🔍 TOP STORY

ICANN Board Selects New Chair and Vice Chair

The Board has selected Maarten Botterman as the next Chair of the ICANN Board following the process outlined in the **Board Governance Committee Practice for Board Engagement in Developing Slate for Board Leadership.** León Felipe Sánchez Ambia has been selected Vice Chair. They will be seated after the formal election that will take place at the Annual Meeting at ICANN66 in Montréal, Canada.

Read more in a blog from current Board Chair Cherine Chalaby.

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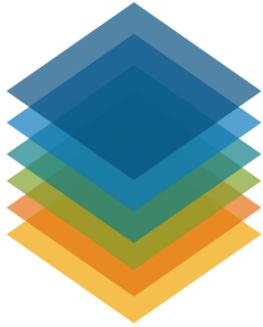
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ICANN66 Registration is Now Open

Register for ICANN66 Annual General Meeting

Registration is now open for ICANN66 in Montréal, Canada. Click **here** to register.

The ICANN66 Annual General Meeting will be held from 2-7 November 2019 at the Montréal Convention Centre (Palais des Congrès de Montréal). Crucial travel and registration resources, including information on visas, hotels, and transportation, can be found **here**.

On-site registration will open one day before the official start of the meeting. However, pre-registration is strongly encouraged. All attendees must present valid, government-issued identification to receive a conference badge at check-in.

Registration for ICANN Public Meetings is free and open to everyone. Participants can attend in person or join remotely. Learn more about ICANN Public Meetings **here**.

We Need Your Feedback on The Information Transparency Initiative (ITI)

ICANN org released a proposed new search experience for Registry Agreement content for your input **via our feedback site**. We are committed to working with you to deliver a result that meets your needs. To do that, we need your input.

The improved searchability includes these features: filters to narrow your search results by gTLD or string, agreement type, operator, or agreement status, a date range filter, type ahead and search by the internationalized domain name, ability to download search results to a csv file with links to the individual agreement pages, keyword(s) search within registry agreement content with the results available by relevance.

Take the time to compare the **current Registry Agreement findability** with **our new release** and let us know what you think **via the feedback site**.

The feedback period will be open until 30 September 2019.

Read More About ITI in Sally Newell Cohen and David Conrad's latest blog.

POLICY UPDATE

Register for ICANN66 Prep Week

Mark your calendars! Ahead of ICANN66, there will be a series of webinars during the week of 14-18 October to help the ICANN community prepare for the Annual General Meeting. **Register here**.

TeamARIN Blog

Did you know the American Registry for Internet Numbers (ARIN) maintains a blog called **TeamARIN**? This community-driven blog is filled with information about topics such as Internet Protocol (IP) addressing, community events, Internet Protocol version 6 (IPv6) case studies, tips from ARIN's Registration Services Department, and much more.

Some of the recent posts include: an IPv6 Case Study by SolarNetOne, a guest blog about why IPv6 is faster than IPv4, and information about ARIN's move towards a stateless architecture. In addition to blogs, you can find resources around the site like the **community events calendar** to stay current on industry events, information about **draft policies under discussion**, and the **Get6 page** which contains helpful information about IPv6.

ARIN also welcomes guest blog posts from the community. If there is an Internet-related topic you wish to share with the Internet community, check out ARIN's **website** to learn more about the guidelines for

submitting a guest post.

GAC Welcomes Two New Observers

The Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) recently welcomed two new observers: the Caribbean Community (CARICOM); and the Council of Regional Organisations of the Pacific (CROP) Information, Communication, and Technology (ICT) Working Group.

GAC Focal Group on New gTLDs Subsequent Procedure

Following ICANN64, the GAC launched a focal group to coordinate the GAC's timely input into the final deliberations of the New Generic Top-Level Domains (gTLD) Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process (PDP) Working Group. This includes recommendations on the Competition, Consumer Trust, and Consumer Choice Review. The GAC's main topics of interest cover areas such as the new gTLDs application process, requirements, evaluation, objections, and string contention.

The focal group met for the first time during ICANN65 and started work on building the capacity of GAC members to navigate the interrelated policy development and implementation discussions on future rounds of new gTLDs. The focal group will meet regularly until ICANN66, when it will brief the GAC on its discussions.

Policy Development for IDNs: ccNSO Next Steps

Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) Council Chair Katrina Sataki sent a **letter** to ICANN Board Chair Cherine Chalaby about policies related to the Internationalized Domain Names (IDN) country code top-level domain (ccTLD) Fast Track Process.

In the letter, Sataki requested the ICANN Board agree to mark a formal end to the second ccNSO Policy Development Process (ccNSO PDP2) on the selection of IDN ccTLD strings and inclusion of IDN ccTLDs in the ccNSO. The ccNSO Council also repeated its request for the ICANN Board to take no further steps to change the current IDN ccTLD Fast Track Process. In the absence of a formal policy, the current process enables countries and territories to request strings for IDN ccTLDs representing their respective country or territory names in scripts other than Latin. It is the ccNSO Council's firm belief that until a ccNSO policy replaces the IDN ccTLD Fast Track Process, the current process should remain in place.

Once the ICANN Board responds to the recommendations of ccNSO PDP2, the ccNSO Council will launch the fourth ccNSO PDP. The fourth ccNSO PDP will address issues identified by the ccNSO IDN Preliminary Review Team (PRT). This includes outlining the differences between the similarity review and IDN Variant TLD Implementation and streamlining the selection process of IDN ccTLD strings. Read more about the ccNSO IDN PRT **here**.

The ccNSO Council is also preparing a request for changes to Article 10 of the ICANN Bylaws after consultation with the ccTLD community. The changes cover two aspects: an updated definition of ccNSO membership and enabling IDN ccTLDs to become members of the ccNSO.

GNSO Council Update

- Policy Development Process 3.0 (PDP 3.0) is a GNSO Council initiative aimed to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the GNSO PDP. Since April 2019, a small team of GNSO councilors has been meeting regularly to develop implementation details for **14 PDP 3.0 improvements** that were adopted previously by the GNSO Council. During the 22 August GNSO Council

meeting, the team presented its proposed final documents for four completed PDP 3.0 improvements as its first deliverable. Those documents are related to the expectations, requirements, and participation methods for PDP working group members and leaders. The team aims to finalize documents for the remaining improvements by ICANN66. **Learn More.**

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- Besides managing GNSO PDPs, the GNSO Council has been engaged in a variety of projects and activities, including scoping policy work related to Internationalized Domain Name variant TLD management, reviewing Competition, Consumer Trust, and Consumer Choice Review Team recommendations, and responding to the ICANN org request for clarification on data accuracy. **Learn more.**

EPDP Update

Since its meetings at ICANN65, the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data Phase 2 Team has been reviewing use cases for requestors of nonpublic gTLD registration data. The EPDP Team looked at commonalities among these use cases, to help inform the first iteration of draft policy principles. From 9-11 September, the EPDP Team met in Los Angeles at the ICANN headquarters to deliberate on this first iteration. **Learn More.**

At-Large Work Ahead of ICANN66

At-Large is planning a series of activities in support of recent policy statements in preparation for ICANN66. Recently, **ALAC has submitted five policy statements**, including statements on **evolving the governance of the Root Server System** and **Name Collisions.** Also, a geographic names survey is being developed for the At-Large community to identify priorities and potential for consensus on the topic. Other ongoing activities include planning for the third At-Large Summit (ATLAS III) which will be held during ICANN66, continuing the election process for ICANN Board Seat 15, and promoting Universal Acceptance within At-Large, in coordination with the Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG).

🔔 GDD UPDATE

Start Using the Updated Lookup Tool

ICANN recently launched an updated version of its **lookup tool.** It makes use of the Registration Data Access Protocol - known as RDAP - to query, parse, and display domain name registration data in a human-friendly format. The ability to look up publicly available contact and other information related to a domain name has been provided as a free public service by ICANN since 2013.

RDAP was developed by the technical community in the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) as an eventual replacement for the WHOIS protocol. ICANN accredited registrars and registry operators are now required to provide registration data directory services through RDAP in addition to the WHOIS services.

More information on the new tool is available **here**.

Check Out the New gTLD Case Studies

As part of ICANN's global efforts to raise awareness and interest in new generic top-level domains (gTLDs), all registries are invited to develop case studies. These case studies tell the gTLD's story, including background and business objectives, and are intended for use as educational resources.

View the published case studies **here**.

New gTLD CASE STUDIES

Myanmar Community Tackles LGR Proposal and Outreach

The Myanmar Generation Panel organized a local public consultation on the **Myanmar script Label Generation Rules (LGR) proposal** last month. The event in Yangon, Myanmar, focused on receiving important feedback from the larger community that includes the multiple languages covered by the proposal: Burmese, Karen Sgaw, Mon, Pa'O, Rakhine, and Shan. Attendees included the Myanmar Computer Federation (MCF), Myanmar Computer Industry Association (MCIA), Myanmar Unicode Area, Post and Telecommunications Department (PTD), and UMG Idealab. The Myanmar Generation Panel plans to submit the LGR proposal for Public Comment by October 2019. More information on the proposal can be found **here**.

As part of the event in Yangon, a day of outreach was held to help spread awareness of ICANN's mission and increase community engagement. Students, along with technical and legal community members, discussed a wide range of topics including Universal Acceptance (UA) of top-level domains (TLDs), the New gTLD Program, Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs), and more.

Next Generation of Developers Work Towards a Multilingual Internet

In June, a group of 24 developers with a unique role to play in ensuring the successful expansion of the Internet to non-English speakers, took part in a coding event in Raipur, India. Participants were asked to create a website, web application, or web service that would work with all domain names and email IDs written in languages based on Devanagari scripts (which include languages and dialects spoken by 18 million people in the Indian state of Chhattisgarh). The goal was to address challenges related to Universal Acceptance (UA). The event was hosted by the Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI), with support from the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and the government of India.

Read about UASG ambassador Harish Chowdhary's experience at the event in his blog **here**.

WHAT'S NEW IN REVIEWS

Opportunities to Participate:
ICANN Reviews and the Evolution of the Multistakeholder Model

The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) has several opportunities for community input and participation.

Specific Reviews are led by teams of community volunteers to assess the performance of the ICANN organization and make recommendations for improvement.

- Observe the third Accountability and Transparency Review Team (ATRT3) face-to-face Singapore meeting on 20-22 October. **Click here** to learn more.

Organizational Reviews are led by independent examiners who assess the extent to which ICANN's Supporting Organizations (SOs), Advisory Committees (ACs), and the Nominating Committee (NomCom) fulfill their purpose, are accountable to their stakeholders, and whether any changes in structure or operations are needed.

- The Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) Final Report is now available. Click **here** to read it. Next, the ccNSO will draft its Feasibility Assessment in response to the recommendations issued in the Final Report.

Visit the **Reviews Status Update Table** for the latest progress of Specific and Organizational Reviews and links to additional key resources for each.

Contribute to the Evolution of ICANN's Multistakeholder Model.
Facilitator Brian Cute is soliciting **public comments** on the next steps related to the **Evolution of ICANN's Multistakeholder Model** process. The community will receive an update in a plenary session on Thursday, 7 November at ICANN66. The session will include a discussion about the input received and details on the next steps developing a work plan to address the issues the community has identified as hampering the effective and efficient functioning of ICANN's multistakeholder model of governance.

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