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IANA STEWARDSHIP NEWS



Another Milestone Towards the IANA Stewardship Transition

On March 14, 2014, 818 days ago, the U.S. National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) asked ICANN to convene the global Internet community to develop proposals to transition the stewardship of the IANA functions to the multistakeholder community. It also called for enhancements to ICANN's accountability mechanisms.

Today, NTIA released a [comprehensive evaluation of the proposals](#). I am very pleased with NTIA's finding that the community-developed proposals met its stringent criteria. It is an important recognition of the entire community and its tireless work to reach this important milestone.

We appreciate NTIA's efficient and thorough review of the transition proposals. In the meantime, ICANN staff and community members continue to plan and prepare for a timely and successful implementation of the proposals.

We thank everyone involved for their support and hard work to see the transition through to this point. There is still more work to come, but this moment should serve as a validation of your time and effort in this process. We are one step closer to seeing the transition many of us have been working towards for years, to ensure an open, interoperable Internet for years to come.

Update on the IANA Stewardship Transition

ICANN staff and community members are focused on a handful of projects related to the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) Stewardship Transition, including implementation planning, and education and awareness building for stakeholders globally.

Implementation Planning

ICANN staff and community members are collaborating to ensure alignment on transition implementation planning. Resources from all meetings and calls are [posted publicly](#). In addition, ICANN has continued its series of in-depth updates on implementation planning.

ICANN Board Issues Resolutions

On 27 May, the ICANN Board issued resolutions in preparation for the transition implementation:

- [Adoption](#) of the new ICANN Bylaws, which reflect changes made as a result of the IANA Stewardship Transition proposals
- [Approval](#) to sign the 2016 Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) Supplemental Agreement between ICANN and the IETF for the performance of the IANA function related to protocol parameters
- [Approval](#) to sign the Regional Internet Registry (RIR) Service Level Agreement (SLA) between

ICANN and the Number Resource Organization for performance of the IANA function related to numbering resources

Both the IETF MoU Supplemental Agreement and the RIR SLA will become effective upon completion of the transition.

Open Public Comment Period

- ICANN's [Draft Restated Articles of Incorporation](#) (27 May to 6 July 2016)

Education and Awareness Building

Global Education Continues

To build awareness of the transition, ICANN staff, community and Board members are participating in stakeholder events around the world. In addition to giving details and context for the community's proposals, they answer questions and give updates on the status of the implementation planning and the U.S. Government's review process. [Find events in your region.](#)

U.S. Senate Committee Holds Hearing on the Transition

On 24 May, the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation [held a hearing](#) to examine the transition. Members of the community answered questions and discussed consequences associated with delaying or postponing the transition. During this hearing, letters of support from [industry](#) and [civil society groups](#) within the community were entered into the hearing record.



NORTH AMERICA ACTIVITIES & HIGHLIGHTS



News

"Keeping the region informed"

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.](#)



Business Engagement Guest Blogger Series: Leonard Obonyo

A Newcomer's Experience at ICANN55 in Marrakech Attending an ICANN Public Meeting for the first time can be an overwhelming experience. Going into ICANN55, I was lucky to have colleagues...

[Read the rest here.](#)



ICANN NEWS

What You Need to Know About ICANN56 and the New Meeting Strategy

ICANN56 Helsinki will be the first public policy forum in ICANN's [new meeting strategy](#). Designated a Meeting B, the four-day event will concentrate on policy work and outreach. Under the new format, the Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees drive the program, focusing solely on topics that contribute to policy development and cross-community dialogue. Because of the community-driven agenda and the short meeting

duration, ICANN56 will not include certain events associated with the longer meetings - welcome ceremony, public forums, public board meeting and sponsor exhibition area.

The community-led Meeting Strategy Working Group crafted the new strategy to better meet the needs of ICANN constituents. ICANN's Board of Directors approved the proposal at ICANN53 Buenos Aires. ICANN55 Marrakech - the first meeting of 2016 - marked the kickoff of the new meeting strategy.



Read About Göran Marby's Introduction to ICANN

As I begin my role with ICANN, I wanted to provide you with a quick update on my early days. With a packed schedule, I've been focused on learning as much as possible, and on meeting many members of the ICANN community.

I kicked off with my first [Board workshop](#), in Amsterdam. I spent time with my senior team and the Board, and was able to dig into some of the big issues ICANN is tackling. After the Board Workshop, I attended the first day of the [GDD Summit](#). It was a great opportunity to meet many of the contracted parties that are members of the ICANN community, and I

appreciated learning more about issues affecting registries and registrars, as well as the lively discussions on subsequent procedures of generic top-level domains. [Read more...](#)

Register Now for ICANN56 in Helsinki!

ICANN56 starts just 11 days from now. If you don't need a [visa for travel to Finland](#), it's not too late to sign up. Take a look at the [agenda](#) - and if you haven't already done so, [register for ICANN56](#).

Download the [ICANN56 mobile app](#)!

ICANN56 mobile app helps you prepare for and personalize your ICANN Public Meeting experience - with your own schedule, interactive venue maps, meeting alerts and more. You can also engage with fellow participants and give instant feedback on sessions you attend.



POLICY UPDATE

Two GNSO Working Groups Approve Work Plans

On 13 May, the Rights Protection Mechanisms Working Group of the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) approved its [work plan](#). Phil Corwin, J. Scott Evans and Kathy Kleiman, Co-Chairs, project the work to last for around 24 months. The working group has already attracted 133 participating members and 88 observers. To volunteer, [email the GNSO Secretariat](#).

The Next Generation Registration Directory Services Working Group also approved its [work plan](#) on 13 May, and started to establish requirements.

Both topics will be discussed at cross-community sessions at ICANN56.

At-Large Review Begins

Following the appointment of [ITEMS International](#) as the independent examiner, the organizational review of

the At-Large Community has officially started. This review has four purposes:

- Assess the effectiveness of the improvements resulting from the last review in 2008
- Evaluate the organizational effectiveness of the various components of the At-Large Community
- Acknowledge areas that are working well in the At-Large Community, with a focus on the Regional At-Large Organizations and At-Large Structures
- Identify areas that need improvement and propose needed changes

ITEMS will collect both quantitative and qualitative data through various work methods, such as a global online survey and community interviews. Follow the [review's progress](#).

GAC Hosts Webinars on DNS Fundamentals

In cooperation with the Government Advisory Committee (GAC) Working Groups on Underserved Regions and Public Safety, ICANN staff recently held webinars on the fundamentals of the Domain Name System (DNS) for interested GAC representatives. Presenters from the ICANN Security, Stability and Resiliency team covered a range of topics - basics of name resolution and registration in the DNS, insights into privacy and proxy services, and WHOIS accuracy and abuse aspects. Participants asked about the impact of DNS Security Extensions (DNSSEC) deployment on the security of the DNS and the structure of the DNS marketplace, including capacity-building efforts to develop national DNS industries. Given the positive feedback and expressed interest in other topics, ICANN staff members plan to arrange future webinars. Access the [presentation materials and recordings](#).

GNSO Community Leaders Preview ICANN56



James Bladel, GNSO Council Chair, and Donna Austin, GNSO Council Vice Chair, previewed ICANN56 in a recent interview. ICANN56 will follow the new Meeting B format, featuring sessions on current policy development work and cross-community dialogue. Jeff Neuman, New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process Working Group chair, also provided an overview of what that working group will be focusing on in Helsinki. [Watch the interviews](#).

ccNSO Prepares for IANA Stewardship Transition Implementation

The Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) is preparing to implement specific aspects of the CCWG-Accountability* and CWG-Stewardship** proposals that apply to it and the country code top-level domain (ccTLD) community, including new post-transition bodies. Currently the ccNSO Guideline Review Committee (GRC) is developing the procedures and processes to select and appoint the ccNSO representatives to the Customer Standing Committee. The GRC expects to present final guidelines at ICANN56. View the [ccNSO Members Day agenda](#) for ICANN56.

* Cross Community Working Group on Enhancing ICANN Accountability

** Cross Community Working Group to Develop an IANA Stewardship Transition Proposal

At-Large Contributes to Internet Governance Activities

Members of the At-Large Community have been actively promoting the public understanding of ICANN and the role of the At-Large Community in Internet governance. During the [Africa Internet Summit](#) in Gaborone, Botswana, Alan Greenberg, At-Large Advisory Committee Chair, and Tijani Ben Jemaa and Seun Ojedeji, At-Large Advisory Committee members from Africa, participated in the ICANN Day sessions, civil society panel and Africa strategy session. As the institutional partner of the European Dialogue on Internet Governance ([EuroDIG](#)), the European Regional At-Large Organization (EURALO) played a key role in organizing various panels, workshops and events.



At the World Summit on the Information Society Forum ([WSIS Forum](#)), Olivier Crépin-Leblond, EURALO Chair, spoke about the contribution of At-Large to the IANA Stewardship Transition process. He also presented At-Large's role in enhancing participation by underrepresented communities in global Internet governance. Read more [news of the At-Large Community](#).

ARIN Welcomes Newcomers



The American Registry for Internet Numbers (ARIN) has launched new programs aimed at helping the community better understand two important aspects of ARIN's work. The first is a [new video](#) about ARIN's structure, member services and the different ways to get involved in the community. The second is a [new flowchart](#) that explains the Internet Protocol version 4 (IPv4) transfer process at ARIN. The process can be daunting, but this graphic gives step-by-step options for acquiring or transferring an IPv4 address space.

Finally, ARIN 38 in Dallas, Texas, is approaching - fellowship applications will be accepted until 31 July 2016. [Learn more and apply](#).



GDD UPDATE



New gTLD Program Reaches 1,000th Delegation

More than 1,000 new generic top-level domains (gTLDs) have now been introduced to the Internet under the New gTLD Program. This significant expansion of the domain name system allows greater diversity in how people and businesses can represent themselves online. It also enables communities, cities and brands to more closely align their digital and real-world identities. [Read more](#) about how the New gTLD Program is contributing to choice, competition and innovation in the domain name space.

GDD Industry Summit: Catch Up on Sessions You Missed

Registries, registrars and other contracted parties gathered recently in Amsterdam for ICANN's second Global Domains Division (GDD) Industry Summit. The event provided an opportunity for participants to focus on industry-specific topics, rather than general Internet policy. More than 420 attendees from

around the world shared best practices, exchanged ideas and addressed issues of common importance with industry peers, ICANN staff and board members. Weren't able to attend? Listen to the [session recordings](#).



Changing the Keys to the Domain Name System Root Zone

ICANN, Verisign and the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) are preparing to roll, or change, the root zone key signing key (KSK). Rolling the KSK means generating a new cryptographic public and private key pair and distributing the new public component to parties who operate validating resolvers.

A new resource page serves as home to all information related to the KSK rollover, including regular progress updates. [Learn more](#) about this security best practice and how it may affect you.



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