An Honor Granted for Three More Years

An important part of the openness and diversity inherent in the multistakeholder model is the heterogeneous but complementary composition of the working groups in ICANN, including its Board of Directors. The process of selection and appointment of the 20 members of this structure is also varied, with different rhythms, procedures, requirements, and actors, but with common objectives aligned with the mission of the organization.

Like all working groups in the ICANN environment, diversity is sought in its broadest sense, as this feature enriches the discussion and is consistent with the composition of the humanity and the current and future Internet users.

The challenges that are coming are equally wide and varied, and in order to consider them adequately, we are working on a five-year strategic plan for the organization. As the ICANN Board of Directors, we also define objectives for each year, within the five blocks that we have defined. Our region also has its strategic plan.

Personally, I am thankful for my new appointment in the Board of Directors where it will be an honor to work for three more years. Together with the rest of the colleagues in the ICANN community, we will aim to achieve the annual and strategic objectives, which seek to fulfill the mission and vision of ICANN.

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.
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.

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...
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.

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 for more information.

Wednesday 24 October 2018 at 0830-0930, Room 116.
ICANN engages with Autonomous System Operators before the KSK Rollover

On 14 September, the LAC regional team participated in the Regional IX Forum in Natal and Aracaju, Brazil as part of our campaign to increase awareness and readiness of Domain Name System Security Extensions (DNSSEC) enabled operators. The Forum is a platform for dialogue organized by NIC.BR to reach out to Autonomous System operators connected to the NIC.BR's IXP infrastructure in Brazil. Our team delivered updates and recommendations for the Root Zone Key Signing Key (KSK) Rollover and received great feedback from operators who utilize DNSSEC on their servers and needed more instructions to make sure that their networks will be ready for the change. As always, we deeply appreciate the invitation from NIC.BR team to provide us with the opportunity to reach out to this audience.

ICANN's Sessions and Activities in Rosario, Argentina

Members of our regional team participated in the LACNIC30-LACNOG2018 meeting and LACTLD's technical workshop held in Rosario, Argentina from 24 to 28 September 2018. Besides our traditional booth where we shared material and networked with hundreds of participants coming from all around the region, ICANN planned several activities during this busy week for the LAC Internet community.

We started on Monday with a Domain Name System Security Extensions (DNSSEC) tutorial. Using a practical approach, ICANN's Mauricio Vergara and other regional experts, explained the basics of DNSSEC for operators, how to sign a zone and how to configure a validating resolver.

On Tuesday, ICANN and LACNIC organized a BoF (birds of a feather) about ICANN Managed Root Servers (IMRS) and the deployment of Anycast Copies in the LAC Region. On Wednesday, ICANN's Eduardo Alvarez presented on best technical management practices of a Top-Level Domain (TLD) in LACTLD's technical workshop.

On Friday, Mauricio presented DNS-STATS, an Open Source Toolkit to Capture, Analyze and Visualize DNS Traffic at LACNOG 2018.

All the presentations are available by clicking the agenda, here.

ICANN Participates in RioInfo 2018

On 24 and 25 September, ICANN's Daniel Fink visited Rio de Janeiro, Brazil to participate in RioInfo 2018. RioInfo is the major IT conference in the city of Rio de Janeiro. Daniel and the ICANN team were excited to participate in the event with stakeholders from the business sector.
Daniel Fink, ICANN's Sr. Stakeholder Engagement Manager for Brazil, was a speaker at the RioInfo 2018 event. This year's focus was on Digital Transformation. In this context, ICANN presented the latest developments on Universal Acceptance and how it can promote innovation and competitiveness for the Rio de Janeiro software industry. Congratulations to RioSoft for another successful event! Special thanks to ECOA PUCRIO for preparing our session and for a wonderful multimedia setup.

Digital Law Graduate Students in Brazil Learn about ICANN's Trademark Protection Mechanisms

Our Senior Global Stakeholder Engagement Manager for Brazil, Daniel Fink, was honored to be invited by Professors Rony Vainzof, Juliana Abrusio, and Renato Opice Blum from the Paulista Law School (EPD) to deliver a class about ICANN's role in the Internet's ecosystem and Domain Name Trademark Protection Mechanisms.

Daniel had great interactions with the students and explored with them the most relevant processes related to generic domain names. His presentation was followed by Professor Kelli Angelini from NIC.BR who presented about dispute resolution processes and policies for .br domains. Thank you EPD for the opportunity to engage with such brilliant graduates! The event took place in São Paulo, Brazil on 29 September.

GNSO Counselor Martín Silva Shares His Policy Development Process (PDP) Experience with the LAC Community

On 17 September 2018, the LAC community participated in the webinar for the LAC "Review of all Rights Protection Mechanisms (RPMs) in all gTLDs PDP". The Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Counselor, Martín Silva, gave a presentation on the basics of Policy Development processes (PDP) at ICANN, the importance of these processes for the multistakeholder model, and the status of current PDPs as well as next steps.

30 community members participated in the webinar and engaged in discussions with Martin about the PDPs.

Last year, we invited ICANN policy team members to present on PDPs. This year, we wanted to change that approach by inviting LAC community members who are participating in the different PDPs to give presentations to their peers about these processes, and the opportunities for developing policy at ICANN. We want to showcase their involvement and hope that they incentivize other community members to get involved in the PDPs. Missed Martín's webinar? Access the recorded session here.

Contest and Awards Project Is Back

The leadership members of the Latin American and Caribbean Islands Regional At-Large Organization (LACRALO), Humberto Carrasco and Martiza Aguerro, announced in September that the project "Contest and Awards" is back this year.

This initiative aims to increase the Latin American and Caribbean community's participation in the PDP Webinars by awarding a prize - a trip to the Montevideo Regional office - to the person who participates in all the PDP webinars of the year. Stay tuned for updates on this initiative.
EPDP Update

- Starting in 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.

GNSO Council Update

The Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council recently:

- 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.

GAC Finalizes Preparation for the Fourth HLGM

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.

First CSC Effectiveness Review Kicks Off

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 kick off 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
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. They will collaborate with the two representatives appointed by the ccNSO Council.

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**GDD UPDATE**

**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!

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**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.

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**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.

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**GETTING TO KNOW YOUR ICANN COMMUNITY**

Vitor Daniel Genovez Horita is a Computer and Telecommunications engineer based in Brazil.

His involvement in ICANN started with his participation in CEILAC–Centro de Emprendimiento e Internet, an open initiative from Paraguay's National Secretariat for Information and Communication Technologies (SENATICs), the Latin American and Caribbean Country Code Top-Level Domain Association (LACTLD) and ICANN.

Vitor's goal is to learn about ICANN processes, strengthen the Brazilian presence in the Internet ecosystem, contribute in the...
elaboration of positions within the Internet Service Providers and Connectivity Providers Constituency (ISPCP), and bring new strategies to the Brazilian Internet Service Providers. He is enthusiastic to participate and interact with other stakeholders, participate in policy development, and learn from other global internet providers experiences at ICANN.

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