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TOP STORY

THANK YOU
to ICANN's global multistakeholder community for your hard work and dedication in completing the IANA stewardship transition

Stewardship of IANA Functions Transitions to Global Internet Community as Contract with US Government Ends

On 1 October 2016, the contract between ICANN and the United States Department of Commerce National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), to perform the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) functions, **officially expired.** This historic moment marks the transition of the coordination and management of the Internet's unique identifiers to the private sector, a process that has been committed to and underway since 1998.

Read ICANN's statement...

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FY17 Q1 Stakeholder Call
18 October 0300 UTC/1100 SGT

Register Now for Today's Quarterly Stakeholder Call

Later today, we're rolling out a new format for the ICANN Quarterly Stakeholder Call. Our goal is to increase participation and understanding of ICANN's regional efforts. We will focus on how ICANN has implemented community policy, and will add a Board update and news from a specific region. This quarter's call

features the Asia Pacific (APAC) region - note the APAC-friendly time zone.

Register here! Everyone is welcome.

17 October at 20:00 Pacific Daylight Time (PDT)
18 October at 03:00 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) | 11:00 Singapore Time (SGT)

Live interpretation is offered in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish. The call will be recorded and posted in all languages on the **Quarterly Reports page.** Read the **full announcement**.

Take the At-Large Review Survey

Help make At-Large a more efficient and effective part of the ICANN community by taking part in the **At-Large Review survey,** which will be open through 21 October 2016.

The At-Large Review is conducted by **ITEMS**, acting as the independent examiner. The survey takes just 15 to 20 minutes, and by giving us your feedback, you will contribute to the success of this important review process.

Please pass this information along to your colleagues! Read At-Large's **full announcement**.

Fire on Cargo Ship Affects IT Equipment Bound for ICANN57 Hyderabad

ICANN Meetings are a large-scale technical event. The visible portions like microphones, monitors and cameras are the tip of an iceberg. Beneath the surface, there miles of cable and hundreds of pieces of equipment providing connectivity, and enabling engagement and the seamless presentation of ICANN sessions.

Unfortunately, some of our equipment was recently impacted by a fire.
What Happened?

On 1 September 2016, an explosion caused a fire on a cargo ship docked in Hamburg, Germany. Our Public Meeting technical equipment was on board. We had two containers - a 40-foot and a 20-foot container.

It took 150 firefighters four days to extinguish the fire. The ship crew initially tried to extinguish the fire and sustained slight injuries. No one else was hurt. Reports indicated that welding in the cargo hold caused the accident.

The ship had departed Helsinki, Finland, after ICANN56 and the equipment was bound for Hyderabad, India via Mumbai.

Read more...

Only 17 Days to ICANN57 Hyderabad

Register Now!

If you plan to attend ICANN57 in Hyderabad, India, please **register** and make visa arrangements as soon as possible. To help you navigate the visa process, ICANN has posted **frequently asked questions** on the ICANN57 website. Each region is different - we urge you to contact your closest Indian

mission or consulate to see if you can obtain a Conference visa in time for the meeting.

We'll see you in Hyderabad!

Participate Remotely

Can't attend ICANN57 Hyderabad in person? You can **participate remotely**.

Now Open! ICANN Fellowships and NextGen@ICANN Application Rounds for ICANN58

Are you interested in participating in the **NextGen@ICANN** or **ICANN58 Meeting Fellowship** program at ICANN58? ICANN is accepting applications for the ICANN58 Public Meeting - to be held 11-16 March 2017 in Copenhagen, Denmark. Successful candidates will be announced on the ICANN website.

For **ICANN58 Fellowships**, the application deadline is 21 October 2016. Successful candidates will be announced on 12 December 2016. Read the **announcement** and **apply here**.

For **NextGen@ICANN58**, the application deadline is 4 November 2016. Successful candidates will be announced on 2 December 2016. Read the **announcement** and **apply here**.

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RSSAC Issues Statement on the Unavailability of a Single Root Server

In its recent **statement**, the Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC) reviewed information on current architectures, root server availability and short-term (hours or days) outages caused by administrative errors or attacks. Based on information available today, the RSSAC concluded that the loss of a single root server would not cause immediate stability issues for the root server system and the Internet that depends upon it.

Comments on Guidelines for the Extended Process Similarity Review Panel

On 31 August 2016, the Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC) published "**SAC084: SSAC Comments on Guidelines for the Extended Process Similarity Review Panel (EPSRP) for the Internationalized Domain Name (IDN) Country Code Top-Level Domain Fast Track Process**[r20.rs6.net]." This comment focuses specifically on the EPSRP and some very basic issues that have been exposed in a review of the proposed guidelines.

In June 2015 the ICANN Board of Directors had requested "*the ccNSO, in consultation with other stakeholders, including GAC and SSAC, to provide further guidance on and refinement of the methodology of second string similarity review process, including the interpretation of its split recommendations, to be applied to the relevant current and subsequent cases in the IDN ccTLD Fast Track process as well as to inform the proposed policy for the selection of the IDN ccTLD strings*". In October 2015, the ccNSO established a working group with participants from the ccTLD community and GAC. In July 2016, the **EPSRP working group[ccnso.icann.org]** sought feedback, via a **public**

comment proceeding[icann.org], on its proposed guidelines for the methodology on the second string similarity review process, including the interpretation of split recommendation.

The inputs received within the public comment timeframe included: a statement from ALAC **(https://forum.icann.org/lists/comments-proposed-epsrp-guidelines-20jul16/msg00000.html) [forum.icann.org]**, input from Verisign **(https://forum.icann.org/lists/comments-proposed-epsrp-guidelines-20jul16/msg00001.html[forum.icann.org])**, and SSAC (as per the SSAC comments mentioned above). Comments from the GAC **(https://ccnso.icann.org/about/schneider-to-sataki-28sep16-en.pdf)[ccnso.icann.org]** were also submitted at a later stage.

The EPSRP **finalized its report [community.icann.org]** and submitted it to the ccNSO Council for adoption at their meeting in Hyderabad. If adopted, the recommendations will be submitted to the Board.

At-Large Publishes Briefing Paper on Policy Issues

In a collaborative effort between community members and ICANN Policy Development Support staff, At-Large has published "**At-Large Community Policy Issues - Why End Users Should Care.**" The briefing paper provides an overview of 12 topics, ranging from accountability and transparency of ICANN to WHOIS and Registration Directory Services. The document also explains why each issue is relevant to end users, with the aim of helping more end users understand the work of At-Large and participate in ICANN. At-Large members have widely shared this briefing paper for outreach and capacity-building purposes.

GNSO Council Approves Improvements

At its meeting on 1 September 2016, the Council of the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) voted to adopt **modifications to the GNSO Operating Procedures** relating to motions and elections of the chair and vice chair, as proposed by the GNSO Standing Committee on Improvements (SCI). With respect to motions, the SCI proposed a new section that records the informal processes that the GNSO currently uses. With respect to elections of the chair and vice chair, the SCI proposed minor modifications regarding eligibility, and a new section describing the procedures for four scenarios relating to the chair election and the selection of interim vice chairs. Following the completion of these two tasks, the GNSO Council subsequently instructed the SCI to disband.

ALAC Reappoints Alan Greenberg as Chair

Alan Greenberg will serve another one-year term as Chair of the At-Large Advisory Committee.

The At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) has reappointed current chair **Alan Greenberg** to another one-year term, beginning 9 November 2016. Following the call for nomination in August 2016, Greenberg was the sole candidate. Greenberg **accepted** the nomination, and therefore, the ALAC appointed him by acclamation.

Since 16 October 2014, Greenberg has been leading the ALAC to focus on several critical areas concerning the organizational effectiveness of the At-Large community. Examples include clarifying the accreditation criteria and participation expectations of At-Large Structures, mobilizing more At-Large members to get involved in policy development, and advancing the ALAC position within ICANN.

Notably, Greenberg has played a key role in leading ALAC involvement in the IANA stewardship transition and process to enhance ICANN accountability. These areas of work will remain ALAC priorities during Greenberg's next term.

Get Ready for ARIN 38 This Week in Dallas, Texas

ARIN 38, the next public policy and members meeting of the American Registry for Internet Numbers (ARIN), will take place 20-21 October at the Fairmont in Dallas, Texas. The **meeting agenda** and **draft**

policies and proposals are available for review.

ARIN 38 proceedings will be webcast with live transcript and chat functionality for **remote participants**. Registered remote participants may follow discussions, submit comments and questions, vote in straw polls, and more.

Registration is free until 19 October (there is a $150 USD fee for non-ARIN member attendees after that date). Please visit this **page** for more details about hotel and travel and contact **info@arin.net** with any questions about this meeting.

GDD UPDATE

New Consolidated "Calls to Action" Page Launched

Requesting opinions from stakeholders is an essential part of the multistakeholder process, and is vital to our commitment to accountability and transparency. When the community asked for an easier-to-use way to provide feedback on open calls-to-action, we listened. We have introduced a new webpage that consolidates all public comments and operational consultations. We encourage you to **bookmark this page** and share your views. We're continuing to explore ways to improve the user experience. Email **public-comment@icann.org** and let us know what you think.

Check Out New Registrar Training Resources!

New registrar training content on a variety of popular topics is now available in Chinese, English, French, Spanish and Russian. Do you need to brush up on the transfer policy and change of registrant procedures? Want to know more about the Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy or WHOIS? If so, visit **learn.icann.org** to review the material and test your knowledge with quizzes in the language of your choice.

Now Available - Final Results of Phase Two of Global Registrant Survey

How can we determine the success of the New Generic Top-Level Domains (gTLD) Program? "Global Registrant Survey Phase Two" is one of a number of studies that will play an important role in assessing the program. The study examines domain name registrants' perceived sense of trust, choice and experience in the current domain name landscape. Findings will serve as inputs for a community-based review team that will assess the New gTLD Program in terms of competition, consumer trust and consumer choice. **View the study.**

How Are Companies Using New gTLDs?

More than 30 new gTLD case studies are now available. Each

study highlights the background of a gTLD, what makes it unique and how it's being used. As part of ICANN's global effort to raise awareness of new gTLDs, all registries are invited to partner with us to develop case studies.

Read case studies, or if you would like to tell the story of your new gTLD, email **gdd-communications@icann.org** with "Case Study [your gTLD]" in the subject line.

DELEGATED NEW GTLDS

Seven new gTLDs were delegated in September

See the full list here: **https://newgtlds.icann.org/en/program-status/delegated-strings**

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