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## TOP STORY

### Multistakeholder Advice Development Process

Want to learn more about how ICANN works with stakeholders to develop advice on global gTLD, ccTLD, and IP address policies? We've created a new infographic which explains the multistakeholder Advice Development Process from start to finish across the four major policy advisory committees.

Click [here](#) to explore.



## ICANN NEWS



### ICANN at the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) 2018 Plenipotentiary Conference

ICANN President and Chief Executive Officer Göran Marby spoke at the opening of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) 2018 Plenipotentiary conference (PP-18) in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Every four years, this conference brings together representative governments and members from telecommunications, information and communication technologies (ICT), and academic institutions from all over the world to decide the ITU's course of action for the next four years. Decisions taken during this meeting have direct effects on how the world of communications will evolve, impacting the way

billions of users communicate on a daily basis.

The security, stability, and resiliency of the Internet remain paramount for ICANN's work to ensure a global, interoperable Internet for all. ICANN's engagement with all stakeholders and organizations, including the ITU, is an important part of our commitment to raise awareness and enhance opportunities.

Read the full speech on the [ICANN blog](#).

### ICANN65 Fellowship Round Now Open

The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) is now accepting applications for the ICANN65 Fellowship Program. This round is open only to those who have previously completed an ICANN Fellowship because ICANN65 is a Policy Forum. The meeting is from 24-27 June 2019 in Marrakech, Morocco. The deadline to apply is 14 December



2018.

**ICANN's Fellowship Program** seeks out individuals who are interested in, or already engaged in, the various aspects of ICANN's work in policymaking, the operation of the Domain Name System, and the security and stability of the global Internet. The goal of the program is to strengthen the diversity of the multistakeholder model by fostering opportunities for individuals from underserved and underrepresented communities to become active participants in the ICANN community



## NORTH AMERICA ACTIVITIES & HIGHLIGHTS

### ICANN North America Community Hosts Readout Sessions Across the Region

ICANN offers a variety of remote access options for those that cannot attend ICANN Public Meetings in person. There is also another way to participate: Readout Sessions.

Members of the ICANN community host ICANN meeting Readout Sessions to give stakeholders a high-level overview of what transpired at the recent ICANN meeting. Some Readouts are held in partnership with At-Large groups like local Internet Society chapters.

The North America region has held four Readouts (in New York, Ottawa, San Francisco, and Puerto Rico) following the ICANN63 Annual General Meeting. Topics covered include: General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), the new gTLD program working groups, and updates from the At-Large community.

Interested in hosting a Readout in your community? Email [engagement@icann.org](mailto:engagement@icann.org) to get started!



## POLICY UPDATE

### ARIN Elections

Representatives from American Registry for Internet Numbers (ARIN) General Members in good standing voted to elect candidates to the ARIN Board of Trustees, Advisory Council (AC), and Number Resource Organization (NRO) Number Council. ARIN wishes to congratulate all those **elected** to serve beginning in January 2019.

The next ARIN meeting, ARIN 43, will be held 7-10 April 2019 in Bridgetown, Barbados. **Fellowship applications** are currently being accepted to attend this meeting from now until 16 January 2019.

### TLD-OPS Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity Planning

Community volunteers under auspices of the TLD-OPS Steering Committee are currently drafting a playbook

containing basic concepts for disaster recovery and business continuity specific to ccTLDs. During a collaborative session at ICANN63, TLD-OPS organized an in-depth discussion focused on the various aspects of disaster recovery. Participants discussed detection, activation, analysis of incidents, and action and communications planning. One of the takeaways from the workshop is the need to develop a ccTLD playbook to assist ccTLD registry and DNS operations. A draft of the playbook should be presented at ICANN64.

Learn more about TLD-OPS [here](#).

The Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council reconfirmed one of its original candidates and nominated two additional primary candidates as the GNSO representatives for the third Accountability and Transparency Review (ATRT3).

These three candidates are: Wolfgang Kleinwächter (reconfirmed), Patrick Kane, and Osvaldo Novoa. The GNSO Council also named four additional nominees to be considered should additional places be available.



## EPDP Team Publishes Initial Report for Public Comment

The Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) Team on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data published its Initial Report for **public comment**. The Initial Report includes the EPDP Team's proposed responses to the charter questions. It also includes their preliminary recommendations and specific questions concerning the purposes of processing registration data, required data processing activities and terms, and updates to other consensus policies. Commenters are strongly encouraged to use the **input form** to provide feedback. The public comment period is

scheduled to close on 21 December 2018.

Read the EPDP Team Leadership **blog** for more details.

## At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)/At-Large Update

The **At-Large Review Implementation Working Group (ARIWG)** has made significant progress on the first ARIWG Milestone Report, due in December 2018.

The At-Large Advisory Committee confirmed endorsement of candidates and alternates for the 2019 ICANN Academy Leadership Program at ICANN64. The candidates represent a regionally diverse group of leaders interested in developing their knowledge of ICANN and Internet policy.

The **At-Large Consolidated Policy Working Group (CPWG)** has held weekly calls since ICANN63. Highlights of those discussions include: improvements to the At-Large advice development process; updates about the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data, and current ICANN public comment proceedings. Steve DelBianco from the Business Constituency presented on the **Unified Access Model**.

ALAC and At-Large community members took part in the **Internet Governance Forum 2018 in Paris, France**. **The European Regional At-Large Organization also signed a memorandum of understanding** with the Council of European National Top-Level Domain Registries (CENTR), agreeing to collaborate on areas of mutual interest.



## GDD UPDATE



*Ajay Data (Data Xgen Plus CEO),  
Vasundhara Raje (Chief Minister)*

## UASG Presents the Universal Acceptance Thought Leader Award

On November 12, the Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG) presented the Chief Minister of Rajasthan, Vasundhara Raje, with the Universal Acceptance Thought Leader Award for her outstanding work fostering Universal Acceptance and Email Address internationalization through her government email service, Rajmail. This service, developed in collaboration with email provider Data Xgen Plus, enables the people of Rajasthan to get an email address in their local language. Rajmail already benefits two million residents.

## Registrants

Read the latest edition to the Registrant Blog Series - Do you have a domain name? Here's what you need to know. [Part V: Renewing Your Domain Name](#). Find more Domain Name Registrant resources [here](#).



## WHAT'S NEW IN REVIEWS



### ICANN Announces Calls-to-Action for Community Participation in ICANN Reviews

The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) has several calls-to-action for community participation in ICANN reviews. ICANN reviews are important accountability mechanisms that need community input to help ICANN deliver on its commitments to bottom-up policy development.

#### Specific Reviews

Join the fourth face-to-face meeting of the RDS-WHOIS2 Review Team on 10-12 December 2018. The team will review the public comments received on its [draft report](#), determine any corresponding changes, and finalize its recommendations before they are submitted to the ICANN Board. Remote attendance will be supported. Click [here](#) to learn how to join.

#### Organizational Reviews

Please take the [ccNSO Review survey](#), now available for community input. The aim of the survey is to collect input from those who have interacted with ccNSO or have suggestions for ways to improve it. The survey is informed by learnings from Meridian Institute's research and the interviews it has conducted to date. The survey will close on 21 December 2018.

Please Visit the [Review Status Update Table](#) for the latest status on Specific and Organizational Reviews and additional key resources.

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