NTIA Announces Intent to Allow IANA Functions Contract to Expire 1 October

In a letter to ICANN on 16 August 2016 regarding the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) functions contract with ICANN, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) stated:

"NTIA has thoroughly reviewed the report. Based on that review, barring any significant impediment, NTIA intends to allow the IANA functions contract to expire as of October 1."

The letter was sent as a result of NTIA’s review of ICANN’s IANA Stewardship Transition Proposal Implementation Planning Status Report, which was submitted to the administration on 12 August. In that report, ICANN informed NTIA that it has completed or will complete all the necessary tasks in advance of 30 September 2016 to allow the IANA functions contract to expire.

ICANN is pleased with NTIA’s statement and is focused on the few remaining tasks to be completed by the end of the month. Read more...

ICANN Announces Incorporation of PTI

On 12 August 2016, ICANN announced that the incorporation documents for the "Post-Transition IANA" organization were filed and received by the California Secretary of State under the name Public Technical Identifiers (which will now be referred to as PTI). With this filing and receipt, PTI is now formed as a nonprofit public benefit corporation and controlled affiliate of ICANN.

The PTI incorporation documents were drafted to reflect the recommendations of the IANA Stewardship Transition Coordination Group (ICG) proposal, as provided to the ICANN Board and transmitted to NTIA on 10 March 2016. PTI was formed to perform the naming-related IANA functions under contract with ICANN. However, for purposes of coherence of the IANA functions and overall operational logistics, the ICG proposal also requires that the performance of the IANA numbering and protocol parameter functions be subcontracted to PTI.

Although PTI now exists as a legal entity, it is not yet performing any work. PTI will not perform any services under the IANA functions contract with NTIA. PTI will only start performing the IANA functions upon the successful completion of the transition. Read more...

ICANN 2016 Nominating Committee Announces Selections

The ICANN 2016 Nominating Committee is pleased to announce its selections for seven leadership positions within ICANN. Read more...

ICANN Board of Directors

- Maarten Botterman, Europe
SSR2-RT Deadline Extended to 15 September

The 15 September deadline to apply for ICANN's Second Security, Stability and Resiliency of the DNS Review Team (SSR2-RT) is approaching. ICANN is seeking a geographically diverse team of security experts. The team will look at operational stability and resiliency issues relating to the coordination of the Internet's system of unique identifiers.

The SSR2 Review Team will assemble candidates with a range of expertise:

- Understanding Internet unique identifiers, including: Domain Name System, Internet Protocol (IP) numbering, autonomous system (AS) numbers, protocol parameters
- Identifying and mitigating abuse within those sectors
- Understanding operation of the DNS root name system
- Understanding malware and abuse vectors and mitigations
- Conducting risk assessment and management
- Understanding corporate incident response

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 here.

Updates on ICANN57 Hyderabad

Register Now!
The ICANN57 Public Meeting will take place from 3 to 9 November in Hyderabad, India. This third meeting of the year will be ICANN's Annual General Meeting. To find out what to expect of this meeting format, read this blog.

And if you haven't already done so, register now! And remember to check our ICANN57 home page frequently for updates.

Important! Visa Requirements for ICANN57
If you are a foreign national traveling to attend ICANN57, you must obtain a conference visa, even if you already have a valid business visa. Nick Tomasso, ICANN's VP of Meetings, recently posted a [blog about the visa application process](#). This blog is available in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish.

Be sure to bookmark the [ICANN57 Travel and Visa](#) and the [India Visa Application Guide](#). ICANN will update the travel page with any news or clarifications about the visa requirements and process.

If you have any questions, email the ICANN visa helpdesk: icann57visasupport@icann.org.

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**ICANN NEWS**

**ICANN Hires Top Security Expert**
Mark Jardina, an expert in global security and health and safety, has joined ICANN as VP of Security Operations. ICANN is building on existing plans developed in partnership with [Control Risks](#) and [International SOS](#).

Jardina will oversee physical security operations. Among his responsibilities are travel advisories (for ICANN meetings, Board meetings and other business-related travel), onsite security at ICANN Public Meetings and events, and security for ICANN offices around the world.

[Read the full announcement](#).

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**ICANN Announces NextGen@ICANN57 Participants**
ICANN has selected 15 applicants from various universities in the Asia Pacific region to participate at ICANN57 Hyderabad. These individuals are engaged in a broad range of studies: policy, business, technical, security, law and communications. Additionally, 5 previous NextGenners will serve as ambassadors for these newcomers to ICANN.

An independent selection committee assessed the applications. It selected candidates based on their current studies and interest in Internet governance, the future of the Internet and other topics covered at ICANN meetings. The selected individuals commit to engage with the ICANN community at the meeting, and give a short presentation relating the work of ICANN to their studies.

[Read more about the NextGen@ICANN](#) program.

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**Missed the Quarterly Stakeholder Call?**
On 16 August 2016, ICANN held its quarterly stakeholder call for the fourth quarter of the 2016 fiscal year. If you couldn’t attend live, you can access the presentation materials and recordings:

- Download the [presentation materials](#) (in English).
- View the [Adobe Connect presentation](#) (in English).
- Listen to the [recording](#) in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Portuguese, Spanish or Russian.
GNSO Council Adopts Response to GAC Communiqué
The Council of the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) formally adopted its response to the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) Helsinki Communiqué and transmitted its conclusions to the ICANN Board. The purpose of these reviews is to provide feedback to the ICANN Board as it considers issues referenced in the GAC Communiqué which the GNSO identifies as relevant to generic top-level domains.

Read the GNSO review of the GAC Helsinki Communiqué.

GAC Prepares for ICANN57
The leadership of the GAC has been actively working to create an agenda for ICANN57.

The GAC plans to hold dedicated sessions to meet with the Generic Names Supporting Organization, the At-Large Advisory Committee, the Country Code Names Supporting Organization and the ICANN Board. It will also hold focused discussions on priority topics, including New Generic Top-Level Domains Subsequent Procedures, Work Stream 2 of the Cross-Community Working Group on Enhancing ICANN Accountability and various internal matters.

Each GAC working group will each have a one-hour session to advance its work and update the GAC. Also, at the invitation of India, the host country, the GAC will engage in local outreach and capacity-building activities on the first and last days of ICANN57.

ccNSO Members to Elect Councilors and Nominate Candidate for ICANN Board Seat 11
From September to December 2016, Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) members will elect one Councilor from each respective ICANN region. In the event that two or more candidates from the same region are nominated and accept their nomination, an election will be conducted among the members from that region. In addition, there will be a special election in the African region to fill a vacancy on the ccNSO Council. Moreover, ccNSO members will also nominate - and if two or more candidates are nominated, elect - a candidate for ICANN Board Seat 11. The term begins at the Annual General Meeting in 2017. Only ccNSO members, via their primary contacts, are eligible to vote.

Framework of Interpretation Implementation Advisory
The Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) received a request not to contact the administrative and technical contacts listed in the IANA database with issues of delegation or revocation or retirement of a country code top-level domain (ccTLD). Instead, these more serious changes to the IANA database warrant a separate procedure and contact person.

ICANN staff members working on the implementation of the Framework of Interpretation (FOI) have raised some questions on how to implement this request. Based on conversations and input received, the FOI Implementation Advisory Team, consisting of Becky Burr and Keith Davidson, recently advised IANA staff as follows:

- There has been no consistency in the feedback received from the very small pool of ccNSO Councilors. Opening up the consultation to seek more, additional opinions will be no avail.
- IANA should introduce a field to record the instruction from the ccTLD with respect to the approval contact in case of more serious changes to the IANA database. Each ccTLD manager should be asked to give individual instructions.

New ARIN Webpage Facilitates IPv6 Planning
Organizations are often unsure how to determine the amount of IPv6 address space they actually need. To
address this concern, the American Registry for Internet Numbers (ARIN) has developed a new webpage dedicated to helping organizations plan for IPv6, specifically for determining how much space an organization requires. The goal of this webpage is to demonstrate how easy it is to switch from IPv4 to IPv6. For more information about the process, please contact ARIN.

Upcoming Meetings

**ARIN 38**, 20-21 October 2016, Dallas, Texas
Register now for two days of important policy discussions! Remote participation will also be available.

![Delegated New gTLDs](https://newgtlds.icann.org/en/program-status/delegated-strings)

Fifty new gTLDs were delegated in August.
See the full list here: [https://newgtlds.icann.org/en/program-status/delegated-strings](https://newgtlds.icann.org/en/program-status/delegated-strings)

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