TOP STORY

New Goals and Tactics in North America Engagement Strategy

The North America Global Stakeholder Engagement team has released the mid-year update for the FY2019-2020 ICANN North America Engagement Strategy. Stakeholders from across ICANN structures provided input to establish new goals, tactics, and metrics to build engagement with the regional community. Read more details about the updates **here,** and about how this collaborative effort will help grow and diversify ICANN's multistakeholder community.

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NORTH AMERICA ACTIVITIES & HIGHLIGHTS

NYC Audience Plugged into How ICANN Helps Keep Us Connected

"I realized that I could make a difference," Greg Shatan told an audience at New York City's Civic Hall, describing why he became a member of the ICANN community.

"Being a member of the community, I was involved in helping to run the Internet," he said.

Shatan, a member of the North American Regional At-Large Organization (NARALO), was joined by ICANN Board member Avri Doria and Christopher Mondini, ICANN's Vice President of Stakeholder Engagement for North America for a panel entitled "The Internet Runs on People: How ICANN's Stakeholder Model Keeps up all Connected".

Civic Hall is a non-profit collaborative community center that advances the use of technology for the public good.

The representatives from ICANN org, the community, and the Board called on the attendees to become involved in ICANN to help shape the online future.

"I think of ICANN as a woven cloth," Board member Avri Doria said, in describing how the work of ICANN's various stakeholders comes together.

To see a video recording of the session go to **go.icann.org/2GnspwK.**

Register for ICANN64

Registration for ICANN64 in Kobe, Japan is now open. **Please register here.**

The Community Forum will be held from 9-14 March at the Kobe Portopia Hotel and Kobe International Conference Center. A preliminary schedule is available, **here.** Travel resources, including hotel group rates and visa information, are also available on the **ICANN Public Meetings site.**

ICANN Public Meetings are open to everyone and registration is free. Participants can attend in person or join remotely. Read more about ICANN Public Meetings and how to get involved, **here**.

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Apply Now for ICANN and Public Technical Identifiers Leadership

The 2019 Nominating Committee (NomCom) is accepting applications for key leadership positions within Public Technical Identifiers (PTI) and ICANN. Selected individuals will have a unique opportunity to work with accomplished colleagues from around the globe to help shape the Internet's technical coordination and policy development. The deadline to submit applications is 18 March 2019 at 23:59 Universal Coordinated Time (UTC).

The open positions in 2019 are:

- Three members of the ICANN Board of Directors.
- One member of the PTI Board of Directors.
- Three regional representatives to the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) - one from the Asia, Australia, and Pacific Islands region, one from the Latin America and Caribbean Islands region, one from the Africa region.
- Two members of the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council.
- One member of the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) Council.

For more information on the position requirements, click **here**.

To apply, please submit an application, **here**.

The NomCom is also accepting candidate recommendations. To submit a recommendation, fill out the **online form.**

Education Key to Future of ARIN

The American Registry for Internet Numbers (ARIN) announced plans to develop a training library with the goal of incorporating education as an integral part of its future services. ARIN recently conducted an Internet Protocol version 6 **(IPv6) Training Program Survey** to seek community input on the design and delivery of this new program. ARIN will be introducing these new training programs soon. Stay tuned!

Register for the Pre-ICANN64 Policy Webinar

Join ICANN's Policy Development Support Department to discuss the policy agenda at the Pre-ICANN64 Policy Webinar on Thursday, 28 February at 16:00 UTC. Register by **22 February**, **here.**

PRE-ICANN64 POLICY WEBINAR

EPDP Team Prepares Final Report

From 16-18 January 2019, the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) Team on the Temporary Specification for generic top-level domain (gTLD) Registration Data met in Toronto, Canada. The Team reviewed public comments on its Initial Report and worked to refine and build agreement on policy recommendations to include in the Final Report. Read more detail on the Team's progress **here.**

GNSO Council: Focus on Strategic Planning

From 23-25 January 2019, the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council met in the ICANN Los Angeles office for its strategic planning session. Each day of the meeting had a specific focus and objective:

- ○ Day 1: Development and orientation.
- ○ Day 2: Implementation of the Policy Development Process 3.0 initiative.
- ○ Day 3: 2019 strategic planning, workload management, and objectives.

The Council members also met with ICANN Board members. A full report of the meeting will be published shortly.

- The GNSO Council confirmed Jonathan Frost as one of the GNSO appointees to the Cross-Community Working Group on New gTLD Auction Proceeds.

The ccNSO Council Prepares for ICANN64

The Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) Council will hold a workshop at ICANN64. Main points on the agenda include the development of the ccNSO 2019 work plan and discussions on the expectations and responsibilities of ccNSO and individual councilors. The ccNSO councilors will be conducting two exercises:

- The role of the ccNSO Council Triage Committee and the criteria it uses to select work items.
- A simulation of the ccNSO Rejection Action Procedure to understand the procedures and impact on the ccNSO Council and ccNSO membership given tight timelines and dependencies. The ccNSO has adopted a guideline on how the ccNSO should exercise its Empowered Community's rights to Reject Specified Actions.

Consult the ICANN64 ccNSO schedule **here**.

At-Large: Advisory and Activities Updates

- The At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) continues its focus on public comment and advice development, and released a statement on the **Initial Report of the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data Team**. To participate in public comment development with ALAC, join the weekly **At-Large Consolidated Policy Working Group** teleconferences or join the At-Large policy sessions at **ICANN64.**

- Phase one implementation activities of the At-Large Review are underway. The ICANN Board reviewed the **At-Large Review Detailed Implementation Plan** at their January workshop.

- Preparations for the third At-Large Summit (ATLAS III) are underway. ATLAS III will bring together current At-Large leaders and 60 future leaders during ICANN66 in Montréal, Canada. They will focus on developing their abilities to effectively implement recommendations from the At-Large Review.

🔔 GDD UPDATE

All Domain Names Created Equally: UA, IDNs, and EAI

Universal Acceptance (UA) will enable people around the world to use the Internet in local languages. Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs) combined with email addresses in local scripts, known as Email Address Internationalization (EAI), are key factors to enabling a multilingual Internet.

ICANN is working with the community to get the word out about this important project. Read about **our latest roadshow promoting awareness in China** and find out how to get involved **here.**

A Flexible and Stable New Portal for Registry Operators and End Users

Last month, the ICANN organization introduced a more stable, flexible, and secure portal that also has the ability to support future enhancements. The Centralized Zone Data Service (CZDS) provides a centralized access point to the Zone Files provided by participating top-level domains.

Registry operators can access CZDS through the Naming Services portal **here** while CZDS end users can access the portal **here**.

📋 WHAT'S NEW IN REVIEWS

Opportunities to Participate: ICANN Reviews

ICANN has several opportunities for community input and participation.

Organizational Reviews are led by independent examiners to assess the extent to which ICANN's Supporting Organizations (SOs), Advisory Committees (ACs), and the Nominating Committee (NomCom) fulfill their purpose, are accountable to their stakeholders, and whether any changes in structure or operations are needed.

- **Feasibility Assessment and Initial Implementation Plan** -Read the **Nominating Committee** and **Root Server System Advisory Committee's** plans in response to the final reports issued by the independent examiners. The ICANN Board is expected to take action on these reviews in March 2019.

- The second **Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC2) Final Report** is now available. Click **here** to read it.

Visit the **Reviews Status Update Table** that outlines the work currently in progress and latest developments. There, you can review the progress of the specific review teams, supporting materials, and evaluate the output.

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