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Smooth KSK Rollover with Minimal User Impact

As many of you may know, the rollover of the DNSSEC Key Signing Key (KSK) occurred on 11 October 2018. Because of the large amount of preparation by the ICANN organization and many of ICANN's communities, the KSK rollover went quite smoothly. ICANN is grateful to all the people who made this event go well.

As expected, a small number of resolvers were not ready for the rollover. To the best of ICANN's knowledge, those resolvers were able to fix their immediate DNSSEC problems and resume their DNS service quickly.



The next step in the rollover process is to revoke the old KSK; this will happen on 11 January 2019. That step is not expected to affect any resolvers because the old KSK is not being used to sign the root zone any more. After that, the final steps of the process will remove the revoked keys from the trust anchors files and from the hardware security modules (HSMs) in ICANN's secure facilities later in 2019.



ICANN NEWS



Prepare for ICANN63!

Barcelona, Spain, 20-25 October 2018

ICANN63 kicks off in just five days. The meeting website is now available and features the final schedule, ICANN Meetings mobile app, and pre-meeting reports.

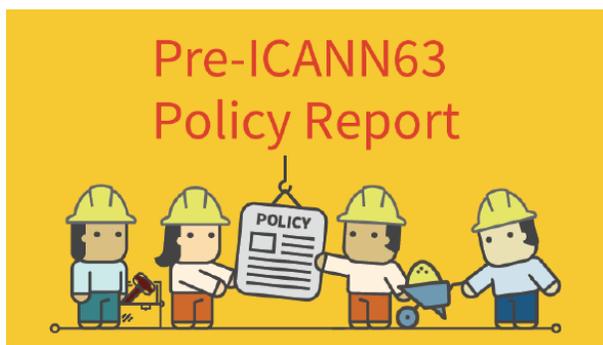


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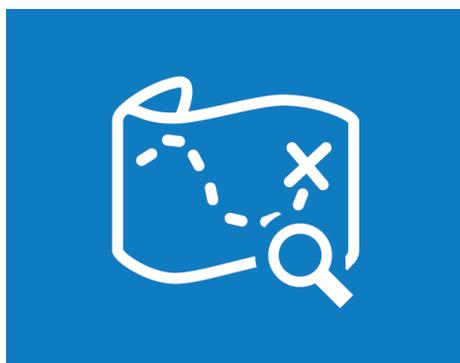
[Pre-ICANN63 Policy Report](#)



[Pre-ICANN63 GNSO Briefing](#)

Data Protection/Privacy Update

Review all the GRPR-related and Data Protection/Privacy Update **announcements and blogs**. These documents outline recent activities that affect access to registration data, the WHOIS system, a possible unified access model, and more. Get involved and provide input about the next iteration of the recently published **Draft Framework for a Possible Unified Access Model for Continued Access to Full WHOIS Data**. You can learn more by viewing our most recent webinar [here](#) or send your comments to gdpr@icann.org.



ICANN Strategic Planning Update

Strategic planning is a fundamental part of ICANN's governance. Mandated by the organization's bylaws, the strategic plan articulates ICANN's vision, restates ICANN's mission, and sets forth strategic objectives and goals for the next five years.

The ICANN community, Board, and organization completed the process of identifying strategic outlook trends in June 2018. The ICANN Board and org then conducted an analysis of key priority trends and their impacts on ICANN.

These findings will inform the strategic plan for the fiscal period 2021 to 2025.

Key resources and upcoming opportunities to participate

- Learn more about the strategic planning process in this [blog post](#).
- A recorded webinar was held on 9 October 2018 to share an overview of the strategic planning process, and findings from the trend sessions and subsequent analysis. Request a recording of the webinar by emailing: mssi-secretariat@icann.org.
- Join the [strategic planning session](#) at ICANN63 to share your input for developing ICANN's next

strategic plan. Remote participation will be available for those unable to attend in person. Following ICANN63, a draft strategic plan will be posted for public comment.

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Have You Read the Latest SSAC Reports?

What do emojis, the stability of the Domain Name System (DNS), and cryptographic keys have in common? They're all the subject of a recent report published by the Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC). Every report is available for download at <https://www.icann.org/groups/ssac/documents>.

Want to learn more about what the SSAC does, or how you can get involved? Then visit <https://www.icann.org/groups/ssac>.

ITI at ICANN63

The Information Transparency Initiative (ITI) will be holding a session at ICANN63 in Barcelona. Join ICANN CTO David Conrad and the ITI team as they provide an update and answer questions from the community. Visit [feedback.icann.org](https://www.icann.org/groups/iti) for more information.

Wednesday 24 October 2018
0830-0930, Room 116



NORTH AMERICA ACTIVITIES & HIGHLIGHTS



Students from UCLA's Executive MBA Program Visit ICANN Headquarters in Los Angeles

ICANN hosted over 30 students from UCLA's Executive MBA program in the Los Angeles office. The students attended sessions related to ICANN's role in the Internet ecosystem. They also had the opportunity to interact and build relationships with ICANN senior executives and participate in an interactive Q&A session with ICANN President and CEO Göran Marby. The Executive MBA at UCLA is a diverse program with more than 2,000 students from across the globe. The Executive MBA class meets throughout the academic year in different locations around the world.



POLICY UPDATE

ARIN 42 Concludes in Vancouver

American Registry for Internet Numbers (ARIN) 42 took place 4-5 October, in Vancouver, BC. Over the course of the meeting, ARIN 42 attendees discussed five draft policies, heard updates from ARIN's registration services and engineering departments, and reviewed several upcoming projects, including the latest information on the ARIN website redesign.

Presentations for all sessions can be found on the [ARIN website](https://www.arin.org) and a high level recap of the meeting

can be found on [TeamARIN](#).

ARIN 43 will be held 7-10 April 2019 in Bridgetown, Barbados. For questions about the meeting, email meetings@arin.net.

EPDP Update

- Starting in September, the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) Team on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data is now publishing a **monthly budget fact sheet** that details available budget and tracks actual spend with regard to the EPDP effort. The fact sheet is published shortly after the close of the prior month.
- On 15 September, the EPDP Team submitted the **Triage Report**, its first deliverable, to the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council. This report documents the level of agreement within the EPDP Team on specific provisions in the current Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data.
- The EPDP Team met in Los Angeles from 24-26 September 2018. **CBI**, a company that specializes in the use of mediation techniques in a multistakeholder setting, provided facilitation services to support the EPDP Team meeting. The main focus of the meeting was to agree on purposes for processing data and to identify the data elements that are collected, redacted, and disclosed to third parties. [Learn more](#).
- The GNSO Council Liaison to the EPDP Team provides detailed weekly updates on its progress. Anyone can [subscribe](#) to the updates and all editions can be accessed [here](#).

GNSO Council Update

The Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council recently:

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- Adopted the Cross-Community Working Group on Enhancing ICANN Accountability (CCWG-Accountability) Work Stream 2 **Final Report and Recommendations**.
- Approved the full slate of members and liaisons of the Customer Standing Committee (CSC) and the suggested method of reviewing its effectiveness in performing the responsibilities outlined in its charter.

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GAC Finalizes Preparation for the Fourth HLG

During ICANN63, the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) will dedicate Monday, 22 October, to the High Level Government Meeting (HLGM) hosted by the Government of Spain.

The HLG is held approximately once every two years and hosted by a GAC member in collaboration with the ICANN organization. The meeting provides an opportunity to:

- Reaffirm the critical role that governments play in providing advice to the ICANN Board on public policy issues as it relates to the secure and stable functioning of the DNS.
- Enable all parties to gain a clearer understanding of the role of governments in ICANN processes, including the GAC.
- Reach out to administrations and governments who are not yet, or not currently, represented on the GAC or in other ICANN forums.

The agenda for this year's HLG can be found [here](#).

First CSC Effectiveness Review Kicks Off

The first meeting of the Customer Standing Committee (CSC) took place in 2016. Per its charter and the ICANN Bylaws, the effectiveness of the CSC will initially be reviewed two years after its first meeting and then every three years. The first review will kick off at ICANN63.

The Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) and Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) Councils recently adopted a method for a lightweight and brief CSC Effectiveness Review. The review builds on the outcome and findings of the CSC Charter Review. The results, as adopted by both the GNSO and ccNSO Councils, will feed into the IANA Functions Review (IFR).

The GNSO Council appointed Donna Austin and Philippe Fouquart as its representatives. They will collaborate with the two representatives appointed by the ccNSO Council.



GDD UPDATE



GDD Team in Barcelona!

If you plan to attend ICANN63 in Barcelona, stop by the Global Domains Division (GDD) information booth. The Global Support team will be on-site to answer general inquiries and discuss suggestions or comments. We look forward to seeing you!

Report Published on the Issues and Challenges Impacting Domain Name Registrants

The ICANN organization published a report that compiles and analyzes data from various sources within the organization to try and identify pain points. The report aims to raise awareness on some of the common challenges registrants have when managing their domain names. Read the report [here](#).



UASG looking for companies that are UA-ready or support EAI

The Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG) is looking for additional companies that are Universal Acceptance-ready, or support Email Address Internationalization, to be featured in a news announcement scheduled for early 2019. Please reach out to Don.Hollander@icann.org or ua-comms-wg@icann.org for more information.

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