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TOP STORY



Watch the ICANN57 Wrap-Up Interview

At the end of the recent ICANN57 Public Meeting in Hyderabad, India, Liana Teo, ICANN's Head of Communications in the Asia Pacific region, sits down with Stephen Crocker, Board Chair, and Göran Marby, President and CEO. Crocker and Marby look back on the seven-day event that showcased ICANN's work to a broad global audience. [Find out what they have to say!](#)



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Tell us what you thought about ICANN57 by taking the [ICANN57 surveys](#). Your feedback is important to us - it helps us improve future meetings.

Call for Volunteers

Has ICANN lived up to its commitments to ensure accuracy and compliance with WHOIS? You can participate in the Review of Registration Directory Service (RDS) - also known as WHOIS.

Apply to join the ICANN Review Team that will analyze WHOIS and make recommendations to make it

more effective. Click [here](#) to learn more and apply.

Missed the Recent Quarterly Stakeholder Call?

On 18 October, ICANN held its Quarterly Stakeholder Call for the quarter ending 30 September. In keeping with the new format, the call highlighted the Asia-Pacific region. This new focus (including a region-friendly start time) encourages greater local engagement and participation. If you couldn't attend live, you can access the [presentation materials and recordings](#).



POLICY UPDATE

Governmental Advisory Committee ICANN57 Communiqué

The Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) Communiqué from ICANN57 is available for review [here](#). ICANN receives input from governments through the GAC. Its key role is to give advice to ICANN on issues of public policy, especially where there may be an interaction between ICANN activities or policies and national laws or international agreements. The GAC meets three times a year at ICANN Public Meetings, where it discusses issues with the ICANN Board of Directors and other ICANN Supporting Organizations, Advisory Committees and other groups.

ARIN 38 Concludes

ARIN 38, the most recent Public Policy and Members meeting of the American Registry for Internet Numbers, took place 20-21 October in Dallas, Texas. Over the course of two days, ARIN 38 attendees discussed recommended and draft policies, many of which dealt with the transfer process. They also heard updates from the registration services and engineering departments at ARIN, and reviewed the importance of keeping WHOIS information up to date with a panel of law enforcement agents, plus much more. You can find presentations for all sessions and a complete meeting report on the [ARIN website](#). The next Public Policy and Members Meeting, ARIN 39, will be held 2-5 April 2017 in New Orleans, Louisiana. For questions about the meeting, email meetings@arin.net.

GNSO Council Approves Proposed Framework for Future Cross-Community Working Groups

Up to now, cross-community working groups (CCWGs) have been formed on an ad-hoc basis, without a consistent framework of underlying operating principles that take into account the different working methods of the various Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees. In March 2014, the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) Council and Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council [approved the charter](#) for a CCWG to develop a framework for future CCWGs. The proposed framework identifies key principles and process steps to be considered during each phase of the CCWG life cycle (initiation, formation, operation, decision-making, closure, and post-closure). The CCWG submitted its proposed framework to the ccNSO and GNSO Councils on 19 September 2016. The GNSO Council [approved the proposed framework](#) at its meeting on 13 October 2016.

Extended Process Review Panel Working Group (EPSRP) - Final Report

In June 2015 the ICANN Board of Directors requested that the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) - in consultation with other stakeholders, including the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) and the Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC) - provide further guidance on and refinement of the methodology for the second string similarity review process. This includes the interpretation of split recommendations, to be applied to the relevant, current and subsequent cases in the Internationalized Domain Names (IDN) Country Code Top-Level Domains (ccTLD) Fast Track process, as well as to inform the proposed policy for the selection of the IDN ccTLD strings. In October 2015, the

In July 2016, the [EPSRP working group](#) sought feedback, via a [public comment proceeding](#), on its proposed guidelines for the methodology on the second string similarity review process, including the interpretation of a split recommendation. Feedback received during the public comment proceeding included a [statement from the At-Large Advisory Committee](#), [input from Verisign](#) and a [statement from the SSAC](#). The GAC submitted [comments](#) at a later stage. The ccNSO [discussed](#) the EPSRP [final report](#) at its meeting at ICANN57.



GDD UPDATE



Key Signing Key Rollover Operations Begin

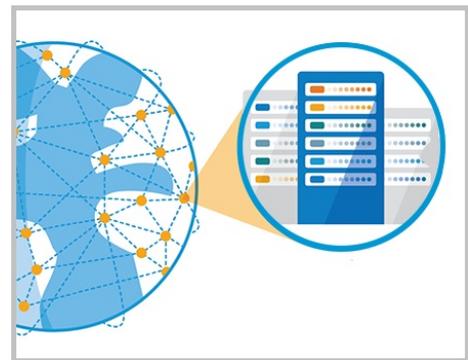
On 27 October 2016, ICANN created a new root zone key signing key (KSK). This new cryptographic public/private key pair was made during the quarterly Root KSK Ceremony at our secure key management facility in Culpeper, Virginia. With this key generation, the initial operational phase of the first root KSK rollover - the process of changing the "master key" of the Domain Name System (DNS) - has begun. Network operators, Internet service providers and those who have enabled DNS Security Extensions (DNSSEC) validation will need to update their systems with the new root KSK once it has been published in

July 2017. To learn more, visit the [KSK rollover webpage](#).

Available for Comment - New gTLD Program Study Results

Reviews of the New gTLD Program are currently underway to assess whether program objectives are being met. In October, ICANN published two new reports that will feed into these reviews:

- "Phase II Assessment of the Competitive Effects Associated with the New gTLD Program" explores whether the program has affected competition in the domain name marketplace. [Read the draft report](#) or [submit a comment](#).
- "Continuous Data-Driven Analysis of Root Server System Stability" will help the Internet community determine if additional steps are required to safeguard the root zone's security and stability. [Read the draft report](#) or [submit a comment](#).



Internationalized Domain Names: Developing Root Zone Label Generation Rules

In October, the Lao script community finalized its proposal for root zone Label Generation Rules (LGR). The proposal is the fifth to be finalized - after Arabic, Armenian, Georgian and Khmer script rules - and is now available for [public comment](#). In addition, ICANN announced the formation of a Generation Panel to develop LGRs for the Greek script.

Root zone LGRs determine valid [Internationalized Domain Name](#) (IDN) labels and their variants in the world's many

languages and scripts. Internationalized Domain Names include non-ASCII characters from scripts such as Arabic.



DELEGATED NEW GTLDS

Eight new gTLDs were delegated in October

[See the full list here.](#)

.RADIO

.BASKETBALL

.VOLVO

.IVECO

.CASE

.CASEIH

.BASEBALL

.NEWHOLLAND



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