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TOP STORY

A Special Invitation to Attend ICANN62

Rodrigo de la Parra, ICANN's VP of Stakeholder Engagement for Latin America and the Caribbean, invites you to Panama City for the upcoming ICANN62 Policy Forum, to be held from 25-28 June. At the meeting, ICANN community groups will focus on outreach and advancing work on current topics. He hopes to see you there!

Click here to watch the video.

ICANN NEWS

Get Ready for ICANN62
Panama City, Panama, 25-28 June 2018

Download the ICANN Meetings mobile app. Now available in app stores.

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Resources to Help Prepare for ICANN62
ICANN62 is just two weeks away. It's time to start planning your meeting experience. We're offering several resources to get you started.

- **ICANN62 website**
- **ICANN62 schedule**
- **Pre-ICANN62 Policy Report**
- **GNSO Policy Report: ICANN62 Edition**

New ICANN Meetings Mobile App
Starting with ICANN62, you no longer need to download a new mobile app for each meeting. We now offer a single mobile app called ICANN Meetings (available in app stores). Download it once, then all you need to do is set the city for the current meeting and you are ready to go!

We look forward to seeing you in Panama City!

Register for the Pre-ICANN62 Policy Webinar, 12 June

Join ICANN's Policy Development Support Team at one of the two Pre-ICANN62 Policy Webinar sessions:

Tuesday, 12 June 2018
10:00 and 19:00 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC)
Register here by 11 June!

We invite you to submit your questions in advance through the registration form or by email to **policyinfo@icann.org**. To prepare for this webinar and for ICANN62, download and review the **Pre-ICANN62 Policy Report**.

For details, see the **meeting announcement**.

Register for the Pre-ICANN62 GNSO Webinar, 18 June

The Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Development Support Team is holding a Pre-ICANN62 GNSO Policy Webinar:

Monday, 18 June
21:00 - 22:30 UTC
Register here.

This webinar aims to prepare ICANN62 participants for engaging in policy development activities. Leaders of major GNSO policy development process working groups will give in-depth reviews of their topics, current issues being discussed, and what to expect at ICANN62. To prepare for the webinar, review the **GNSO Policy Briefing: ICANN62 Edition**.

For details, see the **meeting announcement**.

Publication of ICANN North America Engagement Strategy FY2019-FY2020

On 8 June, following a Public Comment period, the ICANN organization published the final version of the FY2019-FY2020 North America Engagement Strategy. We want to thank the members of the ICANN community who reviewed the draft document and gave us feedback.

Download the report.

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

On 17 May, the ICANN Board voted unanimously to adopt the **Temporary Specification for Generic Top-Level Domain (gTLD) Registration Data.** Read the ICANN **announcement** and the latest **blog post** from Cherine Chalaby, Chair, ICANN Board.

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

ICANN and PTI Publish U.S. Tax Returns for FY17

On 15 May, ICANN and Public Technical Identifiers (PTI) published their U.S. tax returns (Form 990) for the fiscal year ending 30 June 2017. This is the first time that the recently created PTI has been required to file Form 990. View **ICANN's tax return** and **PTI's tax return**. **Read the announcement.**

The Information Transparency Initiative (ITI): Making Improvements by Building Strong Foundations

David Conrad, Senior Vice President and Chief Technology Officer (CTO), ICANN

The ICANN org launched improvements to the **existing Acronyms and Terms feature** on **https://icann.org.** These changes are a part of ITI's commitment to increase the findability of our public content. Some of the enhancements include:

- Multilingual search via acronym, term, or Unicode character.
- Over 200 additional acronyms, definitions, and terms.
- Social and email sharing functionality.
- Links to related terms and relevant web content.

Read the full blog.

ICANN Adobe Connect Services Restored

Effective 1 June, ICANN Adobe Connect collaboration services were restored. This decision was made following extensive independent and joint forensics investigations by the ICANN organization, CoSo Cloud LLC (our Adobe Connect cloud service provider), and Adobe Systems Incorporated to determine the cause and subsequent resolution to the reported security issue.

Read the recent **blog post** by Ashwin Rangan, ICANN's Senior VP of Engineering and Chief Information Officer.

POLICY UPDATE

GNSO Council Update

- The GNSO Council has approved the appointment of Brian Beckham as an additional co-chair for the Review of All Rights Protection Mechanisms in All gTLDs Policy Development Process Working Group.
- The GNSO Council adopted the revised charter of the GNSO Standing Selection Committee, marking its permanent establishment in the GNSO. Susan Kawaguchi and Maxim Alzoba were reconfirmed as chair and vice chair, respectively.

GAC Updates

The Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) chair welcomed the country of Ecuador as a committee member. The GAC now comprises 177 member countries and territories and 36 observer organizations.

Recently, the GAC has conducted meetings and exchanged **correspondence** with the ICANN Board on many timely topics, including:

- Implementation of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) enacted by the European Union.

- ICANN consideration of the .persiangulf new generic top-level domain.
- Clarification of protections of intergovernmental organization names and acronyms at the second-level.

At ICANN62, the GAC will:

- Conclude its one-year capacity-building workshop pilot with a full-day workshop on Sunday, 24 June. For more information, contact **gac-staff@icann.org**.
- Focus considerable session time to GDPR implementation matters - meeting internally and exploring issues with the ICANN Board and the GNSO Council.
- Finalize arrangements for the High-Level Governmental Meeting scheduled for 22 October 2018 during ICANN63.

View the GAC ICANN62 agenda.

ARIN 42 in Vancouver - Fellowship Applications Now Being Accepted

Applications are now being accepted for the American Registry for Internet Numbers (ARIN) Fellowship program to attend the ARIN 42 Public Policy and Members Meeting in Vancouver, British Columbia, from 4-5 October 2018.

The ARIN Fellowship program offers up to 15 individuals the opportunity to attend the meeting at no charge, and includes hotel accommodations, airfare, and a small stipend to assist with travel incidentals and meals. The program is open to all individuals in the ARIN region who are interested in Internet number resource policy. As part of the program, selected fellows can also opt to attend the North American Network Operators Group (NANOG) meeting from 1-3 October in the same venue.

To learn more about ARIN's Fellowship program and selection process, visit the **ARIN Fellowship Program** webpage. To apply, complete the **online application** by 17:00 Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) on Wednesday, 11 July 2018.

GDD UPDATE

Universal Acceptance Steering Group Announces First Ambassadors

In April, the Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG) appointed seven industry leaders as Universal Acceptance (UA) ambassadors. These ambassadors will help create awareness of Universal Acceptance and Email Address Internationalization among software developers, systems architects, and senior IT executives.

Meet the ambassadors.

Meet the UA Ambassadors
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IDN Implementation Guidelines

Final Proposed Draft of Internationalized Domain Name (IDN) Implementation Guidelines Released

On 10 May, the ICANN org released the **final proposed draft** of the *Guidelines for the Implementation of Internationalized Domain Names Version 4.* The document provides guidelines on IDN registration policies and practices designed to minimize the risk of cybersquatting and consumer confusion. This draft is currently pending ratification from the ICANN Board of Directors.

ICANN Announces DENIC eG as a New ICANN-Designated Agent to Support Registrar Data Escrow Services

On 15 May, the ICANN org entered into an agreement with DENIC eG, the German-based nonprofit operator of the country code top-level domain .de, as an ICANN-designated agent to support Registrar Data Escrow (RDE) services on its behalf. The RDE program is intended to protect registrants in the event of registrar failure or termination of a Registrar Accreditation Agreement.

Read the full announcement.

WHAT'S NEW IN REVIEWS

Calls to Action for Community Participation in ICANN Reviews

Comment on Short-Term Options to Adjust the Timeline for Specific Reviews
This **Public Comment proceeding** invites feedback on whether and how to adjust the timeline for two Specific Reviews to alleviate existing strains on volunteer and ICANN resources. Close date: 6 July 2018 at 23:59 UTC.

Comment on Long-Term Options to Adjust Review Timelines
The timing of Specific and Organizational Reviews mandated by the Bylaws has resulted in multiple reviews occurring at the same time. This **Public Comment proceeding** invites feedback on proposed options to provide more reasonable scheduling across ICANN reviews. Close date: 20 July 2018 at 23:59 UTC.

GNSO2 Implementation Semi-Annual Update
Track the progress of the implementation of recommendations from the second Review of the General Names Supporting Organization (GNSO2).

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