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Register Now for ICANN65!

ICANN65 is coming up 24-27 June 2019. The four-day Policy Forum will bring the global Internet community together to focus on policy development. This will be the twelfth ICANN Public Meeting held in Africa, and the third in Marrakech, Morocco. More details, including registration and travel information, can be found [here](#).



ICANN NEWS

Join the Next Generation of ICANN in Montréal!

ICANN has extended the application round for the NextGen@ICANN program in ICANN66 Meeting in Montréal, Canada. The meeting will take place from 2 November to 7 November 2019. The application round will remain open until 20 May 2019. Successful candidates will be announced on the ICANN website on 12 July 2019. For more information, [click here](#).

DNS in Spotlight at Industry Events in Thailand

Attendees from across the world gathered at the fifth annual GDD Industry Summit in Bangkok, Thailand, to discuss topics of interest to ICANN-accredited registrars and registries. The three-day event featured sessions on a wide range of topics including data privacy, operational processes, implementation updates, generic top-level (gTLD) use cases, and an overview of recent activity in the Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process Working Group. If you missed the event, recordings are archived [here](#).



Also in Bangkok, the ICANN Domain Name System (DNS) Symposium 2019 focused on issues around DNS security, stability, and resiliency. The two-day event was sponsored by ICANN's Office of the Chief Technology Officer (OCTO) and featured discussions around DNS abuse and the effect of emerging technologies and protocols on the DNS.

Evolving ICANN's Multistakeholder Model of Governance

Please participate in the open [Public Comment period](#) on Evolving ICANN's Multistakeholder Model of Governance. The Public Comment seeks input on a draft [Issues List](#) that identifies areas the community believes hamper the effectiveness of ICANN's multistakeholder model. The Issues



List reflects community input from [ICANN64](#), where the community engaged in a facilitated conversation about how to improve the effectiveness of ICANN's multistakeholder model. Comments will be reviewed, incorporated, and an updated Issues List will be published prior to ICANN65 in Marrakech, Morocco. Continue to check [this site](#) for updates on activities and the Evolving MSM process. If you want to share your thoughts on any of these materials, you can post them to this [publicly archived email list](#), which you can subscribe to [here](#).

Transitioning ICANN's Remote Participation Platform to Zoom

ICANN org is transitioning its official remote participation platform from Adobe Connect to Zoom and is planning to complete the switchover in time for ICANN65 in Marrakech, Morocco. ICANN org is committed to providing the community with the safest tools that scale globally. Our testing shows that Zoom handles information security better, while providing nearly all of the same features as Adobe Connect.

Click [here](#) to learn more about the transition.



Priorities for Capacity Development

ICANN org recognizes that capacity development remains important to the regional communities. The Global Stakeholder Engagement team recently carried out a survey to gather data on specific priorities for capacity development among stakeholder groups. The results will inform strategic planning and resource allocation.

Among the most striking conclusions: "Increasing ICANN and DNS Knowledge" was the highest priority across all of the respondent categories. "Personal Skill Building," especially as it relates to drafting policy, was the second highest priority. In addition to this research, surveys will follow each training opportunity to assess effectiveness.

Read more about the survey results [here](#) from Sally Costerton, Senior Advisor to the President and SVP of Global Stakeholder Engagement.



POLICY UPDATE

ARIN 43 Held in Barbados

ARIN 43, the most recent Public Policy and Members Meeting of the American Registry for Internet Numbers (ARIN), took place 7-10 April in Bridgetown, Barbados. Over the course of three days, attendees discussed Internet number resource policies, heard staff and Regional Internet Registry updates, and networked with community members. The ARIN 43 meeting report, including presentations, links to daily recaps on TeamARIN, transcripts, and webcast archives, is now available on the [meeting website](#).

Several programs took place in Bridgetown immediately following ARIN 43 under the umbrella of the Caribbean Forum. Programs included the Caribbean Telecommunication Union/ARIN Public Policy Group Meeting, the Law Enforcement Agency Forum, and CaribNOG 17.

The next Public Policy and Members Meeting, ARIN 44, will be held 31 October-1 November in Austin, Texas, and [fellowship applications](#) will be opening soon. ARIN meetings are open to anyone and free with advance registration. Remote participation will be available. For questions about the meeting, please contact meetings@arin.net.

EPDP Update

The Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council submitted to the ICANN Board a **Recommendations Report** on the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data. The EPDP team was chartered to consider whether the Temporary Specification should become an ICANN Consensus Policy, as is or with modifications, while complying with the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and other relevant privacy and data protection law. The GNSO report contains an analysis of affected parties, anticipated time to implement recommendations, and other pertinent information that will assist the Board's deliberations on the EPDP Phase 1 policy recommendations.



ICANN org established an informal Pre-Implementation Review Team (pre-IRT) to assist with the implementation planning of the EPDP Phase 1 policy recommendation until the formal IRT is convened. The pre-IRT is comprised of current and former EPDP Team members who are expected to eventually transition to the IRT.

On 18 April, the GNSO Council approved the appointment of Janis Karklins, currently the Latvian Ambassador to the United Nations at Geneva, as the chair for the EPDP Team Phase 2.

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GNSO Council: Focus on Strategic Planning

The GNSO Council recently:

- Adopted the GNSO **Review** of the ICANN64 Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) Communiqué. The GNSO has transmitted the review to the ICANN Board and informed the GAC.
- Approved suggested amendments to the GNSO's **Fellowship Selection Criteria**.
- Approved four out of the total five recommendations of the Final Report from the GNSO Policy Development Process Working Group on the International Governmental Organizations (IGO) and International Non-Governmental Organizations (INGO) Access to Curative Rights Protection Mechanisms. [Learn More](#)

ccNSO Adopts IDN Roadmap

The Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) Council adopted a roadmap to replace the 2013 **Fast Track Process** and help implement policy recommendations for Internationalized Domain Names (IDN) among country code top-level domains (ccTLDs). This roadmap was pending until the Extended Process Similarity Review Panel (**EPSRP**) and the **Risk Mitigation Panel** were complete.

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The Council will now:

- Seek agreement with the ICANN Board on the closure of the Fast Track Implementation Plan.
- Convene the IDN ccTLD Policy Review Working Party and start the preliminary review of the recommended policy on the selection of IDN ccTLD strings.
- Review proposed necessary steps, including possible changes to the ICANN Bylaws to enable IDN ccTLDs to become ccNSO members. Membership is currently only open to all ccTLD managers responsible for managing an ISO3166 ccTLD.

At-Large: Advisory and Activities Updates

- The At-Large community via the Consolidated Policy Working Group (CPWG) submitted **advice** to the ICANN Board regarding the GNSO Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data Policy Recommendations.

- John Laprise, Vice Chair of the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC), is developing an **At-Large pilot** for multitier Internet end user outreach and activation on Universal Acceptance. Laprise will present the pilot during ICANN65.
- The **application process for the Third At-Large Summit (ATLAS III)** launched on Monday, 15 April. Applicants for this policy-focused summit should be active members in At-Large and must complete preparatory courses on ICANN Learn or participate in At-Large webinars to qualify for selection.
- The At-Large Review Implementation Working Group (ARIWG) asked community leaders to continue their work on the priorities identified by the ICANN Board.
- All regional At-Large organizations have begun the nomination process for **At-Large 2019 Elections, Selections, and Appointments** to be held later this month.

RSSAC Workshop Held in Reston, VA

From 23-25 April, the Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC) held its seventh workshop in Reston, Virginia focusing on the work of the recently launched work party studying expectations of the Root Server System (RSS) and related metrics. The **work party is charged** with defining metrics which demonstrate that the RSS as a whole is online and serving correct and timely responses to end users. They will also define measurements to ensure Root Server Operators are meeting a minimum level of performance. The RSSAC and the work party will focus on this effort in the coming weeks and months.



GDD UPDATE



Expanded Report Now Includes Coverage of ccTLDs

Learn what's new in the Domain Name Marketplace Indicators report, which ICANN publishes to help support the evolution of the domain name marketplace. The report presents statistics related to generic top-level domains (gTLDs) and now includes information pertaining to country code top-level domains (ccTLDs). View the first wave of the report [here](#).

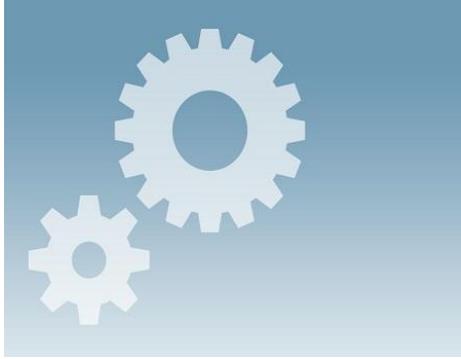
IANA Functions Audit Validates ICANN System Controls

For the sixth consecutive year, an audit of key systems used to deliver IANA functions shows that the ICANN organization has the appropriate controls in place to ensure the security, availability, and integrity of IANA request processing. Read [here](#) for more information.



Calling All RDAP Implementers!

Did you know gTLD registries and registrars must implement a Registration Data Access Protocol (RDAP) service by 26 August 2019? To help contracted parties implement this service, ICANN org's Technical Services held two webinars interpreted in multiple languages and provided technical information to registries and registrars. More resources for RDAP implementers and the webinar recordings can be found [here](#).



WHAT'S NEW IN REVIEWS

Opportunities to Participate: ICANN Reviews

The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) has several opportunities for community input and participation.



Specific Reviews are led by teams of community volunteers to assess the performance of the ICANN organization and make recommendations for improvement.

- **Read the third Accountability and Transparency Review Team's (ATRT3) latest [blog](#)** to learn about the team's priorities, progress, and how to become an observer.
- **Observe the second Security, Stability, and Resiliency Review Team's (SSR2) upcoming meeting.** The team will meet in Brussels, Belgium on 17-19 May 2019. Learn more [here](#).

Organizational Reviews are led by independent examiners to assess the extent to which ICANN's Supporting Organizations (SOs), Advisory Committees (ACs), and the Nominating Committee (NomCom) fulfill their purpose, are accountable to their stakeholders, and whether any changes in structure or operations are needed.

- **Bookmark the [wiki page for the Nominating Committee Review Implementation Working Group \(NomCom RIWG\)](#).** The NomCom RIWG is developing a detailed implementation plan of the recommendations detailed in the Feasibility Assessment and Initial Implementation Plan ([FAIIP](#)).

Visit the [Reviews Status Update Table](#) for the latest progress of Specific and Organizational Reviews and links to additional key resources for each.

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