KSK Rollover Postponed

On 27 September, ICANN announced that the planned changeover of the cryptographic key that helps protect the Domain Name System is being postponed.

The changing or "rolling" of the key signing key (KSK) was originally scheduled to occur on 11 October, but is being delayed because some recently obtained data shows that a significant number of resolvers used by Internet service providers and network operators are not yet ready for the key rollover. Read the full announcement.

Data Protection and Privacy

The European Union’s General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) will affect the ICANN organization in at least two areas:

- Personal data that participants in the domain name ecosystem collect, display, and process, including registries and registrars pursuant to ICANN contracts
- Personal data that ICANN collects and processes for internal or external services

Read more about ICANN’s activities on the Data Protection/Privacy Issues page.

Register Now! Pre-ICANN60 Policy Open House, 19 October

Join ICANN’s Policy Development Support Team at one of two Pre-ICANN60 Policy Update webinars:

Thursday, 19 October 2017
10:00 and 19:00 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC)
Register via this form by 17 October!

The format of each 60-minute session will be interactive. We invite you to submit your questions in advance through the registration form or by email to policyinfo@icann.org.

Read the full announcement.

Get Ready for ICANN60
Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE),
28 October - 3 November 2017

There's still time to register for ICANN60. Before you book your travel, please read the ICANN60 travel and visa information. If you need to obtain a visa, check with your nearest UAE mission to see if there's still time. And remember, you can also participate remotely.

Be sure to check out these useful meeting tools:

- Pre-ICANN60 Policy Report and Pre-ICANN60 GNSO Briefing
- ICANN60 Meeting Schedule
- ICANN60 Mobile App (on AppStore and Google play)
- ICANN60 Guide

We hope to see you in Abu Dhabi!

We Heard You: Feedback on the Accountability Indicators

In August, we launched the Accountability Indicators. This is a new way for ICANN to show the community how we are making progress against our strategic objectives. This dynamic and interactive site allows you to investigate different dimensions of what we do and who we are. It also encourages you to give us feedback on what we're measuring and how we're displaying it.

We just published the first report on the feedback we received and the improvements we plan to make in response to that feedback. More than half of this feedback came from the Board, so we're seeking more input from the community.

Please take a few minutes to read the report and review the Accountability Indicators. Submit your comments, suggestions, and questions through the feedback links on the webpages or email accountability-indicators-feedback@icann.org.

Creating Content Governance and Rebuilding the Infrastructure of ICANN's Public Sites

It probably comes as no surprise to many of you who use www.icann.org that our content can be difficult to find. It’s an issue we have grappled with for a long time that needs a permanent fix. On 23 September 2017, at the ICANN Board meeting in Montevideo, Uruguay, the Board approved the Information Transparency Initiative to address this and other problems related to our content governance. One of the primary objectives
of this initiative is to improve the findability of ICANN’s public content in all six U.N. languages. This objective is in service of ICANN's Mission and Bylaws, will help you, the community, do your work, and will help us meet our commitments to accountability and transparency. Read ICANN's Duncan Burns and David Conrad's blog to learn more.

ICANN Releases Findings of Survey on Gender Diversity and Participation

On 12 October, ICANN published the detailed report containing data and analysis from the recent Gender Diversity and Participation Survey. The findings offer insights into current perceptions of gender diversity in the community, potential and perceived barriers to participation, and the community’s support for initiatives to enhance gender diversity.

Read the full announcement.

At-Large Community Activities

- Alan Greenberg, At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) Chair, presented the At-Large Review Feasibility Assessment and Implementation Plan to the ICANN Board Organizational Effectiveness Committee (OEC). The OEC will meet again before ICANN60 to further discuss the findings.
- The ALAC nominated Sébastien Bachollet, Cheryl Langdon-Orr, and Daniel Nanghaka as its primary candidates for the Third Review of ICANN Accountability and Transparency (ATRT3).
- The ALAC appointed Christopher Wilkinson as a co-leader of Work Track 5 of the New Generic Top-Level Domain (gTLD) Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process (PDP) Working Group. Work Track 5 aims to facilitate discussion on using geographic names as TLDs.
- The European Regional At-Large Organization (EURALO) elected Olawale Bakare to its Secretariat position. His term starts at the end of ICANN60.

GNSO Council Updates

- The Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council approved the data collection request from the Review All Rights Protection Mechanisms (RPMs) in All gTLDs PDP Working Group. The PDP Working Group had developed a list of data collection tasks critical to fulfilling its charter.
- The GNSO Council supported the final recommendations of the Cross-Community Working Group on the Use of Country and Territory Names as TLDs (CWG-UCTN).
- The GNSO Council nominated Brian Cute, Wolfgang Kleinwächter, and Stéphane Van Gelder as its primary candidates for the Third Review of ICANN Accountability and Transparency (ATRT3).
ccNSO and SSAC Issue Joint Response to the ICANN Board
The ICANN Board responded to the report of the Extended Process Similarity Review Panel Working Group (EPSRP WG), noting that the Country Codes Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) and Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC) held divergent views on a few key issues. A joint working party of the ccNSO and SSAC crafted a response, which the ccNSO and SSAC adopted and submitted to the ICANN Board.

GAC Finalizes Capacity-Development Workshop
On 28 October, the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) is hosting a workshop at ICANN60 geared toward newcomers and GAC members from the Middle East. The workshop will introduce participants to ICANN, its work in the region, and its role in the global Internet governance ecosystem. You can find the agenda here.

Attend ARIN on the Road: Columbus
ARIN on the Road events provide the latest updates from the American Registry for Internet Numbers (ARIN), covering Internet Protocol (IP) addresses and Autonomous System Numbers requests, IP version 6 (IPv6) deployment, ARIN’s policy development process, ARIN technical services such as DNS security, and much more. These are free, one-day events aimed at bringing ARIN into parts of our community where we do not travel with our Public Policy and Members Meetings. Sample presentations are available online.

Registration is now open for the final ARIN on the Road event in 2017 - ARIN on the Road: Columbus, Ohio on 2 November. If you cannot make it to Columbus, let ARIN know that you want the event to make a stop in your city next year. Send an email to meetings@arin.net and hopefully ARIN can meet you on the road in 2018!

Registration Data Access Protocol (RDAP) Pilot
The ICANN organization recently announced a voluntary RDAP pilot program, which began on 5 September 2017 and will conclude on 31 July 2018. RDAP, which enables users to access current registration data, was created as a replacement for the WHOIS protocol. The goal of the pilot program is to develop a baseline profile (or profiles) to guide implementation, establish an implementation target date, and develop a plan for implementing an RDAP-based solution. To join the pilot program, please complete the form on the community wiki workspace for the RDAP Pilot.

Domain Name Registrants
The ICANN organization is regularly publishing information to engage and inform domain name registrants. Registrants, an integral part of the Domain Name System (DNS), can now learn more about their rights and responsibilities from these newly published webpages:

- 5 Things Every Domain Name Registrant Should Know About the ICANN WHOIS Data Reminder Policy (WDRP)
Do You Have a Domain Name? Here's What You Need to Know (Part 1)

DELEGATED NEW GTLDS

No New gTLDs Were Delegated in September 2017

See the full list here.

WHAT’S NEW IN REVIEWS

Reviews Sessions at ICANN60

We invite you to participate in ICANN Reviews at ICANN60. Whether you’re participating in person or remotely, you can engage in discussions with other stakeholders.

Community Engagement:

- Competition, Consumer Trust and Consumer Choice (CCT) Review Community Engagement Session
- Second Security, Stability, and Resiliency of the Domain Name System Review (SSR2) Community Engagement Session
- Operating Standards for Specific Reviews Community Engagement Session
Updates:

- Nominating Committee (NomCom) Review: An update by the Independent Examiner

The ICANN60 schedule has detailed session descriptions and instructions for how remote participants can join. We hope to engage with you in Abu Dhabi!