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## TOP STORY

### Register Now! Pre-ICANN59 Policy Update Webinar, 15 June

To prepare community members for the upcoming Policy Forum in Johannesburg, the Policy Development Support Team is hosting a Pre-ICANN59 Policy Update Webinar on 15 June. Subject matter experts will provide brief updates on cross-community topics and the policy and advice development work of the Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees



We will conduct two 90-minute sessions at 10:00 and 19:00 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) to accommodate participants from different regions and time zones.

Read the [full announcement](#) and [register now!](#)



## ICANN NEWS



### Get Ready for ICANN59

Johannesburg, South Africa, 26-29 June 2017

It's not too late to [register](#) for the ICANN59 Policy Forum. Before you book your travel, please read the ICANN59 [travel and visa information](#). If you still need to obtain a visa, check with your nearest South African mission to see if there's still time. Can't travel to the meeting? Find out how you can [participate remotely](#).

Be sure to check out these useful meeting tools:

- [ICANN59 Meeting Schedule](#). You'll find session descriptions, dates, times and locations - and how you can participate remotely.
- ICANN59 Mobile App. You can create your own meeting schedule, network with fellow participants, view the venue map, get information about Johannesburg and more. You can find the app in the App Store, Google play, Windows Store and BlackBerry World.
- [ICANN59 Guide](#). This handy guide contains a map of the Sandton Convention Centre, health and safety information, lists of notable sessions, and more.

We hope to see you in Johannesburg!

## Outreach

ICANN has enlisted the help of our partners in communicating the upcoming change to the cryptographic keys that help protect the Domain Name System (DNS). The five Regional Internet Registries (RIRs) have agreed to work with ICANN to increase awareness among Internet service providers and network operators in their respective global regions.

"The RIRs clearly realize how important it is that network operators are ready for this change on October 11," said Matt Larson, ICANN's Vice President of Research. "We're grateful to them for helping us get the word out and we stand ready to support the RIRs' outreach in whatever way they think will be most beneficial."



Internet service providers, network operators and others can determine if their systems are ready for the pending key change by going to <http://go.icann.org/KSKtest>.

To learn more about the key roll, go to <https://www.icann.org/kskroll>.



## ICANN Launches Gender Diversity Survey

The ICANN organization is conducting a survey to determine current perceptions of gender diversity in the ICANN community and to identify potential barriers to participation. The purpose of this survey is to inform community discussions on diversity, following calls for additional data on this topic.

We invite all community members to take part! Responses will be anonymous and used in accordance with ICANN's [Privacy Policy](#). The survey will be available in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish.

It takes just ten minutes to support diverse and meaningful engagement. To make your voice heard, please **complete the survey** before 8 July. Your input matters!

Please email any questions to [gendersurvey@icann.org](mailto:gendersurvey@icann.org).

## ICANN Introduces New Empowered Community Resources

On 25 May 2017, ICANN launched three new resources to support the Empowered Community:

- [Empowered Community](#)
- [Empowered Community Administration](#)
- [Correspondence related to the Empowered Community](#)

These resources will enable ICANN to provide the community with clear information about any powers currently being exercised, and how those processes are progressing.

[Read the full announcement.](#)



## Want a Career at ICANN?

Do you know someone who is interested in making a difference in the future of the Internet and wants to work for a dynamic global organization? If so, ICANN could be a great fit. Take a look at our [new careers webpage](#), now available in six languages. We have an exciting range of career opportunities to explore. View [current job openings \(English\)](#).

## A Look Back: The ICANN History Project

If Vint Cerf is considered one of the "fathers of the Internet," then Ira Magaziner could easily be considered "the father of ICANN." It was Magaziner who spearheaded the formulation of a plan for an international, multistakeholder organization, the likes of which few had ever seen. And it was this organization, the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers, that would manage the Internet's Domain Name System (DNS).

Magaziner related his little-known story in a [video interview](#) that is part of the new ICANN History Project, which can be found at <https://www.icann.org/history>. There, you will find a growing number of video interviews.

[Read more...](#)



*Ira Magaziner talks to ICANN's Brad White.*



## GDD UPDATE



### ICANN Board Approves Global Amendment

The Global Amendment is a set of revisions to the base New gTLD Registry Agreement, as negotiated by ICANN and a Working Group established by the Registries Stakeholder Group. As required by the terms of the Registry Agreement, the Global Amendment was approved by eligible registry operators following a vote that concluded on 10 April 2017, and by the ICANN Board in a resolution dated 18 May 2017.

With these approvals, ICANN provided registry operators with a 60-day notice of the Global Amendment's effective date of 31 July 2017. Please visit the [Global Amendment web page](#) for additional information and the most recent updates.

### Annual GDD Summit Brings Together Registries and Registrars

During the second week of May, ICANN held the third annual Global Domains Division (GDD) Industry Summit in Madrid, Spain. More than 450 people from 60 countries attended in person, and dozens more remotely. Several executives and Board members attended this year's event and actively engaged with participants.

The summit provided a forum for ICANN's contracted parties to discuss issues of mutual interest and importance, share best practices and meet one-on-one with members of the ICANN organization.

More information about the GDD Industry Summit, presentations and session audio recordings can be found at <https://www.icann.org/gddsummit>.



*GDD Summit 2017 participants listen in on one of the many Registry breakout sessions.*

### Participants Explore ICANN DNS Initiatives at Inaugural DNS Symposium

The inaugural ICANN DNS Symposium took place after the GDD Summit in Madrid, Spain, as a one-day event focused on all aspects of the Domain Name System (DNS). More than 175 attendees met with members of the ICANN organization to explore its current initiatives and projects relating to DNS.

## ICANN DNS SYMPOSIUM



research, operations, threats and countermeasures and technology evolution.

More information about the event and a link to the presentations can be found at: <https://www.icann.org/ids>.

### Wanted: Trusted Community Representative Volunteers

ICANN is seeking volunteers to act as Trusted Community Representatives for managing the root zone key signing key (KSK), the trust anchor for the global DNS. By inviting recognized members of the DNS technical community to be part of the root zone KSK operations, the ICANN organization seeks to improve transparency and confidence in DNS Security Extensions (DNSSEC).

If you're interested in serving as one of the multilayered safeguards that protect the key material used to secure the DNS root zone, submit a statement of interest [here](#).



### Latin Generation Panel Formed - Enabling a Multilingual Internet

ICANN recently announced the formation of the [Generation Panel to develop root zone Label Generation Rules \(LGR\) for the Latin script](#). Because it's the most widely used in terms of number of languages and number of speakers, the Latin script or Roman script is a major writing system of the world today.

Thank you to the Arabic, Armenian, Chinese, Cyrillic, Georgian, Greek, Ethiopic, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Lao, Latin, Neo-Brahmi and Thai script communities that are currently working to enable a multilingual Internet. Learn how you can speak up for

your language by visiting the [www.icann.org/idn](http://www.icann.org/idn).



## DELEGATED NEW GTLDS

### Two New gTLDs Were Delegated in May 2017

[See the full list here.](#)



## WHAT'S NEW IN REVIEWS



## Participate in ICANN Reviews

**Reviews** are critical tools that provide performance evaluations of ICANN, its Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees. Help ICANN by participating in Reviews and driving continuous improvement through the findings and recommendations that they deliver.

### What's Happening?

- The members of the Registration Directory Service (RDS) Review Team **have been announced**. This announcement includes diversity data for the team. The Review Team welcomes observers to **sign up** to follow its meetings.
- The Security, Stability, and Resiliency of the DNS (SSR2) Review Team has announced its **Terms of Reference**. This follows their second face-to-face meeting in Madrid, a summary of which can be found **here**.
- The Nominating Committee (NomCom) independent reviewer has been announced. Click **here** to learn more.
- The Final Report on the Review of the At-Large Community has been translated into Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish. For more information, click **here**.



## POLICY UPDATE

### ARIN on the Road: New Events Scheduled

The American Registry for Internet Numbers (ARIN) recently announced three more ARIN on the Road events:

- 25 August - San Juan, Puerto Rico
- 14 September - Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
- 2 November - Columbus, Ohio

At these events, attendees will get the latest updates from ARIN, covering everything from Internet Protocol (IP) addresses and Autonomous System Numbers requests, IP version 6 (IPv6) deployment and ARIN's policy development process, to ARIN technical services such as DNS security. Check the **ARIN website** often for more dates and links to registration. For questions about ARIN on the Road, email **meetings@arin.net**.

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### GAC Prepares for ICANN59

The GAC leadership created an agenda that aligns with the issues raised by GAC members and responds to meeting requests from the ICANN community.

In Johannesburg, the GAC will meet with the GNSO, ccNSO, ALAC and the ICANN Board. Additionally, the GAC will discuss its role in the Empowered Community, new gTLDs, and the protections in second-level domain names for international governmental and nongovernmental organizations such as the Red Cross and Red Crescent. The GAC will also discuss internal matters, and each working group will meet.

Before ICANN59, the co-chairs of the GAC Underserved Regions and Public Safety Working Groups - in cooperation with the ICANN Government Engagement team - are hosting a workshop for law enforcement agencies to raise awareness about the DNS and its impact on public safety.

## Next Steps on the Use of Country and Territory Names as TLDs

The Cross-Community Working Group on the Use of Country and Territory Names as Top-Level Domains (TLDs) - CCWG-UCTN - sought public comment on the draft conclusions and recommendations in its [Interim Paper](#).

The comments received support the CCWG-UCTN's major recommendations: close the working group, create a new effort with a broader mandate, and embed the work in a comprehensive context. However, there was great divergence in suggestions for how to embed the next effort.

The CCWG-UCTN is further reviewing the comments. The goal is to complete the final report by ICANN59 and submit it to the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) and Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Councils for discussion and adoption.

## GNSO Initiates Policy Amendment Process on Red Cross and Red Crescent Names

The GNSO Council passed a [motion to initiate a policy amendment process](#) on the protection of specific Red Cross and Red Crescent names at the top and second level of all generic top-level domains (gTLDs). The Council requested reconvening the Policy Development Process Working Group (PDP WG), which developed the original policy recommendations.

In 2013, the PDP WG developed consensus recommendations for protecting the identifiers of international governmental and nongovernmental organizations. Some of the recommendations pertaining to the International Red Cross and Red Crescent are inconsistent with advice from the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC). At ICANN58, the GAC and the GNSO engaged in a facilitated dialogue to resolve their outstanding differences. The ICANN Board has not yet adopted these recommendations. Recognizing the exceptional circumstances and per the ICANN Board's request, the GNSO agreed to take this extraordinary step to reconsider its policy recommendations.

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## ALAC Rescinds Advice on the Proposed Guidelines for the Second String Similarity Review Process

The At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) recently passed a motion to rescind its [advice](#) on the Proposed Guidelines for the Second String Similarity Review Process, which it submitted for public comment last year. The advice had supported the [recommendations](#) of the ccNSO Extended Process Similarity Review Panel (EPSRP) Working Group.

The validity of the advice was questioned after the ALAC reviewed the Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC) Advisory [SAC084](#). This advisory raised concerns over potential user confusion with the proposed process in relation to Internationalized Domain Name (IDN) TLDs.

After exchanging views with the SSAC and the ccNSO at ICANN58, the ALAC realized that the issue of user confusion could be resolved if registries would commit to including it in their evaluation processes. The ALAC encourages all concerned bodies to find a solution that ensures timely deployment of IDN TLDs without compromising security and stability or processes that mitigate potential user confusion.

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## GNSO Council Does Not Support Reopening Decision on Two-Character Country and Territory Codes at the Second Level

In response to advice from the GAC in the [ICANN58 Communiqué](#), the GNSO Council does not support the ICANN Board reopening its decision and subsequent implementation of two-character country and territory codes at the second level. The Council is concerned that the GAC advice essentially requires the ICANN Board to negotiate directly with individual governments on this topic. In the Council's view, this process is inconsistent with the "Consensus Advice" mechanism stated in the ICANN Bylaws. It would potentially undermine the utility of the GAC itself and violate the post-transition accountability commitment of ICANN.

In the new procedure introduced by the [ICANN Board 8 November 2016 Resolution](#), registries are no longer mandated to notify governments of their use of two-letter country codes or to seek agreements of governments when releasing two-letter country codes at the second level. Because of serious concerns

expressed by some governments, the GAC advised the ICANN Board to engage with concerned governments and resolve these issues before ICANN59. Learn more in the [GNSO Review of the GAC ICANN58 Copenhagen Communiqué](#), which has been submitted to the ICANN Board.

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## **GNSO Council Supports the CCWG-Accountability Request for Extension of Mandate and Funding for FY18**

As a chartering organization of the Cross-Community Working Group on Enhancing ICANN Accountability (CCWG-Accountability), the GNSO **supports the requested extension of the mandate** and funding of its Work Stream 2 (WS2) activities for Fiscal Year 2018. The GNSO Council expects regular updates on WS2 activities and on how expenditures track against the adopted budget. The GNSO Council also reserves the right to give further input on the budget allocation for FY18 activities related to the CCWG-Accountability.

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## **Matthew Shears Selected for ICANN Board Director Seat 14**

The GNSO Non-Contracted Parties House (NCPH) selected Matthew Shears to succeed Markus Kummer for Seat 14 on the ICANN Board of Directors at the end of ICANN60. As required by the ICANN Bylaws, the GNSO Council Chair communicated the selection to the Empowered Community Administration, the Decisional Participants and the ICANN organization.

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## **ALAC Endorses Three Candidates for the Second RDS Review Team**

On 16 May, the ALAC endorsed three candidates for the Second Registration Directory Services (RDS) Review Team: Dmitry Belyavsky (Russia), Alan Greenberg (Canada) and Carlton Samuels (Jamaica). The ALAC received six applications, and the ALAC Appointee Selection Committee led the evaluation process and made the full consensus recommendation to the ALAC for ratification.

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