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🔍 TOP STORY

Register Now for the ICANN62 Policy Forum
Panama City, Panama, 25-28 June 2018

ICANN62 starts in just six weeks. The program focuses on policy work and cross-community dialogue, with topics driven by ICANN's Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees.

Before booking your flight, read the travel information on the **ICANN62 website.** For information about whether you need to obtain a visa to enter Panama, visit the **Government of Panama's Immigration website**.

Register now! We hope to see you in Panama City.

ICANN North America Engagement Strategy FY2019-FY2020 Draft Is Open for Public Comment

The Public Comment period for the ICANN FY2019-2020 North America Engagement Strategy is now open. During the past months, volunteers from the different Supporting Organizations, Advisory Committees, and Constituencies suggested goals, tactics, and metrics to tackle regional challenges. Now, we invite the ICANN community in North America to review the strategy and to provide feedback during the Public Comment period, open until 30 May 2018. Read Chris Mondini's **blog** to learn about the initiative and the next steps.

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News and Updates on the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

Stay up to date with the latest ICANN organization news about data protection and privacy. Click **here** for GDPR announcements, blogs, and updates.

View the Latest Quarterly Stakeholder Update

On 9 May, ICANN posted its Quarterly Stakeholder Update for the quarter ending 31 March. **Learn more.**

Annual IANA Functions Audits Validate ICANN Systems Controls

The ICANN organization has completed audits of the Public Technical Identifiers (PTI) Registry Assignment and Maintenance Systems (RAMS) and the Root Zone Domain Name System Security Extensions (DNSSEC) services provided as part of the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) functions. International accounting firm PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) conducted the audits for the period of 1 October 2016 through 30 November 2017.

For the fifth consecutive year, a System and Organization Controls (SOC) 2 audit of PTI's RAMS shows that the ICANN organization has the appropriate controls in place to ensure the security, availability, and integrity of IANA request processing. For the eighth consecutive year, SOC 3 certification has been achieved for the management of the DNSSEC root key signing key, which is the trust anchor of the Domain Name System.

Read the full announcement.

Call for Proposals for ICANN DNS Symposium 2018

The ICANN Domain Name System (DNS) Symposium (IDS 2018) will be held on 13 July 2018, in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. It takes place back-to-back with this trimester's conference of the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF 102).

ICANN is soliciting proposals for presentations for IDS 2018. We'd like you to share experiences, data, or innovative thinking on how we might improve the DNS, or how we might foster innovation by adapting the DNS to support emerging identifier needs.

Proposals are due by 1 June. **Learn more about IDS 2018.**

GDD UPDATE

ICANN Organization's IDN Programs Director Recognized for Work in Pakistan

On 23 March 2018, Sarmad Hussain, ICANN's **Internationalized Domain Name** (IDN) Programs Director, received the President of

Pakistan's Pride of Performance Award. The Government of Pakistan confers this prestigious award on citizens who demonstrate excellence in their field. Hussain's work, which focuses onenabling people around the world to use domain names in local languages and scripts,
was recognized for advancing the computing of languages spoken in Pakistan. Congratulations, Sarmad!

CONGRATS!

Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG) Now on Twitter

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The UASG has launched a new social media channel on Twitter. By engaging directly with CIOs, developers, Internet associations, and UASG partners, the UASG aims to raise awareness about Universal Acceptance (UA) and Email Address Internationalization (EAI). UA and EAI are essential to ensuring that all Internet applications and systems can accept, validate, store, process, and display all domain names

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💬 **POLICY UPDATE**

ARIN 41 Recap

ARIN 41, the most recent Public Policy and Members Meeting of the American Registry for Internet Numbers (ARIN), took place
15-18 April in Miami, Florida. Topics included WHOIS point of contact validation, data privacy policies, and the Internet Protocol version 4 (IPv4) transfer process.

The ARIN 41 meeting report, including presentations, links to daily recaps on TeamARIN, transcripts, and webcast archives, is now available on the **ARIN website.**

Held immediately after ARIN 41, the Caribbean Forum included programs such as the **15th Caribbean Network Operators Group (CaribNOG) meeting**, a Justice Sector session, and Public Policy Group meeting.

ARIN 41
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ALAC Ratifies Statement on Draft NCAP Plan

On 22 April, the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) ratified a statement on the **Draft Project Plan for the Proposed Name Collision Analysis Project (NCAP)**. The ALAC supports the Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC) in its efforts to address the issue of name collisions, while encouraging clarity on the bidding process for work contemplated in the draft project plan.

View all recent ALAC statements.

GAC Maintains Active Post-ICANN61 Agenda

On 11 April, the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC)

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participated in a call with members of the ICANN Board. Topics were the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and International Governmental Organization (IGO) reserved acronym protections. Dialogue continues on both matters.

By acclamation, the GAC selected a new vice chair on 18 April 2018. Thiago Jardim from Brazil fills the seat of Milagros Castañon from Peru. The GAC is also working on:

- Developing feedback for next steps on the resolution of the Action Request Register (ARR).
- Considering first steps for evolution of the current GAC Operating Principles.
- Planning the agenda for the upcoming High Level Government Meeting to be held with ICANN63.

On 26 April 2018, the GNSO Council adopted its **review** of the ICANN61 GAC Communiqué and transmitted it to the GAC and the ICANN Board.

Pre-ICANN62 GNSO Webinar

In June, the GNSO is hosting a webinar on GNSO policy development processes (PDPs). The goal is to help prepare ICANN62 participants to engage in policy development activities. The leaders of major GNSO PDPs will give overviews of their topics, current issues being discussed, and what to expect at ICANN62.

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Attendees are encouraged to prepare by reading the GNSO Policy Briefings, to be published before the webinar, and to bring their questions. This webinar complements the Pre-ICANN62 Policy webinar, an overview of the activities of all Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees.

Stay tuned for the announcement!

New ccNSO Council Leadership Team Appointed

The Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) Council reappointed Katrina Sataki as chair and Byron Holland as vice chair, and appointed Debbie Monahan as vice chair. See the list of **ccNSO Council assignments**.

Following the sudden passing away of **Ben Fuller**, the ccNSO anticipates appointing a new liaison to the GNSO soon. For more information, see the **call for volunteers**.

Public Comment: CSC Charter Review Team's Initial Report

The Customer Standing Committee (CSC) Charter Review Team seeks **comments and input** on proposed changes to the CSC charter, as included in its initial report. The proposed changes to the charter:

- Mandate the CSC to agree with Public Technical Identifies (PTI) on minor changes to the service levels without needing to go through an extensive public comment process.
- Reflect that CSC and PTI have agreed on **Remedial Action Procedures** (RAP) - a formal escalation methodology in case of poor performance by PTI.
- Include an arrangement for dealing with changing circumstances of appointed members.

The deadline for comments is 1 June 2018.

WHAT'S NEW IN REVIEWS

Get Involved in Reviews

Take the SSAC2 Review Survey
Do you have experience with the Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC) or suggestions for improving it? Share your

input by completing the **SSAC2 Review survey.**

Participate in the Public Comment on Draft Final Report of the RSSAC2 Review
Comment on the Draft Final Report of the second review of the Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC2 Review).

Help ICANN Seek Candidates to Conduct the ccNSO2 Review
Share this **Request for Proposal (RFP)** to help ICANN seek candidates to conduct an independent assessment of the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO2 Review).

Visit the **Review Status Update Table** for the latest status on all active Specific and Organizational Reviews.

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