 27 June 2017, ICANN announced Kobe and Montréal as the locations for ICANN's 64th and 66th Public

Meetings.

Kobe, Japan has been selected as the location in the Asia Pacific region to host ICANN's 64th Public Meeting. The meeting will be held from 9-14 March 2019 and will be hosted by the [Japan Network Information Center](#).

Montréal, Canada has been selected as the location in the North American region to host ICANN's 66th Public Meeting. The meeting will be held from 2-8 November 2019 and will be hosted by [Montréal Cyberjustice Laboratory](#).

[Read the full announcement.](#)

Our International Office Strategy

Göran Marby, President and CEO, ICANN

When I first joined ICANN, many of you had asked me about how we manage our offices around the world. We've now formalized this in our international office strategy so that we operate more consistently and effectively together, serving you, the global community.

We've moved from having three global hubs to having five regional offices: Los Angeles (headquarters), Brussels, Istanbul, Montevideo, and Singapore. We have engagement centers in Washington, D.C.; Geneva; Beijing; and Nairobi. We also have strategic partnerships in Asunción, Cairo, and Seoul that help us reach more stakeholders around the world.

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ICANN Releases Africa Domain Name System Market Study

ICANN is pleased to announce the release of its Africa Domain Name System (DNS) Market Study Final Report. This study serves as part of ICANN's outreach efforts to support and improve the regional DNS industry. The report is the first of its kind in the region, which includes 54 countries.

[Read the full announcement.](#)



ICANN's Open Data Initiative Early Pilot Platforms Now Available

Edward Lewis, Senior Technologist, ICANN

"Open data is publicly available data that can be universally and readily accessed, used, and redistributed free of charge. It is structured for usability and computability."

- "The Global Impact of Open Data," by Andrew Young and Stefaan Verhulst

Today, ICANN is pleased to announce the launch of the pilot program of the [Open Data Initiative](#), which is being made available to all interested parties. This initiative consists of four different open data platforms, each of which holds several years of Registry Monthly Reports of Activity and Transactions data.

[Read more...](#)

New Tools for Understanding Domain Name Management

ICANN's Contractual Compliance team has recently added two pieces of content to help domain name registrants deal with common issues.

Domain Name Renewal Complaints Infographic

This new infographic presents this process in an easy-to follow way. To view this and other Contractual



Complaints videos and infographics, click [here](#).

Lost Domain Names "Learn More" Page

A new "Learn More" page deals with *lost domain names* - the problem and the steps registrants can take to resolve it. To review this and other "Learn More" topics, click [here](#).

Dialogues on the Evolving Data Privacy and Protection Regulations

Akram Atallah, President, Global Domains Division, ICANN

Theresa Swinehart, Senior VP, Multistakeholder Strategy and Strategic Initiatives, ICANN

Data privacy and data protection regulations are currently undergoing developments that may impact specific areas of ICANN's work. In the past few months, we've had several discussions with the multistakeholder community about this topic. These dialogues took place in a few different forums, including ICANN58 in Copenhagen and at the Global Domains Division (GDD) Industry Summit held last month in Madrid.

Most of these discussions have been focused on the [General Data Protection Regulation \(GDPR\)](#), which was approved by the European Union (EU) Parliament and takes effect on 25 May 2018 uniformly across all EU countries. The GDPR is intended to protect all EU citizens and residents from privacy and data breaches. Further discussions with the community are needed on this topic, including determining what is within the ICANN organization's remit.

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FOCUS ON ICANN FELLOWS



The Fellowship Spirit

Part Three of a Four-Part Blog Series (Read [Part One](#) and [Part Two](#))

Janice Douma Lange, Fellowship and Newcomer Engagement Manager

Siranush Vardanyan, Fellowship Coordinator

ICANN59 is upon us and with it, the completion of the ICANN Fellowship Program 10 Year Survey that we conducted in March 2017. Survey results are posted [here](#).

We canvassed over 600 individuals who successfully completed the program since its inception in 2007. Our goal was to understand and document their current status:

- Were they still involved in ICANN and if so, in what capacity?
- If they were no longer participating, why not, and how can we re-engage them?



DID YOU KNOW?

The Dark Web: The Land of Hidden Services

Dave Piscitello, VP of Security and Information and Communications Technologies (ICT) Coordinator, ICANN

According to [Internet Live Stats](#), the World Wide Web passed the one billion website benchmark in 2014 and is still hovering around that figure. The publishers of these billion websites compete for search engine relevance and the attention of nearly 3.6 billion Internet users. There is another part of the Web, however, where publishers and visitors want to navigate websites and conduct business transactions in secret. This is the Dark Web, a land of hidden services, where leaving no tracks and preserving anonymity are valued over search engine rankings and web experience personalization.



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Supporting Linguistic Diversity of Africa for the Internet's Top-Level Domain Names

Sarmad Hussain, Director, Internationalized Domain Name (IDN) Programs
Meikal Mumin, Member, Latin Generation Panel

Thirty different languages - that was the result of a quick poll asking the twenty participants attending the IDN Workshop to list the languages they speak. ICANN organized the workshop at the [Africa Internet Summit](#) in Nairobi on 28 May 2017. This response exemplifies the enormous linguistic diversity in Africa, where the use of several languages - or multilingualism - is the norm. There are at least [2,144 languages](#) spoken across the continent, with individual countries such as Nigeria having as many as [520 languages](#). By way of comparison, [287 languages](#) are spoken in Europe.

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Good Practices for the Registration and Administration of Domain Name Portfolios (Part II)

Carlos Alvarez, Security, Stability, and Resiliency (SSR) Technical Engagement Senior Manager, ICANN

Continuing with our series on good practices for managing domain registrations (read [Part I](#)), I'd like to provide some insight into the domain registration practices of large organizations. In general, they have followed good recommendations - they provide

valid email addresses for their WHOIS contacts, configure resilient name resolution service, and use EPP status codes to mitigate domain name hijacking.

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[Watch the video here.](#)

An Interview with Dr. Nii Quaynor

Dr. Nii Quaynor is called the Father of the Internet in Africa. He's earned this informal title through decades of working to establish and expand the Internet on the African continent. He was the first African to serve on the ICANN Board of Directors, and has held a number of other prestigious posts. In 2007, he received the Internet Society's Jonathan B. Postel Service Award in recognition of his contributions.

In this interview, Dr. Quaynor speaks with ICANN's Brad White about the positive changes he has seen over the 11 ICANN Public Meetings held in Africa. He praises the growing diversity of the African community, which includes a broader representation from various sectors, and much larger numbers of young people.

Watch the ICANN59 Johannesburg Videos

We have posted 12 additional videos, including interviews with community leaders on a variety of topics:

- Universal acceptance
- Emojis in domain names
- Subsequent
- New gTLD subsequent procedures
- Latest developments on WHOIS replacement
- ccNSO priorities
- GNSO activities at ICANN59





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169

Public sessions



2

Multistakeholder
Award Winners



1,336

Attendees

2,020

Registered



53

Fellows
Alumni

13

NextGen@ICANN
members

15

Regional Newcomer
Fellowship Pilot

386

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11th

ICANN
Meeting
in Africa



303

Photos taken



39,000+

Photos viewed on Flickr

8

Gumboot Dancers
for the At-Large
AFRALO Showcase



410

Newcomers



569

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