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## TOP STORY



### Get Ready for ICANN63

Register now for ICANN63! The Annual General Meeting will be held from 20-25 October 2018 in Barcelona, Spain. Come and network with your peers, engage in face-to-face discussions, ask questions, and help develop and implement Internet policies. Before booking your travel, make sure to check the travel and visa requirements needed for Barcelona. Please note that Spain requires at least two blank pages in your passport for entry and three months validity remaining on your passport. More ICANN63 details can be found [here](#).



## ICANN NEWS

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

Read the most recent [ICANN announcements and latest blog posts](#) since the adoption of the [Temporary Specification for Generic Top-Level Domain \(gTLD\) Registration Data](#). Multiple announcements are focused on the ICANN organization's efforts to preserve WHOIS data as well as blogs sharing guidance from the European Data Protection Board, seeking community feedback on the proposed unified access model, and enforcing the Temporary Specification.



Stay up to date with the latest ICANN org data protection and privacy news [here](#).

### Methodology Review of the Domain Abuse Activity Reporting (DAAR) System

On 20 July, ICANN announced the publication of a paper describing the methodology used in the Domain Abuse Activity Reporting (DAAR) system and two reviews of that methodology. DAAR was designed to provide the ICANN community with reliable, persistent, and reproducible data from which security threat (abuse) analyses could be performed.

Read more [here](#) and share your comments on the reports and reviews.

### Minimal User Impact Expected from Root Zone Key Signing Key (KSK) Rollover

As a result of recent analysis, the ICANN organization believes



that the Key Signing Key (KSK) rollover is expected to affect only a very small number of DNS users. The decision to roll the root zone KSK is being made after a significant outreach effort and careful consideration of all available data. Read more in the latest blog from Matt Larson, ICANN VP of Research, Office of the Chief Technology Officer (OCTO), [here](#).

## Second Annual ICANN DNS Symposium

The ICANN organization's Office of the Chief Technology Officer (OCTO) organized the second annual ICANN DNS Symposium (IDS), a one-day event focused on all aspects of the Domain Name System (DNS). IDS 2018 was held on 13 July, in Montreal, Quebec, Canada with the theme: "Attention, Domain Name System: Your 30-year scheduled maintenance is overdue."



Read more about the presentations, feedback from participants, and the plans for the next edition, [here](#).



## POLICY UPDATE

### Study Group on the Use of Emoji as Second-Level Domains Begins Work

Following an [ICANN Board Resolution](#), the study group was established by the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) Council to provide the country code top-level domain (ccTLD) community and the Council with:

- A comprehensive overview of the issues associated with the use of emoji as second-level domains.
- Current practices by ccTLD managers who allow emojis as second-level domains.

Although the terms of reference were adopted in February 2016, the study group started its work following ICANN62. Further details about the background and scope of activities of the study group can be found [here](#).

The study group has participants from diverse backgrounds and is made up of members from the broader ccTLD community, the Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC) - who will participate in an individual capacity, and ICANN staff from the Office of the Chief Technology Officer.

The study group is expected to present its findings to the broader ccTLD community and ccNSO Council by ICANN64.



### GNSO Council Launches EPDP on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data

On 19 July 2018, the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council commenced the GNSO's first Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP): the EPDP on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data. The EPDP must be completed within 12 months of the implementation effective date of the Temporary Specification (25 May 2018), which was an interim

measure to bring existing WHOIS obligations in line with the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) requirements.

The Council [voted](#) to pass the EPDP [Initiation Request](#) and then adopted the EPDP Team [Charter](#). The Council also appointed Kurt Pritz as the Chair of the EPDP team, following a unanimous

recommendation from the selection panel. While the EPDP team has limited membership composition, the wider ICANN community can closely follow its deliberations and provide input through various channels.

Read the [ICANN organization announcement](#) and [GNSO Chair's blog](#) for more information.

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## IGO-INGO Access to Curative Rights Protection Mechanisms PDP Submits Final Report to GNSO Council

On 9 July 2018, the International Governmental Organization and International Non-Governmental Organization (IGO-INGO) Access to Curative Rights Protection Mechanisms Policy Development Process (PDP) Working Group submitted its [Final Report](#) to the GNSO Council. The Final Report contains five consensus recommendations. Since October 2012, the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) has issued advice on the topic of IGO identifier protections. Several inconsistencies between the GAC advice and PDP consensus recommendations have yet to be reconciled, including on the topic of appropriate protections for IGO acronyms. The Council [determined](#) to review the PDP Final Report with a view toward facilitating the resolution of the outstanding inconsistencies between existing GAC Advice and prior GNSO policy recommendations on the overall scope of IGO protections. In the meantime, the Council informed the ICANN Board and the GAC that the PDP Working Group has completed its work.

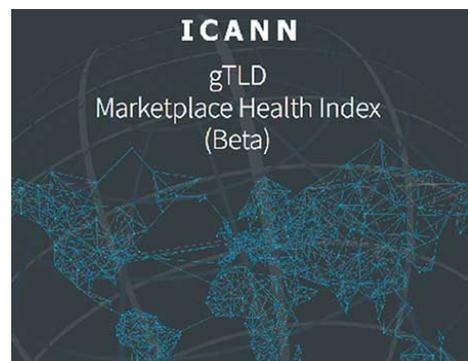


### GDD UPDATE

## gTLD Marketplace Health Index Published

On 20 June, the ICANN org published an update to the gTLD Marketplace Health Index which presents statistics and trends related to generic top-level domains (gTLDs).

The ICANN org plans to publish these statistics twice a year to track progress against its goal of supporting the evolution of the domain name marketplace to be robust, stable, and trusted. View the Health Index [here](#).



*NBGP meeting at the Bangla Academy in Dhaka in Bangladesh.*

## Expanding IDNs in South Asian Scripts

On 10 July, the Neo-Brahmi Generation Panel (NBGP) held a well-attended meeting in Dhaka, Bangladesh in collaboration with the Bangla Academy (the relevant government-run language organization) to discuss the current draft of the Proposal for Bengali Script Root Zone LGR with local stakeholders. This event was the last in a series of workshops and meetings organized by NBGP in Bangladesh, India, Nepal, and Sri-Lanka to finalize the work on relevant Root Zone Label Generation Rules for Bengali, Devanagari, Gujarati, Gurmukhi, Kannada, Malayalam, Oriya, Tamil, and Telugu scripts.

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## Available for Comments - Recommendations for Managing the Internationalized Domain Name (IDN) Variant Top-Level Domains Report

The ICANN community is encouraged to provide feedback during the public comment period for the Recommendations for Managing Internationalized Domain Name (IDN) Variant Top-

Level Domains(TLDs) report that opened on 25 July. This report was developed in addition to the adopted RZ-LGR procedure and presents ICANN's proposed set of recommendations for the variant management mechanisms for TLDs. It will be finalized based on community input and is anticipated to be presented to the ICANN Board in March 2019.

Please provide your comments [here](#).



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### **Universal Acceptance Steering Group - Help Wanted**

The Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG) is looking for expert assistance to help further identify audience segmentations (geographic, industry, profession, etc.) and how to engage with them. The aim of this work will be to develop and run a direct or near-direct engagement pilot program. The UASG is also looking for a senior software developer practitioner. Learn more about these opportunities: <https://uasg.tech/help-wanted/>.



## **WHAT'S NEW IN REVIEWS**

### **Calls to Action for Community Participation in ICANN Reviews**



#### **SPECIFIC REVIEWS:**

Share your public comment on the Competition, Consumer Trust, and Consumer Choice Review (CCT) Final Report.

#### **ORGANIZATIONAL REVIEWS:**

Read the final report of the second Root Server System Advisory Committee Review (RSSAC2). The **RSSAC2 Final Report** includes an assessment of the RSSAC and six principal recommendations for improving its operations. The recommendations focus on RSSAC's purpose, effectiveness, and accountability. The RSSAC **Review Work Party** will now prepare a feasibility assessment and initial implementation plan in response to the final report.

Visit the [Review Status Update Table](#) for the latest status on all active Specific and Organizational Reviews.

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