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## TOP STORY



### Prepare for ICANN61!

San Juan, Puerto Rico, 10-15 March 2018

ICANN61 kicks off in just five days. The meeting website is now available in both English and Spanish, and features the final schedule, mobile phone app, and pre-meeting reports.

We hope to see you in San Juan!



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## Pre-ICANN61 Policy Report



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## Policy Briefing ICANN61 Edition

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### Learn About Open Data at ICANN

Wednesday, 14 March, 10:30-12:00

Join us at the ICANN61 cross-community session, *Open Data at ICANN: Developing Avenues Forward for Transparency*. Team members from the Open Data Initiative (ODI) and the Information Transparency Initiative (ITI) will discuss the goals of their respective projects, answer questions, and solicit feedback from the community. Please check the schedule for updated meeting room information.



## ICANN NEWS

### ICANN to Cohost IETF 101 in London

Along with Google, ICANN is hosting this year's meeting of the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF), to take place in London from 18-23 March. Be sure to read the [new blog](#) by ICANN's Adiel Akplogan, VP, Technical Engagement, where he describes ICANN's important role supporting the standards that ensure an open and interoperable Internet.



## GDD UPDATE



### Call for Experts - Study the Application of Root Zone Label Generation Rules

ICANN is forming a technical group to study how to apply the Root Zone Label Generation Rules (RZ-LGR) for Internationalized Domain Name (IDN) country code top-level domains (ccTLDs) and IDN generic top-level domains (gTLDs). The study group will be composed of technical subject matter experts from various groups, organizations and committees. [See announcement for details.](#)

**Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG) -  
Microsoft Announces New Expanded Support**

Universal Acceptance (UA) is a foundational requirement for a truly multilingual Internet. Email Address Internationalization (EAI), which allows email addresses to use local scripts, is an important part of this process and a core component of the UASG's work. The UASG created resources, including the [Quick Guide to EAI](#), to help companies with EAI efforts. Recently, UASG member company [Microsoft](#) made another step forward in EAI when it announced support for email addresses in 15 Indian languages across its email apps and services, including Office 365, Outlook 2016, Outlook.com, Exchange Online and Exchange Online Protection (EOP).



## POLICY UPDATE

### ARIN in the Caribbean

In February, the American Registry for Internet Numbers (ARIN) introduced a series of events called "ARIN in the Caribbean." These free events underscore the important role ARIN plays in helping the Caribbean's efforts to develop a resilient networking environment.

See the [TeamARIN outreach site](#) for a sample agenda and dates and locations for upcoming "ARIN in the Caribbean" events. If you have any questions, email [meetings@arin.net](mailto:meetings@arin.net).



## ICANN | GAC

### GAC Highlights at ICANN61

The Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) will start ICANN61 with a capacity-building workshop on Domain Name System (DNS) resiliency and recovery in the context of natural disasters.

During the meeting, the GAC will review topics such as:

- Two-character and country and territory codes at the second level
- Protections for international governmental organizations
- Independent Review Process Panel
- Policy development process and cross-community working groups
- General Data Protection Regulation
- New generic top-level domain subsequent procedures

The GAC will meet with the Generic Names Supporting Organization, At-Large Advisory Committee, Country Code Names Supporting Organization, and the ICANN Board.

### GNSO Council Decision Underscores Commitment to Empowered Community

The Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council recently adopted modifications to the GNSO Operating Procedures that add GNSO voting thresholds for certain Empowered Community-related decisions. The changes are effective immediately, and aim to ensure the GNSO can fulfill its roles and responsibilities as a Decisional Participant in the Empowered Community. In a related action, the GNSO Council proposed changes to the ICANN Bylaws, which are currently under ICANN Board consideration. [Read more...](#)

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## At-Large News

### Proposed Changes to ICANN Meetings

The At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) ratified a policy advice statement on the **Proposed Incremental Changes to the ICANN Meetings Strategy** that recommends:

- Community Forum: no changes
- Policy Forum: at least five days for outreach
- Annual General Meeting: six days plus an additional day for wrap-up activities

### At-Large Review

The leadership of the At-Large Review Working Party continues to prepare the response to the ICANN Board Organizational Effectiveness Committee mapping exercise of the At-Large Review. Next steps will be determined at ICANN61.

### NARALO at ICANN61

The North American Regional At-Large Organization (NARALO) will celebrate its 10-year anniversary at ICANN61 in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Immediately before the meeting, NARALO will hold the first North American School of Internet Governance (NASIG). **Learn more about NASIG.**



## WHAT'S NEW IN REVIEWS

### Reviews: How to Get Involved

Learn about the draft recommendations of the NomCom Review at ICANN61.

Join the independent examiner at the **ICANN61**

**session** covering the draft recommendations of the Nominating Committee (NomCom) Review. There, you'll have the opportunity to engage directly with the independent examiner.



**Give feedback on the RSSAC Review Assessment Report.**

The independent examiner has published its **assessment report** of the Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC) and invites your input by 23 March. Learn about their findings, ask questions, and share your input at the **ICANN61 session**.

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