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A "Key" Event in Protecting the DNS

On 11 June 2017, the ICANN organization moved one step closer to changing the cryptographic keys that protect the Domain Name System (DNS). That was the date when a new key appeared in the DNS for the first time since 2010.

The new key is part of the ongoing effort leading up to a changing or "rolling" of the key signing key (KSK) - scheduled to occur on 11 October 2017.

A global outreach effort is currently underway to ensure that network operators around the globe are ready for the change in October. ICANN has set up a [testing platform](#) so these

operators can verify that their systems are good to go for the pending change.

Learn more about the KSK rollover at: icann.org/kskroll.



ICANN NEWS

Read the Post-ICANN59 Reports

ICANN59 Johannesburg concluded on 29 June 2017. We've just published three post-conference reports that give different views of the Policy Forum:

- [Post-ICANN59 Policy Forum Report](#) - Updates from the Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees and highlights of the cross-community sessions
- [ICANN59 Community Feedback](#) - Results of the ICANN59 participant survey
- [ICANN59 By the Numbers](#) - Attendee profiles, session statistics, and other technical and statistical information



These reports are part of ICANN's commitment to transparency. The metrics and survey data help ICANN improve your meeting experience.

Introducing ICANN's Chief Data Protection Officer (CDPO)

Data protection and privacy laws and regulations are constantly evolving. One of the ICANN organization's top priorities continues to be data protection and privacy compliance and maintaining the security of personal data we collect in the course of our operations. As part of the ICANN organization's overall data protection and privacy governance framework, we are creating a new role: the Chief Data Protection Officer (CDPO).

We have asked [Daniel Halloran](#) to be ICANN's Chief Data Protection Officer. Dan will take on this role, in addition to his current responsibilities as Deputy General Counsel. Dan has been deeply involved in our efforts surrounding data privacy and protection, and he will be an excellent fit for this new role. Dan will continue to report to me in both roles. [Read more...](#)



Coming Soon - New Accountability Indicators

Have you ever wondered how many events ICANN participates in by region and how many people we engage with? Or what is the state of ICANN's financials? Or how much is being spent on travel and meetings? What if you could find these answers and more in one central place on icann.org?

We'll soon be launching the new Accountability Indicators page, which will replace the KPI Dashboard. There, you'll have visibility into progress against ICANN's strategic and operating plans through easy-to-read charts and detailed data. You'll now be able to drill down to view underlying data. This is one more way the ICANN organization is showing its commitment to

accountability.

The page is scheduled to launch in the next few weeks - watch for the announcement!

Empowered Community - ICANN Budget and Operating Plans in Effect

On 17 July 2017, the ICANN Empowered Community confirmed that it was not rejecting any of the following documents previously approved by the ICANN Board on 24 June 2017:

- ICANN's FY2018 Budget and Operating Plan
- IANA's Budget for FY2018
- ICANN's Five-Year Operating Plan

The confirmation followed the expiration of the 21-day period for the Empowered Community to raise a petition against any of these documents. Read more about these and other Empowered Community actions [here](#).

Data Protection, Privacy Issues, and the GDPR

Data privacy and data protection regulations are evolving. These include the European Union's [General Data Protection Regulation \(GDPR\)](#), which will affect the ICANN organization in at least two areas:

- Personal data that participants in the domain name ecosystem collect, display, and process, including registries and registrars (pursuant to ICANN contracts)
- Personal data that ICANN collects and processes for internal or external services



In the past few months, we've had several discussions with the multistakeholder community about this topic. Learn more about recent activities on the newly launched [Data Protection/Privacy Issues page](#).



NORTH AMERICA ACTIVITIES & HIGHLIGHTS

Regional Stakeholders Flock to IGF-USA 2017

This year's USA Internet Governance Forum (IGF-USA) brought together an impressive assortment of regional stakeholders for a day of discussion and insight regarding the pressing issues



impacting the Internet, such as Internet fragmentation and privacy regulations. The forum, which was held for the second time at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, D.C., continues to be the premiere venue for the U.S.'s Internet community to learn and engage.

ICANN's Vice President of Technical Engagement, Adiel Akplogan, addressed audience members attending one of the forum's breakout sessions, "Taking a Holistic Approach to the Internet of Things." He explained how to leverage the continued growth of the Internet of Things into increased and deeper participation in the ICANN policy making process.

To learn more about IGF-USA 2017, go [here](#). To watch video recordings of each of the forum's sessions, go to [this page](#).



POLICY UPDATE

Decisional Participants Approve Fundamental Bylaw Amendment

Exercising their power as Decisional Participants of the Empowered Community (EC), the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC), Address Supporting Organization (ASO), Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO), Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC), and Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) approved an amendment to an ICANN Fundamental Bylaw. On 18 May 2017, the ICANN Board **approved** an amendment to Section 4.2 to transfer responsibility for reconsideration requests to a new ICANN Board committee. This triggered the Empowered Community Approval Action Process, including the subsequent convening of the first **Community Forum** at ICANN59. During the Community Forum, the five Decisional Participants discussed the proposed Fundamental Bylaw amendment. Following the Community Forum, each Decisional Participant had 21 days to decide whether to support, object to, or abstain from the matter.

GNSO Confirms James Bladel as Representative to the Empowered Community Administration

The GNSO Council **confirmed** James Bladel, GNSO Chair, to represent the GNSO as a Decisional Participant on the Empowered Community Administration until the end of his term at ICANN60. Since October 2016, Bladel has served as the interim representative. The GNSO Council asked the GNSO Standing Selection Committee to develop the criteria and process for selecting the permanent GNSO representative. The GNSO Council adopted the proposed criteria and process during its meeting on 28 June 2017. The process stipulates that the GNSO Council leadership team will select one of its members (chair, vice chairs) to serve as the representative. The GNSO Council confirmed the decision during its meeting on 13 July 2017.

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ccNSO Council Adopts CWG-UCTN Final Paper

One week before ICANN59, the Cross-Community Working Group on the Use of Country and Territory Names as Top-Level Domains (CWG-UCTN) submitted its **final paper** to the ccNSO and GNSO Councils for deliberation and decision-making. ccNSO members also discussed the recommendations of the CWG-UCTN during the **ccNSO members meeting**.

At its **20 July meeting**, the ccNSO Council adopted the CWG-UCTN final paper (read the **executive summary**) and supported the following recommendations:

- The chartering organizations (ccNSO and GNSO) should close the CWG-UCTN in accordance with and as foreseen in the charter.
- The ICANN community should consolidate all policy efforts relating to geographic names to enable in-depth analyses and discussions on all aspects related to all geographic-related names.
- Future policy development work must facilitate an all-inclusive dialogue to ensure that all members of the community have the opportunity to participate.

With respect to the format for the upcoming work, the ccNSO Council decided to first consult its appointed members on the CWG before making any decisions.

At-Large Community Enters Next Phase of the Organizational Review Process

The At-Large community started developing a feasibility assessment and implementation plan in response to the [review recommendations](#) proposed by ITEMS, the independent examiner conducting the review. At-Large aims to submit this plan to the ICANN Board Organization Effectiveness Committee in late August, prior to ICANN Board action on the ITEMS recommendations. With significant input from across the community, including the ALAC, Regional At-Large Organizations (RALOs), and At-Large Structures, the [ALAC Statement on the At-Large Review Draft Report](#) has laid the groundwork for analyzing the ITEMS recommendations.

To facilitate this phase of work, a [workspace](#) and a [Google document](#) have been developed with pre-populated content drawn from the previous ALAC statement. The community will focus on refining the content, giving input, proposing implementation steps for each recommendation, and creating a list of priorities. In addition, the community will review and consider if the [RALO Statement on the At-Large Review Draft Report](#) should be incorporated into this document.

GAC Looks Ahead to ICANN60

Since ICANN59, the GAC leadership has focused on follow-up items such as the cross-community discussion on "Who Sets ICANN's Priorities?" The GAC also provided input to the General Data Protection Regulation Compliance Consultation Group. The GAC plans to meet with the ICANN Board in mid-August to discuss the [ICANN59 GAC Communiqué](#).



Several nominations have been received for the next round of GAC leadership elections, which will conclude during ICANN60. The nomination period closes on 13 September 2017.

The GAC is also preparing for ICANN60 with a particular focus on cross-community work. With guidance from the GAC Public Safety Working Group, the GAC submitted several topics for potential cross-community sessions, including DNS Abuse Mitigation.

Help Shape Internet Policy at ARIN 40

Twice per year, the American Registry for Internet Numbers (ARIN) holds its Public Policy and Members Meetings. These meetings give the entire Internet community an opportunity to come together to engage in policy discussions, network with colleagues, learn more about ARIN services and operations, and attend workshops and tutorials.

ARIN 40 will be held in San Jose, California, from 5-6 October at the Fairmont San Jose, directly following the North American Network Operators Group meeting (NANOG 71) in the same location.

If you can't attend in person, you can participate remotely. [Learn more and register for free today!](#)



GDD UPDATE

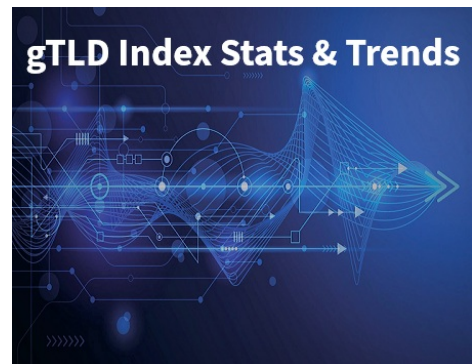
WHOIS Data Gets High Marks for Accuracy in Syntax and Operability



The WHOIS Accuracy Reporting System (ARS) [June 2017 report](#) is now available. Key findings show that 98.6 percent of WHOIS records contain information that can be used to establish immediate contact through an email or phone number that meets all operability requirements of the 2009 Registrar Accreditation Agreement.

Just Published in July 2017: Updated gTLD Marketplace Health Index

The gTLD Marketplace Health Index (Beta), first published in July 2016, presents statistics and trends related to generic top-level domains (gTLDs). A community [advisory panel](#) is working with ICANN to refine the Index in preparation for publishing version 1.0. [View the Health Index.](#)



Domain Name Registrants - How We Are Increasing Knowledge and Awareness

Domain name registrants are entities or individuals that have acquired the right to use a domain name for a period of time via an agreement with a registrar or reseller. Registrants are integral to the Domain Name System (DNS). Learn more about what the ICANN organization is doing to help increase registrant knowledge - read the [recent blog](#) or visit the [Information for Domain Name Registrants page](#).



DELEGATED NEW GTLDS

Seven New gTLDs and Eight ccTLDs Were Delegated in June and July 2017

[See the full list here.](#)

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