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EDITORIAL

Envisioning a New Era in Governance

This month was a historic one for global governance, particularly Internet governance.

After more than two years of hard work, 600 calls and meetings, and 32,000 mailing list exchanges, members of the global Internet community delivered their proposal to transition stewardship of the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) functions.

The proposal is now with the U.S. National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) for review. The community's work lays out a concrete vision for how policy related to the IANA functions should be developed, one in which governments play a role, but not a primary role. Rather, nation-states participate within a multistakeholder model that involves all sectors, including business, civil society, academia, the technical community, and everyday Internet users. This model has seen much success at ICANN over the years, and a successful transition will reaffirm the soundness and efficacy of multistakeholder Internet governance. I encourage you to read the proposals and see the great work the community has accomplished. **Read the proposals and see related resources**.

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TOP STORY

Plan to Transition Stewardship of Key Internet Functions Sent to the U.S. Government

Culmination of a Two-Year Effort by the Global Internet Community

Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers Board Chair Dr. Stephen D. Crocker submitted to the U.S. Government a plan developed by the international Internet community that, if approved, will lead to global stewardship of some key technical Internet functions.

"This plan is a testament to the hard work of the global Internet community and the strength of the multistakeholder model," said Crocker, who transmitted the plan on behalf of the global community. "The plan has now been sent to the U.S. Government for its review, and assuming it meets the necessary criteria, we will have reached an historic moment in the history of the Internet."

The plan provides a comprehensive package to transition the U.S. Government's stewardship of these technical functions, which are critical to the Internet's smooth operation. It also proposes ways to enhance ICANN's accountability as a fully independent organization. The transition is the final step in the long-anticipated privatization of the Internet's Domain Name System (DNS), first outlined when ICANN was incorporated in 1998.

The ICANN Board received the package from the community during its 55th public meeting in Morocco, and transmitted it to NTIA.

Click here to read more.

NORTH AMERICA ACTIVITIES & HIGHLIGHTS

NARALO News: Keeping the Region Informed

The North America Regional At-Large Organization (NARALO) newsletter contains all of the latest and greatest from the group's At-Large Structures and individual contributors. **Read the latest edition**.

ISOC-San Francisco Bay Chapter Hosts Conference on Internet of Things

The Chapter, a NARALO At-Large Structure, hosted a conversation with Internet pioneers and industry experts. The meeting focused on the impact the Internet of Things will have on businesses, society, individuals, and the Internet itself. **Watch a recording of the event**.

🔔 ICANN NEWS

ICANN's Luna Madi sat down with interim ICANN President & CEO Akram Atallah and ICANN Board Chair Steve Crocker to talk about ICANN's historic week. They discussed the community's extraordinary effort in developing the plan to transition stewardship of key Internet functions that was sent to the U.S. Government. They also discussed plans for the transition to the new ICANN CEO Göran Marby, the new generic Top-Level Domain (gTLD) program and Internationalized Domain Names (IDN).

Click the picture or visit **ICANN's YouTube Channel** to watch the interview.

Experienced Technology Leader Named as ICANN President and CEO

Göran Marby, an experienced business executive and government leader has been named the next President and Chief Executive Officer of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN).

Read the announcement.

The IANA Functions

The IANA functions include the management of protocol parameters, Internet number resources and domain names. ICANN performs these functions on behalf of the global Internet community. Want to know more? Check out this **informational booklet**.

SPOTLIGHT

Why Should Civil Society Care about Internet Governance?

A series of events in Washington, DC addressed this very question. Find out more about what some of the many civil society organizations are up to. **Read the blog**.

Business Engagement Blogger Series

Chris Wilson, Business Users Constituency (BC) Chair, takes a look at what is ahead for ICANN and the BC in 2016. **Read the Blog**.

Dear Canada, The Internet Needs You

How can Canadian organizations engage more in Internet governance? What major Canadian groups are already involved? Find out more in a recap of a recent multistakeholder panel in Toronto. **Read the blog**.

POLICY UPDATE

Visit the New At-Large Website!

The new **At-Large Community website** is now live. Over the past year, the At-Large Community and ICANN staff have worked to create a more engaging website for both newcomers and experienced members. The new website features simple

navigation, dynamic features and accessible content. You can search policy advice statements, follow news and events, find regional activities and participate in the At-Large Community. Start exploring now!

SSAC Publishes Two Advisories

The Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC) has published **SAC079**, "SSAC Advisory on the Changing Nature of IPv4 Address Semantics." In this advisory, the SSAC considers the changing role of IPv4 addresses caused by the increasing scarcity, and subsequent exhaustion, of IPv4 addresses. The SSAC also published **SAC078**, "SSAC Advisory on Uses of the Shared Global Domain Name Space." This advisory informs the ICANN Board and community that SSAC has formed a work party to study the security and stability issues associated with multiple uses of the domain name space.

Launch of Review of All Rights Protection Mechanisms PDP

Following the publication of the **Final Issue Report**, the GNSO Council unanimously voted to launch a Policy Development Process (PDP) to review all Rights Protection Mechanisms (RPMs) in all gTLDs. This PDP will be a two-phased effort: the first phase will review the RPMs for the new gTLD program, including the Uniform Rapid Suspension System (URS), and the second phase will focus on a review of the Uniform Domain-Name Dispute-Resolution Policy (UDRP). For more information, please visit the **GNSO webpage** or email **gnso-secs@icann.org**.

Join TLD-OPS, the ccTLD Incident Response Community!

The goal of the TLD-OPS community is to enable country code top-level domain (ccTLD) operators worldwide to collaboratively strengthen their incident response capabilities. The TLD-OPS mailing list serves as a contact repository for ccTLDs. Subscribers regularly receive an automated email that contains an overview of all subscribed ccTLDs (170 of 293 ccTLDs have joined) and their incident response contact information. ccTLD operators also use the list to share security alerts with their peers and receive alerts from IANA and the ICANN security team. TLD-OPS is open to every ccTLD - **find out how to join**.

Two Recommended Draft Policies in ARIN Region

ARIN recently conducted a **Public Policy Consultation (PPC) at NANOG66** in San Diego, California. Discussions focused on **four proposals**: 1) Draft Policy ARIN-2015-2, 2) Recommended Draft Policy ARIN-2015-5, 3) Draft Policy ARIN-2015-7, and 4) Recommended Draft Policy ARIN-2015-11. In accordance with the ARIN Policy Development Process, the ARIN Advisory Council issued a last call on the **ARIN Public Policy mailing list** for ARIN-2015-5 and ARIN-2015-11, which concluded on 9 March. The ARIN Advisory Council will review these recommended draft policies again before the ARIN Board considers adopting them as new number policy.

Universal Acceptance Fact Sheet and Quick

Guide

Have you heard the term "Universal Acceptance" recently, but aren't quite sure what it's all about? The Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG) has published a **fact sheet** that provides a high-level overview of Universal Acceptance, as well as a **quick guide** for developers that includes definitions of key terms and recommended steps for becoming Universal Acceptance-Ready. Learn the basics with these handy documents.

First Version Label Generation Rules for the Root Zone Released

On 2 March 2016, ICANN released the first version of Label Generation Rules (LGR-1) for the Root Zone, which has support for the Arabic script. This is a significant step to achieving a truly multilingual Internet. **Find out** how the community achieved this exciting milestone and what it means for current and future Arabic script Internet users.

DELEGATED TLDs

Twenty-seven new gTLDs and two ccTLDs were delegated in February 2016!

Below are just a few of the strings delegated in February. Click on the following link to see the full list of delegated strings: **http://newgtlds.icann.org/en/program-status/delegated-strings**

jpmorgan	chase	song	yahoo	flickr
gallup	tunes	coupon	pwc	quest

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