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TOP STORY

ICANN Publishes Comprehensive Guide on What to Expect During the Root KSK Rollover

What will happen when ICANN, for the first time ever, changes the cryptographic keys that helps protect the Domain Name System (DNS)? To answer that question, the ICANN organization has just published a guide to let people know what to expect. It describes which users are most likely to see problems, and among those - what types of issues they will face and the timing of when those issues might appear.

What to expect during the **KSK Rollover**

The operators of validating resolvers will likely derive the most benefit from the guide, as they seek clear direction on what to look for once the rollover is complete. Others who may benefit from the guide are: non-technical journalists, bloggers, researchers, and others who intend to write about the rollover before, during, and after the event. The guide can be accessed **here**.

NORTH AMERICA ACTIVITIES & HIGHLIGHTS

ICANN Community Members Participate in the IGFUSA 2018

IGF USA
Internet Governance Forum USA

On 27 July 2018, the United States Internet community met at the IGFUSA in Washington D.C. to discuss current pressing issues on Internet governance. Two topics that took center stage included the role of courts in shaping Internet policy and the debate on privacy regulation in the U.S.

Stakeholders from the private sector, government agencies, and civil society shared their views on how the U.S. should handle these issues and provided scenarios on the future of Internet governance. For the 5th year in a row, ICANN was pleased to support IGFUSA, which is the largest annual gathering of ICANN community members from across all stakeholder categories. Missed the sessions? You can find the recordings and more information **here.**

Spotlight on IPv6 Case Studies at ARIN

Part of the core mission at the American Registry for Internet Numbers (ARIN) is to promote and encourage the adoption of Internet Protocol version 6 (IPv6). To help encourage the uptake of IPv6, ARIN regularly posts **IPv6 Case Studies** from various organizations including universities, Internet service providers, government agencies, and more on the **TeamARIN blog**. These case studies provide a behind-the-scenes look at how some organizations began their transition to IPv6, crafted address planning strategies, and overcame both expected and unexpected challenges.

ARIN is always looking to feature more organizations that have made progress deploying IPv6 on their

website. If you are interested in being featured in an ARIN IPv6 case study, send an email to **get6@arin.net**.

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Update on ICANN's Strategic Planning Process

The continued success of ICANN's mission depends on our ability to work together to anticipate new challenges and opportunities ahead. The strategic outlook and planning processes represent a joint effort between the community, the Board, and the ICANN organization to identify and track trends that relate to ICANN and its mission in order to ensure they are accounted for in ICANN's current and future strategy.

Learn more about the phases of the strategic planning process and what to expect heading into ICANN63, **here**.
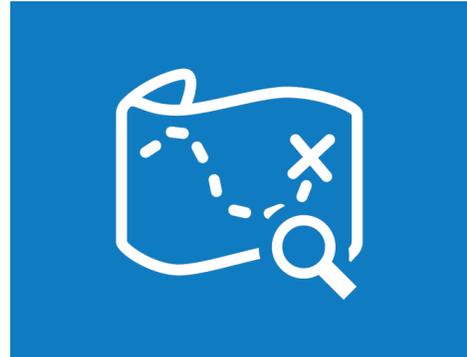
Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) Update

The Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) Team on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data held its first meeting on 1 August 2018.

The scope of the EPDP includes:

- Confirming, or not, the Temporary Specification by the 25 May 2019 expiration date.
- Discussing a standardized access model to nonpublic registration data.

The discussion of a standardized access model will occur only after the EPDP Team has comprehensively answered a series of gating questions specified in its charter.

The EPDP Team's first focus is to develop a triage document, outlining which elements of the Temporary Specification are supported and do not require any change. The triage effort is expected to help inform the subsequent development of a work plan. The EPDP Team is scheduled to meet in Los Angeles from 24-27 September 2018. All meeting recordings, transcripts, and materials can be found on the **EPDP wiki workspace**.

GAC's Engagement
The Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) has formed a small group of members to participate in the EPDP to replace ICANN's **Temporary Specification**.

The GAC believes the EPDP has an important role to play in developing a comprehensive model. This model should allow access to nonpublic WHOIS data for authenticated users with a legitimate and proportionate purpose that is consistent with the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) as well as other data protection legislation. As part of other ongoing efforts in the ICANN community, the GAC provided initial comments on ICANN's proposed **Unified Access Model**.

ALAC's Engagement
Since the launch of the EPDP, Alan Greenberg, Hadia Elminiawi, Holly Raiche, and Seun Ojededji have actively contributed to the At-Large Consolidated Policy Working Group (CPWG) weekly calls. The goal is to have all members of the CPWG serve as authors to various sections of the EPDP.

Transparency of Security Efforts at ICANN

The ICANN organization published the **Cybersecurity Transparency Guidelines**, which outlines ICANN org's commitment to a high standard of openness and transparency concerning the security of the systems and services it operates.

Learn more about this topic by reading ICANN Senior Director of Security and Network Engineering, Terry Manderson's **blog**.

Join us for ICANN63
20 - 25 October 2018
Barcelona, Spain

ICANN's 2018 Annual General Meeting is less than two months away - **register today**! The **ICANN63 block schedule** is now posted, and the full schedule will be available on 1 October. Before you make travel arrangements, check the travel and visa requirements. And be sure to bookmark the **ICANN63 meetings page** as it will be updated frequently.

The ICANN Complaints Department is Here to Help
Do you have a complaint about the ICANN organization? Do you need help resolving an issue? The Complaints Department is here to help you, and submitting a complaint is easy. To find out more about how the department can help you, as well as how to submit a complaint, click **here**.

Curious about what kinds of complaints have been submitted before, or how other complaints have been resolved? You can find a comprehensive overview of the various complaints the department has received **here**.

POLICY UPDATE

ccNSO Council Update
Recently, the Nominating Committee (NomCom) **announced its selections** for eight leadership positions within ICANN, including two appointees to the Council of the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO). Laura Margolis and Ajay Data will begin their terms at the end of ICANN63. The ccNSO Council consists of 18 councilors: 15 elected by ccNSO members and three appointed by the NomCom.

During ICANN62, the ccNSO Council adopted the **Election Report for the Special European Council Election**. Giovanni Seppia (.eu) assumed his role immediately after the selection and his term ends in March 2020.
In mid-September 2018, the ccNSO will issue a call for nominations to fill five seats on the ccNSO Council. At the conclusion of ICANN64 in March 2019, the three-year terms end for the following ccNSO Councilors: Abibu Ntahigiye (Africa), Debbie Monahan (Asia-Pacific), Peter Vergote (Europe), Demi Getschko (Latin America/Caribbean), Pablo Rodriguez (North America).

GNSO Council Update

The Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council:

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Adopted its **review** of the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) ICANN62 Communiqué. This review aims to further enhance the coordination and information sharing on gTLD-related policy activities between the GAC, the ICANN Board, and the GNSO.

Approved all the consensus recommendations made by the reconvened Protection of International Governmental Organizations and International Non-Governmental Organizations in All gTLDs Policy Development Process Working Group. Read the **Final Report**.

Adopted the **Second GNSO Review Implementation Final Report** and submitted it to the ICANN Board for consideration. All GNSO Review recommendations have been implemented as a result of this two-year effort.

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GAC Prepares for Fourth HLGM

During ICANN63, the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) will dedicate Monday, 22 October to the High Level Governmental Meeting (HLGM) hosted by the Spanish government.

The HLGM is held approximately once every two years and hosted by a GAC member in collaboration with the ICANN organization. It provides an opportunity to:

- Reaffirm the critical role that governments play in providing advice to the ICANN Board on public policy issues.
- Enable all parties to gain a clearer understanding of the role of governments in ICANN processes, including the GAC.
- Reach out to administrations and governments who are not yet represented on the GAC or in other ICANN forums.

The agenda for this year's HLGM may be found **here**.

At-Large Leadership Elections, Selections, and Appointments

Four At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) members will join the At-Large Leadership Team (ALT) and serve with incoming ALAC Chair, Maureen Hilyard, from the Asian, Australasian, and Pacific Islands Regional At-Large Organization (APRALO). The ALT members will begin their terms at the end of ICANN63.

The four new members include:
- Tijani Ben Jemaa | African Regional At-Large Organization (AFRALO)
- Sebastien Bachollet | European Regional At-Large Organization (EURALO)
- Ricardo Holmquist | Latin American and Caribbean Islands Regional At-Large Organization (LACRALO)
- John Laprise | North American Regional At-Large Organization (NARALO)

The ALAC recently ratified the nominations of four ALAC delegates to the ICANN Nominating Committee:
- Aziz Hilali | AFRALO
- Nadira Al-Araj | APRALO
- Tracy Hackshaw | LACRALO
- Leah Symekher | NARALO

All four ALAC liaisons were re-appointed unanimously to serve another year:
- Barrack Otieno | ccNSO
- Yrjö Länsipuro | GAC
- Cheryl Langdon-Orr | GNSO
- Andrei Kolesnikov | SSAC

Data Protection/ Privacy and General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) News and Updates

Temporary Specification Reaffirmed

Data Protection/ Privacy Update

Read the most recent ICANN **announcement** regarding the ICANN Board reaffirming the Temporary Specification for generic top-level domain (gTLD) Registration Data and the **blog from Göran Marby**, ICANN President and CEO, regarding a possible unified access model for community input.

Stay up to date with the latest ICANN organization data protection and privacy news **here**.

GDD Publishes New and Updated Resources for gTLD Registries and Registrars

New Registry & Registrant Resources Available

The **ICANN GDD General Operations Handbook for Registrars** is a new resource which provides high-level information pertaining to ongoing registrar operations required to fulfill the obligations specified in the **base Registry Agreement** and **Specification 13**.

An updated version of the **GDD General Operations Handbook for Registry Operators** has been published in the **Registry Resources** section of **icann.org**.

New UASG Tool for EAI

Universal Acceptance

Test out the new Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG) widget that takes an email address and checks to see if the mail server advertises support for receiving Email Address Internationalization (EAI).

Check your email address today at **EAI Widget**.

Registry System Testing Documentation Update

Multiple Registry System Testing (RST) updates related to the domain name system (DNS), Internationalized Domain Name (IDN), and WHOIS testing have recently been published to **icann.org**. The associated **FAQ document** was also updated to reflect the related changes.

More details about these documentation updates can be found in this **announcement**.

Update on the Registration Data Access Protocol

The Registration Data Access Protocol (RDAP) pilot discussion group and the ICANN organization have posted for public comment a proposed profile, technical implementation guide, and service level agreements (SLA) which follow the requirements of the ICANN Board approved Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data. While RDAP delivers registration data much like WHOIS, its implementation is expected to help standardize registration data access and query response formats.

Learn more about this process, the plans surrounding the review, and the proposed profile, SLA, and reporting requirements **here**.

WHAT'S NEW IN REVIEWS

Calls to Action for Community Participation in ICANN Reviews

SPECIFIC REVIEWS

Share your feedback on the Competition, Consumer Trust, and Consumer Choice Review (CCT) Final Report.
The public comment is available **here**.

Provide input on the Registration Directory Service Review (RDS-WHOIS2) Draft Report. Find the public comment **here**. You may also choose to join a **webinar** which will be hosted by the RDS-WHOIS2 Review Team to share key findings and recommendations, while providing an opportunity to receive questions from the community.

You can join the webinar by clicking **here**.
- 17 September 2018 at 15:00 UTC
- 17 September 2018 at 21:00 UTC

PUBLIC COMMENT ON TIMING OF REVIEWS

Review the summary reports on public comments to adjust the timing of reviews. The summary reports on **Public Comment for Short-term Options** and **Public Comment for Long-term Options** have been published. Next, the ICANN organization will analyze the comments received and coordinate with the Organizational Effectiveness Committee of the ICANN Board (OEC) to identify recommendations to the ICANN Board.

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