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Universal Acceptance Around the World

At ICANN60, community members discussed why Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs) and Email Address Internationalization (EAI) are essential to enabling users to communicate and navigate the Internet entirely in their local languages. [Watch this video](#) to hear their stories and learn how Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG) members are helping make the vision of a truly multilingual Internet a reality.



ICANN Office of the Ombudsman 2017 Annual Report

Herb Waye, ICANN Ombudsman, is pleased to announce the publication of the ICANN Office of the Ombudsman 2017 Annual Report. The report is available in English, and will soon be posted in all official ICANN languages. [View the report.](#)

ICANN Community Onboarding Pilot Program Call for Nominations by SOs/ACs

On 20 November, ICANN issued a call for nominations by the Supporting Organizations (SOs) and Advisory Committees (ACs) to the Community Onboarding Pilot (COP) Program for **ICANN61**. The COP seeks to improve ICANN community newcomer engagement and retention rates through mentorship and knowledge and experience sharing. Nominations are due no later than Friday, 15 December 2017, 23:59 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC). Additional details can be found [here](#).

Transparency of Security Efforts in ICANN

Terry Manderson, Senior Director, Network Engineering and Security, ICANN

Security vulnerabilities in systems are an unfortunate fact of life. The Engineering and Information Technology team in the ICANN organization is working hard on many fronts to protect and enhance the security of our systems. From time to time events occur that result in specific and focused security-related activity that can impact the ICANN org and/or community. Because of our commitment to openness and transparency, we are disclosing the following two events to the community. To our current knowledge, neither of these incidents resulted in any compromise of ICANN data. [Read more...](#)



Data Protection/Privacy Activity Recap

Akram Atallah, President, Global Domains Division; Theresa Swinehart, Senior VP of Multistakeholder Strategy and Strategic Initiatives

We have just returned from a very busy ICANN60 meeting in Abu Dhabi, where there were many productive community discussions focused on the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). We want to provide you with a brief recap of these dialogues, recent developments and what's next in terms of the legal analysis. As you'll recall from previous [blogs](#) on this topic, we are taking the following steps to determine the GDPR's scope of impact: We published a

Personal Data Use Matrix based on contributions from stakeholders, and we commissioned a legal analysis from European law firm Hamilton to assess the data in the matrix and answer other questions related to the legislation's impact. [Read more...](#)



GDD UPDATE

Transferring Your Domain Name

Are you up to date on how to transfer your domain name? Let us help you learn the five things every domain name registrant should know about ICANN's transfer policy, including the rules and specific steps registrants must follow to ensure a proper transfer. [Read more.](#)

Transferring your domain name?



Identifying Natural Disasters as Extenuating Circumstances

You never know when or how dramatically a natural disaster will impact your business or your ability to maintain day-to-day business operations. We have recently learned that registrants affected by Hurricane Maria may not be able to renew their domain names due to ongoing power and telecommunications issues.

In light of these events, ICANN has identified Hurricane Maria as an extenuating circumstance as part of [RAA section 3.7.5.1](#).

This event highlights the potential need for a policy initiative to protect registrants in the event of natural disasters. [Read more in this blog.](#)



DELEGATED NEW GTLDS

No New gTLDs Were Delegated in October and November 2017

[See the full list here.](#)



SPOTLIGHT

ARIN 40 Ends

ARIN 40, the most recent Public Policy and Members Meeting of the American Registry for Internet Numbers, took place from 5-6 October in San Jose, California. Attendees discussed five draft policies; heard updates from the ARIN registration services and engineering departments; welcomed 13 fellows from the Caribbean, Canada, and the United States; and reviewed several upcoming projects. Attendees also heard speeches from the candidates for the ARIN Board of Trustees and Advisory Council. The meeting report and all presentations are on the [ARIN website](#).

ARIN 41 will be held from 15-18 April 2018 in Miami, Florida. ARIN is accepting fellowship applications to attend the meeting. [Learn more and apply today](#). The application deadline is 28 January 2018.



POLICY UPDATE

GNSO Council Updates

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- Councilors of the 21-member Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council, as well as liaisons from the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) and Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO), began their terms at the end of ICANN60. [Learn more](#).
- The GNSO Council appointed Julf Helsingius as the GNSO Liaison to the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) through the end of ICANN63. This appointment is expected to be reconfirmed annually.
- The ["Introduction to the GNSO"](#) ICANN Learn course was updated last month. The course is aimed mostly at newcomers, but also helps veterans refresh their knowledge. Topics include GNSO stakeholder groups and constituencies, the GNSO policy development process, and ways to keep current with the GNSO.

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ccNSO Elects Nigel Roberts to ICANN Board Seat 12

On Thursday, 30 November, the ccNSO elected Nigel Roberts to ICANN Board Seat 12. Nigel Roberts will begin his term at ICANN63, replacing Mike Silber, who will be concluding his third term.

At-Large Community Activities

- During ICANN60, the At-Large community's accomplishments included a joint advice statement with the GAC and a successful General Assembly of the Asian, Australasian, and Pacific Islands Regional At-Large Organization (APRALO). The joint statement advises ICANN to develop a simple and efficient document management system and to produce easy-to-understand executive summaries for all relevant issues. For details, read the [Post-ICANN60 Policy Report](#).
- New [ALAC members and liaisons](#) and [RALO leaders and Nominating Committee delegates](#) began their terms at the end of ICANN60. The five-member ALAC leadership team has been formed with Alan Greenberg as chair, and Maureen Hilyard and Bastiaan Goslings as vice chairs.
- At-Large members will participate in the Internet Governance Forum in Geneva, Switzerland, scheduled for 18-21 December. They will contribute as speakers and participants in various



WHAT'S NEW IN REVIEWS



What's New with ICANN Reviews?

Participate in the Public Comment on the updated report of the Competition, Consumer Trust, and Consumer Choice Review (CCT). You have the opportunity to review and give feedback on two new pieces of content: the results of a new generic top-level domain (gTLD) cost impact [survey](#) and the [Statistical Analysis of Domain Name System \(DNS\) Abuse in gTLDs Final Report](#). Share your comments [here](#).

How effectively do you feel the Root Server Advisory Committee (RSSAC) is fulfilling its role? Share your input in this [community survey](#) that will inform the RSSAC2 Review.

Bookmark the wiki landing pages to follow the progress of and opportunities to participate in Specific Reviews:

- [ATRT3](#)
- [RDS-WHOIS2](#)
- [SSR2](#)
- [CCT](#)



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