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## Across ICANN

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### What Do You Think of Moving Policy Update to myICANN?

In an attempt to streamline our communication with you and ensure you get just the information you're looking for, we are considering migrating Policy Update to delivery through myICANN later this year.

We know you rely on Policy Update for the latest status of issues working their way through the bottom-up, consensus-based policy development process within ICANN. We are investigating ways to make that same great content available through myICANN rather than through a monthly online newsletter sent to you via email.

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### Issues Currently Open for Public Comment

Numerous public comment periods are currently open on issues of interest to the ICANN community. Act now to share your views on such topics as:

[Proposed Modification of GNSO Operating Procedures Concerning the Deadline for the Submission of Reports and Motions](#). The GNSO Council recommends changes to clarify deadlines for reports and motions. Comment period ends 24 May; reply period ends 14 June.

[FY14 Draft Operating Plan and Budget](#). How shall ICANN allocate resources for the coming year? Reply period closes 21 June.

[Whois Information Status Policy](#). This draft proposal calls for accredited registrars to use standard, common language in the Whois database to describe a domain name status, such as whether a domain name is being transferred or is in a legal dispute. Reply period closes 24 June.

[Proposed Renewal of .INFO gTLD Registry Agreement](#). The current .INFO Registry Agreement with Afiliis Limited expires on 30 June. Comment period closes 24 June; reply period closes 24 July.

[Proposed Renewal of .BIZ gTLD Registry Agreement](#). The current .BIZ Registry Agreement with Neustar, Inc. expires on 30 June. Comment period closes 24 June; reply period closes 15 July.

For the full list of issues open for public comment, plus recently closed and archived public comment forums, visit the [Public Comment web page](#).

The staff also populates a web page to help preview potential “upcoming” public comment opportunities. The recently updated ["Public Comments - Upcoming" page](#) provides information about potential future public comment opportunities. The page is designed to be updated after every ICANN Public Meeting to help individuals and the community to set priorities and plan their future workloads.

## ccNSO

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### First ccNSO Draft Agenda Posted for ICANN 47 Durban



#### At a Glance

*The first draft agenda for the ccNSO meetings during ICANN's 47<sup>th</sup> public meeting in Durban has been posted. Check back frequently for updates.*

#### Background

The ccNSO Programme Working Group is aiming to publish Public Meeting agendas as early as possible. Much of the content is defined by the feedback received from previous meeting surveys.

#### More Information

- [Draft Agenda](#)
- [Past Meeting Surveys](#)

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## ccNSO Welcomes .PY (Paraguay) as Newest Member

### At a Glance

*.PY (Paraguay) joined the ccNSO as the 137<sup>th</sup> member of the ccNSO.*

### Recent Developments

NIC PY, the ccTLD operator of .PY (Paraguay), is the newest ccNSO member. Paraguay is in Central South America, northeast of Argentina and southwest of Brazil.

### Background

The ccNSO is an organization within ICANN of country code top-level domain operators from around the world.

### More Information

- [Announcement](#)
- [List of ccNSO Members](#)
- [ccNSO Membership Growth Diagram, 2003-June 2013](#)

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## GNSO

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## Call for Volunteers: Drafting Team to Develop Charter for a GNSO Working Group on Metrics, Reporting

### At a Glance

*ICANN seeks volunteers to develop a charter for a future working group that will explore opportunities regarding reporting and metrics recommendations that could better assist the policy development process by enhancing fact-based decision-making, where applicable.*

### Recent Developments

The Drafting Team is expected to develop a Charter on the basis of the GNSO Working Group Guidelines taking into account the [Final Issue Report on](#)

[Uniformity of Reporting](#) [PDF, 1.5 MB]. The Report recommends that the Working Group:

- Should review how the community can collaborate with contracted parties and other service providers to share complaint and abuse data that may help to further educate Registrants and Internet users when submitting complaints to relevant parties.
- Could investigate more formal processes for requests of data, metrics and other reporting needs from the GNSO that in turn may aid GNSO policy development processes.

On 9 May, the GNSO Council approved the report's recommendations to await any further action from the ICANN Contractual Compliance Team regarding metrics and reporting until the conclusion of the team's three-year plan towards the end of 2013. In the meantime, the GNSO Council also adopted the recommendation to form a non-PDP Working Group tasked with exploring opportunities of reporting and metrics recommendations that might better inform policy development via fact-based decision making, where applicable. An availability review of both ICANN internal and external data sources is expected to be performed to help inform the deliberations of the WG.

### **Next Steps**

The GNSO Council invites interested parties to provide names of volunteer participants who can be added to the drafting team mailing list. Anyone is welcome to join. Community members who wish to be invited to join the group should contact the [GNSO Secretariat](#) and will be expected to provide a Statement of Interest.

### **Background**

In 2010, the Registration Abuse Policies Working Group (RAPWG) identified the "need for more uniformity in the mechanisms to initiate, track, and analyze policy-violation reports" and recommended "the GNSO and the larger ICANN community in general, create and support uniform reporting processes." The GNSO, in collaboration with the community and ICANN Contractual Compliance, deliberated the issues through due diligence analysis, a review of current state compliance reporting systems, and future state implementation plans within ICANN. Based on the information gathered, the GNSO Council recommended the creation of an [Issue Report](#) [PDF, 1.5 MB]. The report created by ICANN staff further outlined accomplishments regarding reporting and metrics for the Contractual Compliance function and it also reviewed other reporting sources that may be of relevance.

### **More Information**

- [GNSO Metrics & Reporting WG page](#)
- [Call for Volunteers](#)

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# GNSO Council Initiates Policy Development Process on Translation and Transliteration of Contact Information

## At a Glance

*At its meeting on 13 June the GNSO Council approved a motion to initiate a Policy Development Process (PDP) on translation and transliteration of contact information. A group of volunteers will now be convened to draft the charter for the PDP Working Group, which is to be approved by the GNSO Council. Those interested to join this effort are encouraged to contact the [GNSO Secretariat](#).*

## Recent Developments and Next Steps

ICANN staff submitted to the GNSO Council a [Final Issue Report on Translation and Transliteration of Contact Information](#), following a public comment forum on a Preliminary Issue Report that ended on 1 March. The Report addressed the following issues and whether to initiate a PDP on them:

1. Whether it is desirable to translate contact information to a single common language or transliterate contact information to a single common script.
2. Who should decide who will bear the burden translating contact information to a single common language or transliterating contact information to a single common script.

At its meeting on 13 June the GNSO Council approved a [motion](#) to initiate a PDP on these two issues. In the motion the GNSO also requested staff to commission a study on the commercial feasibility of translation or transliteration systems for internationalized contact data. The study is expected to help inform the PDP Working Group in its deliberations.

The next steps in the process are for staff to commission the study described above, and to call for volunteers for a Drafting Team to develop a Charter for the PDP Working Group, which will be approved by the GNSO Council. The PDP Charter Drafting Team will address the two issues identified in the Final Issue Report and listed above.

If you wish to participate in the Drafting Team, please send an email to the [GNSO Secretariat](#). You will be required to provide a Statement of Interest in order to participate.

## Background

At the request of the GNSO Council on 17 October 2012, the Final Issue Report addressed the two issues listed above that are associated with the translation and transliteration of contact information, and whether to initiate a PDP on these issues. The two issues arise from recommendations in the Final Report provided by the Internationalized Registration Data Working Group (IRD-WG) in May 2012.

As noted in the Final Issue Report, these issues focus on Domain Name Registration Data and Directory Services (such as Whois) in generic top-level domains (gTLDs). In the context of these issues, “contact information” is a subset of Domain Name Registration Data. It is the information that enables someone using a Domain Name Registration Data Directory Service (such as Whois) to contact the domain name registration holder. It includes the name, organization, and postal address of the registered name holder, technical contact, as well as administrative contact. Domain Name Registration Data is accessible to the public via a Directory Service (also known as the Whois service). The Registrar Accreditation Agreement (RAA 3.3.1) specifies the data elements that must be provided by registrars (via [Port 43](#) and via web-based services) in response to a query, but it does not require that data elements, such as contact information, must be translated or transliterated.

On the first issue, whether it is desirable to translate contact information to a single common language or transliterate contact information to a single common script. The IRD-WG noted that:

[t]o balance the needs and capabilities of the local registrant with the need of the (potential) global user of this data, one of the key questions...is whether DNRD-DS [Domain Name Registration Data Directory Services] should support multiple representations of the same registration data in different languages or scripts.

In particular, the IRD-WG members discussed whether it is desirable to adopt a “must be present” representation of contact data, in conjunction with local script support for the convenience of local users. By “must be present” the IRD-WG meant that contact data must be made available in a common script.

In general, the IRD-WG recognized that:

...the internationalized contact data can be translated or transliterated into the “must be present” representation. In this context, **Translation** is the process of conveying the meaning of some passage of text in one language, so that it can be expressed equivalently in another language. **Transliteration** is the process of representing the characters of an alphabetical or syllabic system of writing by the characters of a conversion alphabet.



Based on this definition, and consistent with the current state of domain name registration data, the IRD-WG noted that if transliteration were desired, then the “must be present” script would be the Latin script. If translation were desired, then the “must be present” language would be English.

The second issue, who should decide who should bear the burden translating contact information to a single common language or transliterating contact information to a single common script, relates to the concern expressed by the IRD-WG in its report that there are costs associated with providing translation and transliteration of contact information. For example, if a PDP determined that the registrar must translate or transliterate contact information, this policy would place a cost burden on the registrar.

### More Information

- [Public Forum Announcement](#)
- [Preliminary Issue Report on Translation and Transliteration of Contact Information](#) [PDF, 649 KB]
- [Final Issue Report on Translation and Transliteration of Contact Information](#)
- [GNSO Council Motion 17 October 2012](#)
- [GNSO Council Motion 13 June 2013](#)
- [Final Report of the Internationalized Registration Data Working Group](#) [PDF, 642 KB]

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## ASO

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### ASO Continues Due Diligence for Board Member Selection

ICANN’s Address Supporting Organization (ASO) held its annual in-person meeting at the ICANN 46 Public Meeting in Beijing.



The ASO will announce the Board member for seat 10 before the ICANN 47 Public Meeting in Durban.

There are no global number resource policies under consideration at this time.

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# At-Large

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## ALAC Submits Policy Advice on IDNs, New gTLDs

### At a Glance

*The ALAC continues its high rate of preparing statements in response to ICANN public comments periods as well as comments and communications. Between late April and mid-May, the ALAC submitted two statements. The ALAC is currently developing several additional policy advice statements.*

### Recent Developments

The two ALAC policy advice statements and communications submitted between late April and mid-May are summarized below.

### [Trademark Clearinghouse \(TMCH\) and Internationalized Domain Name \(IDN\) Variants](#)

- Call for a more open and flexible TMCH model that is “variants-friendly” and supports a community-based, bottom-up solution for TMCH implementation.
- Ensure the IDN variant issue is addressed before the TMCH begins providing services to the new gTLD registries.
- Request from the ICANN CEO an interim mechanism that can yield appropriate solutions efficiently and on an urgent basis that may involve the following:
  - ICANN (staff) providing relevant expertise to the community to develop interim services in order to authenticate and verify that trademarks are compatible with variants. Such services should be interoperable with the TMCH so as to enable the timely launch of the IDN TLDs
  - A consideration for expediting the Label Generation Rules process for the Han script
  - Longer-term recommendation: A review of the IDN Tables and IDN Registration Rules and Policies submitted by new gTLD applicants offering IDN registrations as a basis for developing a more comprehensive, longer-term solution

## [ALAC Statement to the Board Regarding Security and Stability Implications of New gTLDs](#)

- The ALAC notes that concerns have been raised by PayPal on 15 March in a letter to the CEO and by Verisign on 28 March in a letter to the Chairman and CEO.
- The ALAC recognizes the achievements of the ICANN Security Team working in conjunction with the Certification Authority Browser (CAB) Forum to limit the period of vulnerability of internal networks holding certificates which conflict with new gTLDs.
- The ALAC urges the Board to closely monitor the work being done by the ICANN Security Team with the CAB Forum and ensure the Board's decisions are informed by the progress of this work to reduce risk.
- The ALAC urges the Board to take full consideration of relevant SSAC advice and recommendations to ensure that residual risk is minimized and specifically that residual risk is not transferred to third parties such as current registry operators, new gTLD applicants, registrants, consumers and individual end users.

### More Information

- All ALAC statements may be viewed on the [At-Large Correspondence page](#).
- At-Large policy advice statements being developed may be viewed on the [At-Large Policy Development page](#).

### Staff Contact

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## EURALO Holds General Assembly, Public Welcome Reception at EuroDIG in Lisbon

### At a Glance

*Members of the European Regional At-Large Organization (EURALO) will be holding their annual General Assembly on 19 June on the sidelines of the 2013 European Dialogue on Internet Governance (EuroDIG) that will take place 20-21 June in Lisbon, Portugal. The representatives of over 80 percent of the EURALO At-Large Structures (ALSes) will be participating in this important annual event. The agenda includes guest speakers [Sébastien Bachollet](#), ICANN Board Member, [Nigel Hickson](#), Regional Vice President for Europe, and [Olivier Crépin-Leblond](#), ALAC Chair. Following the GA between 19:30-21:00, EURALO will be*

hosting an Outreach Reception that will feature [Fadi Chehadé](#), ICANN CEO and President as guest speaker.

### Recent Developments

The EURALO GA [agenda](#) includes procedural issues, including approval of the 2012-2013 Board Report and EURALO Officer Selections. There will also be significant discussion on substantive issues including:

- How to improve EURALO's in-reach and member involvement? (By what means, steps and tools?)
- Definition of thematic priorities (Where EURALO can provide special expertise and may assure follow-up)
- How to encourage more participation at ALAC – ICANN (including regular Working Groups, etc.)
- Briefing on the EuroDIG 2013 and suggested EURALO ALS Activities

### More Information

- More information on the EURALO General Assembly may be found on the [2013 EURALO General Assembly Workspace](#).
- EuroDIG 2013 information, including full 2013 EuroDIG program is available on the [EuroDIG website](#).
- [The Business of the Internet: Piecing the Puzzle](#), article by Sandra Hoferichter, ALAC member from EURALO and EuroDIG Administrative Coordinator, EuroDIG Secretariat, as published in the Business Review Europe.EU on 24 May.

### Staff Contact

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## AFRALO Holds First of Three AFRALO Capacity Building Webinars

### At a Glance

*AFRALO held the first of three AFRALO Capacity Building Webinars on 11 June on the topic of "ICANN Mission, Structure and Constituencies." The [agenda](#) included a presentation on ICANN's Mission, Structure and Constituencies with a focus on Africa by [Pierre Dandjinou](#), ICANN Vice President for Stakeholder Engagement, Africa. [Olivier Crépin-Leblond](#), ALAC Chair, presented on the topic of the Role of the ALAC and the At-Large Community.*

*This webinar is part of a series of three AFRALO Capacity Building activities that resulted from various face-to-face capacity building activities carried out by AFRALO during the ICANN Meeting in Dakar in September 2011.*

## Recent Developments

The AFRALO Capacity Building Webinars will be on the following topics:

- Webinar 1 - Topic: ICANN Mission, Structure and Constituencies
- Webinar 2 - Topics: ICANN's role in the infrastructure of the Internet and ICANN Public Participation and Communication. This webinar is to be scheduled to occur during the 19-21 June time period.
- Webinar 3 - Topic: How you can help shape the future on the Internet? This webinar is to be scheduled the week of 1 July.

## More Information

- [ICANN Mission, Structure and Constituencies](#) – Presentation by Pierre Dandjinou
- [The Role of the ALAC and At-Large Community](#) – Presentation by Olivier Crépin-Leblond
- [AFRALO Dakar Capacity Building Tools](#) Workspace

## Staff Contact

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# GAC

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## GAC Advice on New gTLDs Delivered in Beijing

### At a Glance

*The GAC last met during sessions at ICANN's public meeting in Beijing, where they focused on delivering GAC advice to the ICANN Board on categories of strings and specific applications. This advice is detailed in the [Beijing GAC Communiqué](#) [PDF, 159KB].*

### Background

ICANN receives input from governments through the GAC. The GAC's key role is to provide advice to ICANN on issues of public policy, and especially where there may be an interaction between ICANN's activities or policies and national laws or international agreements. The GAC usually meets three times a year in

conjunction with ICANN meetings, where it discusses issues with the ICANN Board and other ICANN Supporting Organizations, Advisory Committees and other groups. The GAC may also discuss issues between times with the Board either through face-to-face meetings or by teleconference.

### More Information

- [GAC website](#)

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## RSSAC

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### RSSAC Restructure Underway

ICANN's Root Server System Advisory Committee is implementing their transition plan and preparing procedures for their operational processes.

The RSSAC is also defining metrics for assessing the health of the root server system and creating a baseline of data to be used when the new gTLDs begin entering the root zone. This will allow the root server operators to assess changes, if any, that accompany an expanded root zone.

### More Information

- [RSSAC website](#)

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## SSAC

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### SSAC Overview

#### Background

The Security and Stability Advisory Committee advises the ICANN community and Board on matters relating to the security and integrity of the Internet's

naming and address allocation systems. This includes operational matters (e.g., matters pertaining to the correct and reliable operation of the root name system), administrative matters (e.g., matters pertaining to address allocation and Internet number assignment), and registration matters (e.g., matters pertaining to registry and registrar services such as Whois). SSAC engages in ongoing threat assessment and risk analysis of the Internet naming and address allocation services to assess where the principal threats to stability and security lie, and advises the ICANN community accordingly.

The SSAC produces Reports, Advisories, and Comments on a range of topics. Reports are longer, substantive documents, which usually take a few or several months to develop. Advisories are shorter documents produced more quickly to provide timely advice to the community. Comments are responses to reports or other documents prepared by others, i.e. ICANN staff, SOs, other ACs, or, perhaps, by other groups outside of ICANN. The SSAC considers matters pertaining to the correct and reliable operation of the root name system, to address allocation and Internet number assignment, and to registry and registrar services such as Whois. The SSAC also tracks and assesses threats and risks to the Internet naming and address allocation services.

### **More Information**

- [SSAC website](#)

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