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ICANN — One World, One Internet

Closing Out 2016

It's been a big year - for ICANN - and for me, personally. I've traveled around the world, meeting and working together with many of you. It has been a pleasure, and I want to thank all of you for your hard work this year.

This year, the ICANN community came together, trusting each other, to create the final proposals and complete the IANA stewardship transition, after many years of compromise and collaboration. The success of this effort is a real testament to the strength of the multistakeholder model in tackling issues like this. The result of these efforts is that ICANN is truly rooted in accountability. The entire ICANN ecosystem is more accountable to each other and to you. Thank you for that.

As we look ahead at what the next year will bring, my focus, as CEO of the ICANN organization, is on doing what we do even better, under the new mission and bylaws, and supporting our strategic objectives.

Thank you for your patience and support over the course of the past year. I'm looking forward to 2017 - to meeting more of you and to continue working together. Happy holidays to you and your family. I wish you all the best in the New Year.

Regards,
Göran Marby
ICANN President and CEO

Read the Post-ICANN57 Reports

ICANN57 Hyderabad was the largest ICANN Public Meeting in our history, with 3,182 checked-in participants. A total of 205 sessions were dedicated to community policy and advice development. 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.
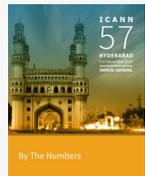
Post-ICANN57 Policy Report

The **Post-ICANN57 Policy Report** captures 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.

ICANN57 Community Feedback

The **ICANN57 Community Feedback** report gives results of the surveys that asked you to rate the new Annual General Meeting format and the ICANN57 event (sessions, venue, networking opportunities). You can also read constructive feedback from attendees in their own words.

ICANN57 By The Numbers

ICANN57 By The Numbers uses easy-to-read graphics and charts to present data on a range of topics, including: attendees, most popular sessions, remote participation, use of the mobile app and website, and the technical infrastructure of the meeting.

Register Today for ICANN58 in Copenhagen

Registration is open for ICANN58, which will be held from 11-16 March 2017, in Copenhagen, Denmark. Join us for an opportunity to network with your peers in the community, engage in face-to-face discussions, ask questions and help develop and implement Internet policies. **Register now**.

CCWG-Accountability Co-Chairs Issue Statement at ICANN57 Hyderabad

On Wednesday, 2 November, the Cross Community Working Group on Enhancing ICANN Accountability (CCWG-Accountability) held a **meeting** to discuss Work Stream 2. The purpose of Work Stream 2 is to disseminate the new accountability principles into several key parts of ICANN's day-to-day operations, and to develop a culture of accountability across the ICANN community, organization and Board.

Sixty members and participants attended in person, and many others joined the meeting remotely using the virtual meeting room. **Read the full statement**.

ICANN Participates in IGF in Mexico

The 11th Internet Governance Forum (**IGF 2016**) was held just outside Guadalajara, Mexico, from 6-9 December. This year

marked the third time, and second consecutive year, that the setting for the IGF was in the Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) region. Board Chair Stephen Crocker and President and CEO Göran Marby were among many ICANN participants.

The ICANN organization and community organized diverse activities, all well attended. We started the week with ICANN's Town Hall Meeting called "**ICANN - Reflections on the evolution of the multistakeholder model in the context of the IANA Stewardship Transition**." At the session, Göran Marby looked back on what made the transition successful. "Many people from so many countries came together for the IANA stewardship transition - it's proof the multistakeholder model works."

At Monday's High-Level Meeting, Stephen Crocker stressed that openness is vital to foster innovation and creativity. Marby, speaking at Tuesday's Opening Session, stated that ICANN "will continue to support the IGF at all levels, regionally and nationally."

Göran Marby, ICANN President and CEO, speaks at the ICANN Open Forum at IGF 2016: "The Internet is our shared responsibility - that's why it's so important for you to participate in ICANN."

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NORTH AMERICA ACTIVITIES & HIGHLIGHTS

ICANN's John Crain Presents at the UC Berkeley Center for Long-Term Cybersecurity

To watch the full presentation, click **here**.

GDD UPDATE

ICANN Kicks Off Open Data Initiative Pilot

ICANN has launched a pilot project for an initiative that will bring selected ICANN-generated data sets into the open. Various

activities produce data related to ICANN's mission of coordinating the Internet's system of unique identifiers, including Domain Name System operations, domain name registration activities, performance monitoring and many other topics. The Open Data Initiative will make data available through web pages and programming APIs for the purposes of external party review and analysis. **Read more...**

Universal Acceptance: Enabling a Multilingual Internet

The world of domain names has changed dramatically - they are now available in many non-Latin scripts, including Hindi, Russian and Greek. Why is it important to make sure every browser, application and system can support and display all domain names correctly? Members of the Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG) share their views in a new video. **Click here to watch.**

Ram Mohan, UASG Chair and Executive Vice President and CTO at Afilias, explains the concept of Universal Acceptance.

Rolling the Root Zone Key Signing Key

ICANN is changing the "master key" of the Domain Name System. The root zone key signing key consists of a private key and a public key. The private component is securely stored by ICANN, but the public component is widely distributed and configured in a great number of devices, possibly numbering in the millions. In this short video David Conrad, ICANN CTO, talks about why the key is changing, what to expect throughout the rollover process and who needs to take action. **Click here to watch.**

ICANN's Brad White sits down with David Conrad, CTO, at ICANN57 to chat about the key signing key rollover.

POLICY UPDATE

ccNSO Councilor Elections

At ICANN57, the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) Council adopted the **Election Report for the General Council Elections** and the **Election Report for the Special Council Elections 2017 for the African Region**. The following candidates were elected or re-elected as Councilors.

Regular Council Elections
These Councilors will begin their terms at the end of the ccNSO Council meeting at ICANN58:

- Souleymane Oumtanaga (.ci), Africa
- Hirofumi Hotta (.jp), Asia-Pacific
- Nigel Roberts (.jj and .ge), Europe
- Alejandra Reynoso (.gt), Latin America/Caribbean
- Stephen Deerhake (.as), North America

Special Council Election (term ends March 2018)
This Councilor began his term at the end of the ccNSO Council meeting at ICANN57:

- Abdalla Omari (.ke), Africa

Becky Burr stepped down from the ccNSO Council on 7 November 2016. To fill this vacancy on the Council, the ccNSO members in the North American region will elect a candidate. The new Councilor will begin service immediately, serving through the end of the term in March 2019.

The ccNSO Council also nominated Chris Disspain to be designated by the Empowered Community Administrative Committee to fill ICANN Board of Directors Seat 11 for a term of three years, which starts at the end of the Annual General Meeting in 2017.

Update on the ccNSO Guidelines Review Committee

The purpose of the Guidelines Review Committee (GRC) is to review existing guidelines and to ascertain whether they reflect current practices and working methods, identify potential gaps, and based on this analysis, propose changes to the ccNSO Council. During its latest **meeting at ICANN57**, the ccNSO Council adopted the guideline **ccNSO Nominations to Specific Review Teams**, as proposed by the ccNSO GRC. You can find documents, meeting recordings and additional information on the **GRC workspace**.

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ccNSO Adopts Charter for CCWG on New gTLD Auction Proceeds

The ccNSO Council adopted the **charter of the Cross-Community Working Group (CCWG) on New gTLD Auction Proceeds** and will participate as one of the chartering organizations. A call for volunteers to fill the slate of between two and five ccNSO-appointed members was also launched. This call for volunteers is not limited to the country code top-level domain (ccTLD) community. It also targets representatives of organizations closely related to ccTLD managers, which have experience in the areas to be considered by the CCWG on New gTLD Auction Proceeds.

ARIN's Blog Redesigned

The American Registry for Internet Numbers (ARIN) recently redesigned its blog, which can be found at **www.TeamARIN.net**. Recently updated features of the site include a new look, easier navigation and a mobile-friendly responsive design. In addition to regular posts about a range of issues and events on TeamARIN, you will also find ARIN's community event calendar and Get6 campaign information. The Get6 campaign provides guidance and resources to help anyone with a website understand what they need to do to make their content available over Internet Protocol version 6 (IPv6).

Interested in becoming a guest blogger? Contact **blog@arin.net** and tell us about your ideas for a blog.

DELEGATED NEW GTLDS

Eleven New gTLDs Were Delegated in November 2016

.AOL	.FREE	.FOOD
.BOX	.MOTO	.CRUISE
.RELIANCE	.BOSTON	.RIL

See the full list here.

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