



TOP STORY

Can We Save the Global Internet? Find Out by Helping ICANN Get to SXSW 2020

The Internet is still expanding, but will the next billion users get the same global Internet we take for granted? How can we all work together to keep the Internet stable, growing, and interoperable? One way is to vote! ICANN's panel "Can We Save the Global Internet?" is on the ballot for South by Southwest 2020. Partnering with the Internet Society and Access Now, we plan to be in Austin, Texas next March discussing innovative models for policy development and stakeholder collaboration. We need your help to get there! Please vote here: <http://panelpicker.sxsw.com/vote/99999> before August 23.



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ICANN66 Registration is Now Open

Meet the NextGen at ICANN66

Among those attending ICANN66 in Montréal, Canada (2-7 November) will be some relatively new faces representing ICANN's NextGen program.

"The 11 individuals are students at North American universities," said Deborah Escalera, NextGen Program Manager. "This is a diverse cohort, their fields of academic study span computer science, law, and international security."

Also attending the meeting, are three former NextGen selectees who will be serving as ambassadors for

these newcomers. They will help NextGeners get a sense of ICANN and guide them through an ICANN Public Meeting.

"The NextGen program is aimed at looking for the next generation of individuals who are interested in becoming actively engaged in their regional communities and in shaping the future of global Internet policy," said Escalera.

An independent selection committee assessed the NextGen candidates based on their current studies and several other factors. One key consideration was the candidate's interest in the Internet ecosystem, global policy, and Internet governance.

The individuals selected as ICANN66 NextGen participants are:

Abdeali Hatim Saherwala	York University, Toronto
Akshay Broota	University of Colorado Boulder
Lukas Paul Bundonis	Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy
Diler Cavdar	Berkeley Law School
Josh Gold	University of Toronto
Austin Bollinger	Grand Rapids Community College
Kushagra Bhargava	University of Southern California
Arjun Sanya	University of Toronto
Ariane Nakpokou Houessou	HEC Montréal
Lilia Dawn Herdegen	Ferris State University
Shreya Richharia	University of Southern California

The individuals selected as ICANN66 ambassadors are:

João Pedro Damas Martin	ICANN63
Jaewon Son	ICANN64
Stefan Filipovic	ICANN63

[Click here for more information about the NextGen program.](#)

New Pilot Program Aims to Help Ease Childcare Costs at ICANN Public Meetings

Unable to attend an ICANN Public Meeting because of the costs associated with childcare? If so, ICANN is launching a pilot program that might help.

The Community Childcare Grants Pilot Program will award a limited number of grants of up to \$750 per family to eligible community members. The grants are intended for families with children up to 12 years old.

"We are always searching for ways to facilitate people attending our public meetings," said Sally Costerton, Senior Vice President to the President & Senior Vice President of Global Stakeholder Engagement. "This new pilot program will give the grant recipients the ability to choose their own childcare provider."

ICANN org will conduct research prior to each meeting to form a list of local potential childcare providers, though ICANN is not in a position to sanction or recommend specific childcare providers. All efforts will be made to identify providers close to the meeting facilities. Families may choose a provider from the list or find a provider that best meets their needs.

The program will be initiated at the ICANN66 meeting in Montréal, Canada. Interested parties have until 3 September 2019 to apply for the grants.

For more information and details about the program and how to apply, please visit: <https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/community-childcare-grants>

How Does Your Background and Experience Influence Your Decisions?

ICANN Learn, our online capacity development platform, has a new course that provides an introduction to the concept of "unconscious bias".

Unconscious biases are assumptions we make automatically and unintentionally, often without being aware. The course explores how these quick, implicit judgments or assumptions may create challenges for working in a multistakeholder community.

"As the name implies, unconscious bias occurs at a level that few of us recognize," said Ergys Ramaj, Vice President of Public Responsibility Support. "With this ICANN Learn course

we want to help community members increase their ability to detect unconscious bias."

The course will introduce you to related concepts such as "fast thinking" and the "Stroop effect," which is a demonstration of the way our minds process information, and aid in the development of tools to better manage unconscious bias and its impacts. The course aims ultimately improve effectiveness among groups in the global multistakeholder environment.

Interested? Sign up for free at <https://learn.icann.org> and explore our training catalog.



POLICY UPDATE

ARIN 44 Registration Now Open

Registration is now open for the American Registry for Internet Numbers (ARIN) 44th Public Policy and Members Meeting taking place 31 October - 1 November 2019 at the JW Marriott in Austin, Texas. ARIN holds these open, biannual meetings so that attendees may gather to discuss Internet number resource policies, network with colleagues, learn more about ARIN services and operations, and attend workshops and tutorials. These meetings are a fundamental part of the policy development process at ARIN.

Please note, ARIN 44 will be held back-to-back with the North American Network Operators Group (NANOG) 77. For hotel details, travel information, and more, visit the meeting [website](#). You can also view [current draft policies and proposals](#) that may be discussed at this meeting.

Unable to make it to Austin? Remote participation will be available. ARIN 44 proceedings will be webcast with a live transcript and chat functionality for remote participants. Registered remote participants may follow discussions, submit comments and questions, vote in straw polls, and more. [Register](#) to attend in person or participate remotely.

Evolving the Governance of the Root Server System

Today the number of hosts on the Internet is thousands of times larger than when the Root Server System (RSS) for the Domain Name System (DNS) was originally designed. The network has evolved to billions of hosts, billions of users, new governance structures, and new business models, that all place new expectations on the infrastructure. The Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC) has been engaged in an ongoing process to adopt new governance structures and business models to meet the more rigorous requirements of governance, accountability, and transparency in this new era.

In June 2018, the RSSAC presented to the ICANN Board and ICANN community its proposed governance model for the RSS in "RSSAC037: A Proposed Governance Model for the DNS Root Server System" (RSSAC037). As part of the ICANN Board's consideration of RSSAC037, ICANN org prepared a "Concept Paper on a Community-Driven Process to Develop a Final Model Based on RSSAC037." The Concept Paper outlines a community-driven process to develop a final model for the RSS to be led by the Root Server System Governance Working Group (GWG). To launch the work of the GWG, ICANN org developed a draft charter and operating procedures, and a draft work plan. RSSAC037, the Concept Paper, the draft charter and operating procedures, and draft work plan for the GWG are available for Public Comment until Friday, 9 August. [Provide your input today.](#)

At-Large Capacity Building Working Group Co-Chair, Joanna Kulesza, and At-Large Consolidated Policy Working Group Co-Chair, Jonathan Zuck, recently presented an updated **ALAC Hot Policy Topics document**, which highlights upcoming work related to Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs) and Universal Acceptance.

All RALOs announced the results of their leadership elections. **All elected positions** will be renewed at the end of the ICANN66 Annual General Meeting.

In early July, the Third At-Large Summit (ATLAS III) Selection Committee **announced** the names of successful candidates eligible for travel support to attend ATLAS III during ICANN66.



GDD UPDATE



Get Your Systems UA-ready!

The Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG) has several tools available to help you get your systems UA-ready. Access the UASG **Blueprint for CIOs** for tips on evaluating and fixing your systems. **Test** your email address to see if it is compliant with internationalized email. You can also report an issue **here** and they can help resolve the problem. Visit **www.uasg.tech** for more information.

Coming Soon: RDAP Service Implementation Deadline - 26 August 2019

All generic top-level domain (gTLD) registries and registrars are required to implement a Registration Data Access Protocol (RDAP) service no later than 26 August 2019, according to the ICANN org's **legal notice issued on 27 February 2019**. For a complete overview of RDAP, navigate to this **page**. Details about the gTLD RDAP Profile implementation and the RDAP Response Profile created by the RDAP Working Group, can be found **here**.



New Milestone for Internationalized Domain Names

The third version of the **Label Generation Rules for the Root Zone (RZ-LGR-3)** was recently released integrating 16 new scripts. These rules define a set of criteria for determining valid Internationalized Domain Name (IDN) labels for the Root Zone of the Domain Name System (DNS) and their variant labels. Congratulations to the Generation and Integration Panel communities who have reached a milestone with these new set of scripts. Read the full announcement to **learn more**.

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