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## EDITORIAL

### Welcome to the latest edition of ICANN's North America Regional newsletter

Welcome to the latest edition of ICANN's North America Regional newsletter. Much has transpired over the past month and we are coming fresh off the ICANN 58 community forum in Copenhagen. This was the first community forum since the IANA Stewardship Transition, and the meeting saw the ICANN organization and community working hard on policies to support its core mission. More than 2,000 attendees gathered for over 340 sessions dedicated to ICANN policy development. To name just a few of the highlights: the ICANN community **considered a next round of new generic Top-Level Domains (gTLDs)** by examining the most recent round; the new gTLD Auction Proceeds Cross-Community Working Group (CCWG) **examined parameters for its work** to develop a mechanism to address the disposition of auction funds; and the CCWG-Accountability **made progress** in the areas of Supporting Organization/Advisory Committee accountability, staff accountability and more. This is just a snapshot of the large amount of policy work that was undertaken. I encourage you to take a look at the **Post-ICANN 58 Policy Report** and the **Copenhagen meeting website** to explore more of what transpired.

This year sees ICANN refocusing work on its core technical remit, which is outlined in our **new Mission and Bylaws**. There is much work ahead for the organization and the community in 2017; we look forward to having you join us on the journey.



## TOP STORY



### ICANN Launches Testing Platform for the KSK Rollover

ICANN is offering a testing platform for network operators and other interested parties to confirm that their systems can handle the automated update process for the upcoming Root Zone Domain Name System Security Extensions (DNSSEC) Key Signing Key (KSK) rollover. The KSK rollover is scheduled for 11 October 2017. **[Read the full announcement.](#)**

**[Click here to watch the interview with CTO David Conrad.](#)**

### KSK Quick Guide Is Now Available

We've created materials to help you understand the upcoming root zone key signing key (KSK) rollover. The KSK Quick Guide is available in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. Japanese and Korean translations are coming soon.

Download the **[KSK Quick Guide](#)**.



## Watch Wrap-Up Interview of ICANN58 Copenhagen

As ICANN58 concludes in Copenhagen Denmark, Luna Madi, ICANN's Communications Director in Europe, the Middle East and Africa, sits down with Stephen Crocker, Board Chair, and Göran Marby, President and CEO. Crocker and Marby talk about ICANN58's highlights and takeaways, and expectations for the Policy Forum in Johannesburg, South Africa. Watch what they have to say! [Click here](#) to watch the interview.



## CCWG-Accountability Co-Chairs Issue Statement at ICANN58

On 10 March 2017, the Cross Community Working Group on Enhancing ICANN Accountability (CCWG-Accountability) held a full-day meeting at ICANN58 to further discussions on Work Stream 2. Ninety members and participants attended in person, and many others joined remotely through the virtual meeting room. The CCWG-Accountability received updates from its subgroups and informed the ICANN community about the status of its work. Co-Chairs Thomas Rickert, León Sánchez and Mathieu Weill issued a statement on behalf of the CCWG. [Read the statement here.](#)

## Read the Post-ICANN58 Reports

The ICANN58 Community Forum concluded in Copenhagen, Denmark, on 16 March 2017. As part of ICANN's commitment to transparency, we publish reports after every ICANN Public Meeting. The data in these reports will help ICANN improve future meetings. The post-conference reports are now available in English, and will soon be posted in Arabic, Chinese, French, Japanese, Korean, Russian, Spanish and Turkish.



### Post-ICANN58 Policy Report

Read updates from our Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees. Our community develops and refines policies that ensure the security, stability, and resiliency of the global Internet, and the ICANN organization is proud to facilitate this work.



### ICANN58 Community Feedback

Find out the outcome of the survey that asked you to rate aspects of ICANN58 - the Community Forum format, sessions, venue, and networking opportunities. You can also read constructive feedback from attendees in their own words.

ICANN gathers metrics and examines data and survey results so we can continue to improve your meeting experience.

## Register Now for ICANN59!

Registration is open for ICANN59, which will be held from 26-29 June, in Johannesburg, South Africa. This meeting will be a Policy Forum, where the Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees focus on topics that contribute to policy development and cross-community dialogue.

Please check to see if you need to obtain a visa to travel to South Africa before you book your travel. [Register here.](#)



## ICANN60 Fellowship Application Round Now Open

ICANN launches the application round for those interested in participating in the ICANN60 Public Meeting through the Fellowship Program. The meeting takes place from 28 October - 03 November 2017 in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. The deadline to apply is 10 May 2017. Successful candidates will be announced on 21 July 2017 on ICANN.org. [Read more...](#)

### Apply to be Considered for the Third Accountability and Transparency Review Team (ATRT3)

How well has ICANN implemented community recommendations from the second Accountability and Transparency Review? Is ICANN effectively facilitating public comments in its decision-making process? Apply to be considered for the [Third Accountability and Transparency Review \(ATRT3\)](#) Team which will explore these questions and others. This is your chance to help improve ICANN accountability and transparency by assessing its existing initiatives and making recommendations for how it can improve. Application Deadline: Friday, 21 April 2017 23:59 UTC.



#### ATRT3

### Third Accountability and Transparency Review



#### SSR2

### 2nd Review of the Security, Stability and Resiliency of the Domain Name System



### Follow progress of the 2nd Security, Stability and Resiliency of the DNS Review Team (SSR2)

What improvements can ICANN make to its security efforts to meet future challenges and threats? Follow the latest progress of the Second Review Team focusing on the Security, Stability and Resiliency of the Domain Name System and share your input on the security issues you feel need to be addressed by emailing: [input-to-ssr2rt@icann.org](mailto:input-to-ssr2rt@icann.org). The SSR2 Review Team kicked off with their first face-to-face meeting at ICANN58 and heard from the community on issues and topics to consider incorporating into the SSR2 review. The next face-to-face meeting will be in Madrid, 14-15 May 2017. [View the SSR2 wiki](#) for participation details.



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GDD UPDATE



### Competition, Consumer Trust and Consumer Choice Review

### It's Not Too Late! Share Your Input on the Competition, Consumer Trust and Consumer Choice Draft Report

The draft report examines the extent to which the introduction of new generic top-level domains (gTLDs) has promoted competition, consumer trust and consumer choice in the domain name system. It also assesses the effectiveness of the safeguards ICANN has implemented to mitigate issues related to the introduction new gTLDs. [Read the draft report](#) and [submit a comment](#).

Help Wanted! Preparing for Billions of New

## Internet Identities

The Internet has changed. Users can now register names on more than 1,200 new generic top-level domains, as well as create email addresses using Arabic, Chinese, Devanagari, Thai and other scripts. You can join the Universal Acceptance Steering Group to prepare for billions of new Internet identities.

Visit [www.uasg.tech](http://www.uasg.tech) to find out about volunteer and paid opportunities to get involved. The website also features learning resources and case studies to help software developers and website owners understand how to update their systems to keep pace with an evolving domain name system.

If you've found an application or system that's not Universal Acceptance-ready, [report the issue](#).



[www.UASG.tech](http://www.UASG.tech)



## Register Now for the ICANN DNS Symposium!

The inaugural ICANN DNS Symposium, co-located with OARC 26, is a one-day event focused on all aspects of the Domain Name System (DNS). Join members of the ICANN organization to explore ICANN's current initiatives and projects relating to DNS research, operations, threats and countermeasures, and technology evolution. This event is geared to those who have a foundational understanding of the DNS and an interest in DNS operations, engineering, research and standards development or operational security. The 6th Registration Operations Workshop will be held on Friday 12th May in the same venue prior to the

DNS Symposium. [Learn more](#) and [register!](#)

**Meet and Greet Welcome Reception:** Friday 12 May (evening)

**Sessions:** Saturday 13 May

**Venue:** Hotel NH Madrid Eurobuilding, Madrid, Spain



## DELEGATED NEW GTLDS

### No New gTLDs Were Delegated in March

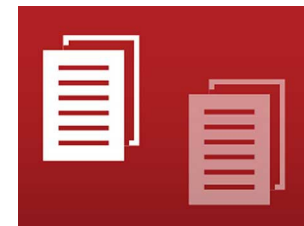
[See the full list here.](#)



## POLICY UPDATE

### Governmental Advisory Committee Issues ICANN58 Communiqué

The Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) Communiqué from ICANN58 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.



### Just Published: A Lexicon for DNS Root Server System Terminology

On 14 March 2017, the Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC) published [RSSAC026: RSSAC Lexicon](#). This

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## New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP Working Group Seeks Public Comment

The leadership team of the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process (PDP) Working Group (WG) is seeking input. The WG has created a set of four sub-team work tracks (WTs) that are addressing several subjects within the WG charter. The WG is soliciting feedback on certain questions and issues that stem from the charter and the initial deliberations of the WTs. Community input is critical in enabling these subjects to be considered fully and achieving a thoughtful outcome, which could include new policy recommendations, amendments to existing policy recommendations, or implementation guidance for future consideration. The public comment proceeding is open through 1 May 2017. **Provide your feedback today!**

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## Geographic Names at the Top Level

The leadership team of the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process (PDP) Working Group is seeking input on the issue of geographic names at the top level. All are welcome and encouraged to participate and contribute their perspectives.

To facilitate a broad, community-wide dialogue on this topic to feed into the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP, a webinar will be held on 25 April 2017. Two sessions will take place at 15:00-17:00 UTC and 22:00-0:00 UTC. All community members are welcome to submit positions on the treatment of geographic names at the top level to be presented in the webinars.

The webinar will be the beginning of a discussion that will continue at ICANN59. The leadership team will be holding an extended session in Johannesburg to work through the positions presented in the webinars and to propose solutions seeking common ground on a way forward. For additional information please visit **this page**.

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## ARIN's 2016 Annual Report Now Available

At the end of each fiscal year, the American Registry for Internet Numbers (ARIN) compiles and publishes an annual report. Included in the report are summations of ARIN's public policy discussions and actions as well as its activities within the global Internet community. **ARIN's 2016 Annual Report** is now available for download. The report includes an overview of ARIN, a summary of 2016 accomplishments, department highlights and Internet governance participation report, a recap of 2016 outreach events and public policy discussions, and much more. The 2016 Auditor's Report will be posted as a follow-up once it becomes available.



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