Pre-ICANN64 Policy Report

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Welcome to ICANN64

Welcome to Kobe! I am pleased to present the Pre-ICANN64 Policy Report written by the Policy Development Support team. This report provides a high-level overview of the planned work and activities of the Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees at ICANN64.

ICANN64 is a Community Forum: a gathering of the ICANN community, Board, and organization. This meeting will feature two Public Forums, two cross-community sessions, and one high interest topic session, as well as outreach and engagement activities.

Tuesday will be dedicated to meetings of the constituencies and stakeholder groups in addition to joint meetings between various community groups and the ICANN Board. Thursday will feature an ICANN Board-led session on ICANN governance and a question and answer session with the ICANN org executive team. Throughout the week, there will be update sessions on the FY20 budget, ongoing reviews, and more.

A global community of stakeholders and participants with different backgrounds and points of view help coordinate and support the unique identifiers of the Internet. The Internet functions for everyone because everyone is invited to help make it work. Consensus policies developed through the multistakeholder model are highly effective and have the greatest legitimacy.

Thank you to our generous hosts and to all of you for making the considerable commitment of time and effort to attend this meeting. No matter if you are an ICANN regular, an occasional participant, or a newcomer, I encourage you to actively engage in this meeting.

Best regards,

David Olive
Senior Vice President,
Policy Development Support

Address Supporting Organization (ASO)

What to Expect

In January 2018, the Number Resource Organization Executive Council (NRO EC) **responded** to the 18 recommendations from the final report of the **second organizational review** of the Address Supporting Organization (ASO) carried out in 2017 by ITEMS International. The ASO Address Council (ASO AC) and NRO EC started implementing some of the recommendations in 2018. The last of these recommendations called for a public consultation to be held in each of the five Regional Internet Registry (RIR) communities to determine the future structure of the ASO.

The recommended public consultations have taken place in each RIR community, including discussions on mailing lists and at meetings in each of the five regions. The NRO EC considered the results of this process to date and distilled the following points as a proposed way forward.

1. While not specifically asked as part of the public consultations, there was a prevailing view across the RIR communities that the number community's relationship with ICANN should continue. A significant number of community members suggested that the relationship must be considerably simplified and its focus limited to number community matters.

2. The organizational review recognized that the number community's relationship with ICANN is unlike that of other Supporting Organizations. The number community's engagement with ICANN serves primarily to facilitate coordination of global Internet number resource policies. It follows that number community representatives be careful in appraising current and future proposed ICANN-related work items and be prepared to decline those that lie outside this scope.

3. It is clear that the existence of two separate identities (those of the NRO and the ASO) leads to complexity and confusion in the number community's relationship with ICANN. The NRO EC will work with ICANN org to determine the viability of consolidating the number community's participation in ICANN under either the "Number Resource Organization" or the "Address Supporting Organization."

4. The number community finds value in its relationship with ICANN and in ICANN's defined role as previously described. The NRO EC supports ICANN in continuing to undertake this role, and will support continuing evolution of the number community's relationship with ICANN, including further changes as needed over time. The NRO EC provided these points to the RIR communities as a possible common way forward to aid in their consideration of the future structure of the ASO.

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Finally, the ASO AC selection process for ICANN Board Seat 10 is underway. There are two candidates for the role.

Background

The ASO was established in 2003 through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between ICANN and the NRO, representing the Internet number community and the five autonomous RIRs: African Network Information Centre (AFRINIC), Asia Pacific Network Information Centre (APNIC), American Registry for Internet Numbers (ARIN), Latin American and Caribbean Internet Addresses Registry (LACNIC), and Réseaux IP Européens Network Coordination Centre (RIPE NCC).

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Through the MoU, the NRO Number Council acts as the ASO Address Council (ASO AC) at ICANN. The ASO AC coordinates the global policy development work of the Internet number community and appoints members to the ICANN Board of Directors, the Nominating Committee, and other ICANN groups. The ASO AC consists of 15 members, three from each region. For 2019, Aftab Siddiqui serves as chair; Kevin Blumberg and Jorge Villa serve as vice chairs. They represent the APNIC, ARIN, and LACNIC regions, respectively.

Alan Barrett, Axel Pawlik, and Oscar Robles are serving as chair, vice chair/secretary, and treasurer, respectively, of the NRO EC for 2019.

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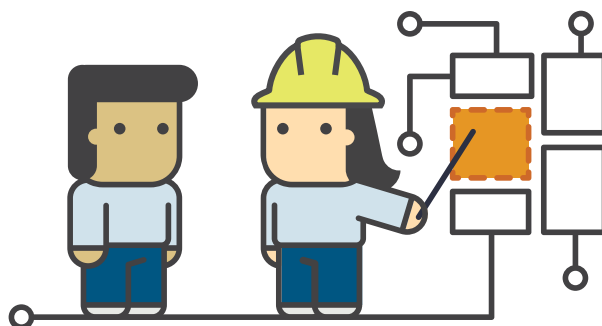
ASO AC Annual Meeting
Monday, 11 March | 10:30-12:00 and 15:15-16:45 | Sapphire

J**oint Meeting: ASO and ICANN Board**
Tuesday, 12 March | 09:45-10:45 | Portopia Hall

ASO Session
Wednesday, 13 March | 13:30-15:00 | Sapphire

Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO)

What to Expect

The Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) starts with working group and committee meetings on Saturday, 9 March. On Sunday, 10 March, the ccNSO Council will hold a workshop, immediately followed by a preparatory meeting to lay the groundwork for its formal meeting on Wednesday, 13 March. **Tech Day**, a workshop open to all community members with an interest in technical, operational, and security topics, is scheduled for Monday, 11 March. Tuesday, 12 March and Wednesday, 13 March, are dedicated to the **ccNSO Members Meeting**, when the country code top-level domain (ccTLD) community and other interested parties will discuss and receive updates on topics relevant to ccTLD managers. The ccNSO Members Meeting is open to all with an interest in ccTLD-related topics.

The detailed ccNSO schedule, including a summary of the topics covered and remote participation details for ICANN64, is available at the **ccNSO ICANN64 workspace**.

Background

The **ccNSO** is one of the three Supporting Organizations within ICANN. Created in 2003 for and by ccTLD managers, the ccNSO develops and recommends global policies to the ICANN Board, such as the retirement of ccTLDs. The ccNSO provides a global platform to discuss topics and issues of concern, build consensus and technical cooperation, and facilitate the development of voluntary best practices for ccTLD managers. Membership in the ccNSO is open to all ccTLD managers responsible for managing an ISO 3166-1 ccTLD.

The ccNSO is administered by the **ccNSO Council**, which consists of 18 councilors (15 elected by ccNSO members, three appointed by the ICANN Nominating Committee). The councilors are actively involved in determining the work and direction of the ccNSO. Councilors manage the policy development process, lead and participate in **various ccNSO working groups**, engage with the community on topical issues, and develop positions based on community feedback. The ccNSO Council meets regularly at ICANN Public Meetings and on monthly teleconferences. All Council documents, minutes of meetings, resolutions, and discussions are published on the **ccNSO Council workspace**.

Consult the **"Quick Guide to the ccNSO"** to learn more about its work and how it is organized. **Subscribe** to the ccNSO monthly newsletter to stay informed. Previous editions are available in the **archive**.

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ccNSO Council Workshop
Sunday, 10 March | 09:00-12:15 | Emerald

The ccNSO Council will hold a workshop at ICANN64. Main points on the agenda include:

- Development of the ccNSO 2019 work plan.

- Expectations and responsibilities of ccNSO Council and individual councilors.

Defining criteria for urgent and important work items and the impact on the ccTLD community.

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Tech Day
Monday, 11 March | 10:30-16:45 | Ohwada A

Since 2006, **Tech Day** has been a part of ICANN Public Meetings. It provides a forum for both experienced people and newcomers to meet and to present and discuss technical and operational registry topics, security, and other DNS-related work. At ICANN64, Tech Day will focus on disaster recovery and mitigation, Universal Acceptance (UA), and matters related to Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs). Other topics of interest include registry security, DNS over TCP, and DNS over HTTPS.

ccNSO Members Meeting

Session times during the ccNSO Members Meeting are subject to change. Please refer to the **ccNSO Members Meeting workspace** for the most current information, including detailed agendas, a summary of the topics covered, and remote participation details.

Day 1 | Policy Session: Policy Development Process on the Retirement of ccTLDs
Tuesday, 12 March | 13:30-15:00 | Ohwada A

The ccNSO Retirement Policy Development Process (PDP) Working Group will seek input and feedback from the ccTLD and broader communities on its results to date, in particular, the basic duration of the retirement process and the process itself. The working group's **charter**, work plan, and other relevant documents are available on its **website** and **workspace**.

Day 1 | Policy Session: IDN ccTLD Recommended Policy Review
Tuesday, 12 March | 13:30-15:00 | Ohwada A

In September 2013, the ccNSO concluded its work on the overall policy for selection of IDN ccTLD strings and inclusion of IDN ccTLDs in the ccNSO. This recommended policy was developed to replace the Fast Track process. As issues emerged with the selection of IDN ccTLD strings, the ICANN Board vote was deferred to gain experience with the changing methods to address those issues under the Fast Track. As a result, the original policy recommendations need to be reviewed. This briefing and discussion is intended to inform the ccTLD community and other interested parties of the areas that need to be reviewed and how the review will be organized.

Day 1 | IANA Functions Session: CSC Effectiveness Review
Tuesday, 12 March | 15:15-16:15 | Ohwada A

The Customer Standing Committee (CSC) Effectiveness Review Team will present its findings and recommendations on the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) services. This is in addition to the regular updates provided by Public Technical Identifiers (PTIs). Per the ICANN Bylaws and CSC charter, the effectiveness of the CSC has to be reviewed two years after its first meeting and then every three years.

Day 1 | Study Group on Emoji as Second-Level Domains
Tuesday, 12 March | 16:15-16:45 | Ohwada A

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The study group was tasked to provide the ccTLD community and ccNSO Council with a comprehensive overview of the following:

- Risks associated with use of emoji as second-level domains as documented in **SAC095**.

- Current practices of ccTLD managers when accepting emoji as second-level domains.

During this session, the study group will present its findings regarding the use of emoji as second-level domains and suggestions for further work in this area.

Day 2
Wednesday, 13 March | 09:00-16:45 | Ohwada A

Day 2 of the ccNSO Members Meeting covers a variety of topics, including:

- Legal issues and marketing-related topics for and by ccTLD managers.

- Updates from the ccTLD regional organizations.

- A session with the ccNSO-appointed ICANN Board members.

ccNSO Council Meeting
Wednesday, 13 March | 17:00-18:30 | Emerald

At the ICANN64 ccNSO Council meeting, the ccNSO Council will elect the ccNSO chair and vice chairs. Other topics the ccNSO Council will discuss will be made available on the on the **ccNSO Council workspace** closer to the meeting.
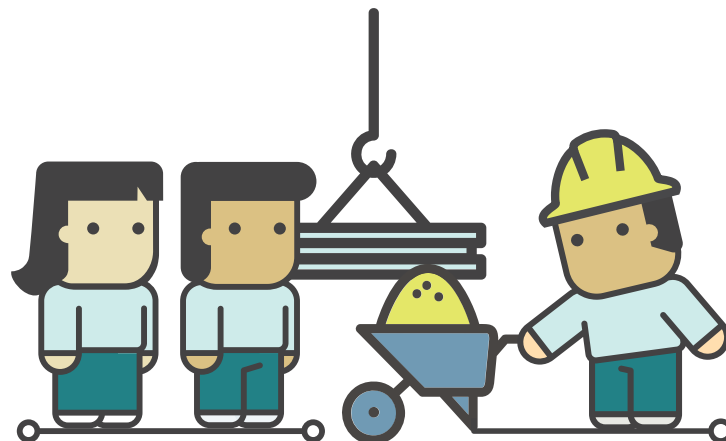
Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO)

What to Expect

The Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) is the policymaking body responsible for generic top-level domains (gTLDs). Its members include representatives from gTLD registries, ICANN-accredited registrars, intellectual property interests, Internet service and connectivity providers, business, and noncommercial interests. The GNSO brings together these different stakeholders, as well as other parts of the ICANN community, to develop gTLD policy recommendations using a bottom-up, multi-stakeholder process driven by working groups and teams consisting of community volunteers.

One important area of work for the GNSO and the broader ICANN community is the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data. Under a constrained timeline, the EPDP Team has made significant progress in addressing the views and concerns of all stakeholders involved via constructive dialogue and principled compromise. This month, the EPDP Team finalized and delivered its Phase 1 Final Report to the GNSO Council. The EPDP Team will then begin planning for Phase 2 during the Public Comment on the Phase 1 Final Report prior to ICANN Board consideration. Phase 2 work includes developing a system for Standardized Access to Non-Public Registration Data and issues in the Annex to the Temporary Specification.

Other GNSO PDP working groups will also hold sessions to make progress on policy development efforts. The New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP Working Group will consider how community input would affect the policy recommendations in its Initial Report, Supplemental Initial Report, and Work Track 5 Supplemental Initial Report. The Review of All Rights Protection Mechanisms (RPMs) in All gTLDs PDP Working Group will start developing potential policy and operational recommendations concerning Sunrise and Trademark Claims services.

ICANN64 also provides an opportunity for the GNSO to review the implementation status of GNSO **PDP 3.0**, an important initiative focusing on identifying and evaluating potential incremental changes to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the GNSO PDP. In its second strategic planning session this January, the GNSO Council reviewed the **implementation** status of a number of recommendations, including those concerning alternative options to the open working group model and expectations for working group leaders and GNSO Council liaisons. The GNSO Council will continue addressing the implementation of remaining recommendations, with the goal of applying suitable changes to ongoing and future PDPs.

The GNSO will engage with other parts of the ICANN community, such as the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC), the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO), and the ICANN Board to discuss topics of common interest. All ICANN community members are welcome to attend and observe the different PDP working group sessions, as well as the GNSO Council and GNSO community sessions.

Background

EPDP on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data

On 17 May 2018, the ICANN Board approved the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data to allow contracted parties to comply with existing ICANN contractual requirements while also complying with the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). The adoption of the Temporary Specification triggered the requirement for the GNSO to complete a consensus PDP within a one-year period.

On 19 July 2018, the GNSO Council initiated the EPDP on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data. The EPDP scope includes confirming, or not, the Temporary Specification by 25 May 2019. The scope also includes discussion of a standardized access model to nonpublic registration data, which will occur only after the EPDP Team has comprehensively answered a series of "gating questions" specified in its charter. The EPDP Team consists of appointed **representatives and liaisons** from the GNSO, the broader ICANN community, the ICANN Board, and ICANN org.

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On 21 November 2018, the EPDP Team published its **Initial Report** for Public Comment and received a total of 42 unique submissions by the closing date. The Initial Report includes the EPDP Team's proposed responses to the charter questions. It also includes preliminary recommendations and questions concerning the purpose of processing registration data, required data processing activities and terms, and updates to other consensus policies. Following a thorough review process of all public comments received, including a meeting in Toronto, Canada in January 2019, the EPDP Team incorporated the submissions into its Final Report when warranted.

This month, the EPDP Team finalized and delivered to the GNSO Council its Phase 1 **Final Report** on the Temporary Specification, which contains 29 policy recommendations. In addition to deliberating the Final Report, the GNSO Council is also expected to consider giving non-objection for the EPDP Team to commence Phase 2 work. Following the GNSO Council adoption and a round of Public Comment on the Final Report, the ICANN Board is anticipated to deliberate on the EPDP policy recommendations.

New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP

The New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP Working Group started its work on 22 February 2016. After completing deliberations on a set of six overarching and foundational subjects, the working group established five separate work tracks to address the remaining subjects identified in its charter.

Work Tracks 1-4 completed their preliminary discussions and considered input received through public consultations. On 3 July 2018, the working group published its **Initial Report** for Public Comment. A number of comments were received by the 26 September 2018 deadline. In October 2018, the PDP working group published a **Supplemental Initial Report**, which considers additional topics to those found in its Initial Report. The PDP working group has nearly completed its initial review of the public comments received for its Initial Report and expects to begin substantive deliberations soon.

Work Track 5 is devoted solely to the issue of geographic names at the top-level. It has focused on reviewing the existing geographic terms and their respective rules in the 2012 Applicant Guidebook (AGB), considering whether they require modification. It is also considering geographic terms that were not identified in the AGB and if applicable, what the corresponding treatment should be. Work Track 5 published its **Supplemental Initial Report** in December 2018 and began its initial review of public comments received in late February 2019.

At ICANN64, the working group will meet on Saturday, 9 March and Wednesday, 13 March to conduct substantive deliberations on comments received on the Supplemental Initial Report and the Work Track 5 Supplemental Initial Report.

Review of All RPMs in All gTLDs PDP

The GNSO Council initiated the Review of All RPMs in All gTLDs PDP on 18 February 2016 and chartered the working group in March 2016. This PDP is being conducted in two phases. Phase 1 covers all the RPMs applicable to gTLDs launched under the 2012 New gTLD Program. In late 2016, the working group completed its review of the Trademark Post-Delegation Dispute Resolution Procedure. It also largely completed an initial review of the structure and scope of the Trademark Clearinghouse (TMCH). By ICANN63, the working group completed its initial review of the Uniform Rapid Suspension (URS) dispute resolution procedure, as well as deliberation on all **proposals** for preliminary recommendations pertaining to the URS.

The working group has been focusing on the review of the Sunrise and Trademark Claims services that are offered through the TMCH. To obtain quantitative and anecdotal evidence that can assist with the review, the ICANN org commissioned Analysis Group, Inc. to develop and administer the surveys in collaboration with the working group.

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Analysis Group presented its **findings** of Sunrise and Trademark Claims surveys at ICANN63.

In December 2019, two sub-teams were formed to analyze all Sunrise and Trademark Claims-related data with a view toward answering the agreed charter questions. The data includes Analysis Group's survey results, sources collected prior to the launch of the surveys, and additional sources recently suggested by working group members. The sub-teams are expected to complete their analysis of all data before ICANN64.

In Kobe, the sub-teams are anticipated to begin developing proposals for preliminary recommendations pertaining to Sunrise and Trademark Claims. In parallel, individual working group members are able to submit proposals for the sub-teams to review by late March 2019.

Other PDPs

On 24 October 2018, the GNSO Council terminated the Next-Generation Registration Directory Service (RDS) PDP in light of the activities with respect to GDPR compliance and the EPDP.

The International Governmental Organization and International Non-Governmental Organization (IGO-INGO) Access to Curative Rights Protection Mechanisms PDP Working Group has completed and delivered its **Final Report** to the GNSO Council for consideration.

The GNSO Council reconvened a PDP working group to consider a possible modification to prior GNSO policy recommendations concerning the protection of Red Cross National Society names. Following the GNSO Council adoption of the working group's **Final Report** and the subsequent round of Public Comment, the ICANN Board adopted the PDP's consensus recommendation at its January 2019 meeting. Policy implementation is underway.

More Information

To help you prepare for ICANN64, read the **GNSO Policy Briefing**. This document provides you detailed information about GNSO PDP working group and other GNSO policy-related activities, including GNSO co-chartered Cross-Community Working Groups and PDP Implementation Review Teams.

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PDP Working Group Meetings
Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data EPDP
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Sunday, 10 March | 17:00-18:30 | Ohwada C
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New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP
Saturday, 9 March | 09:00-16:45 | Diamond
Wednesday, 13 March | 15:15-16:45 | Ohwada C

Review of All RPMs in All gTLDs PDP
Sunday, 10 March | 15:15-18:30 | Diamond
Monday, 11 March | 12:15-15:00 | Ruby

GNSO Meetings

GNSO Working Session
Sunday, 10 March | 08:30-15:00 | Ohwada C

GNSO Council Meeting
Wednesday, 13 March | 13:00-15:00 | Ohwada C

GNSO Wrap-Up Session
Thursday, 14 March | 12:15-13:15 | Ohwada C

Joint Meetings

Joint Meeting: GNSO and ICANN Board
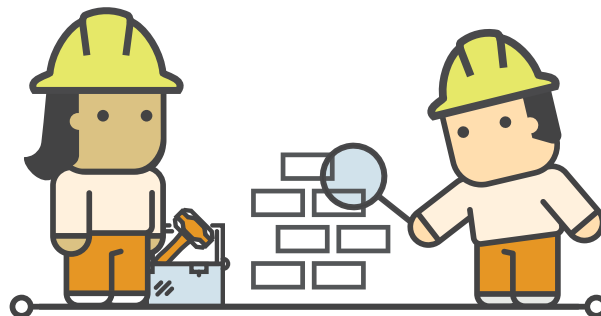Sunday, 10 March | 12:15-13:15 | Ohwada C

Joint Meeting: GNSO and GAC
Sunday, 10 March | 15:15-16:45 | Ohwada B

Joint Meeting: GNSO and ccNSO
Monday, 11 March | 12:15-13:15 | Ohwada C

At-Large/At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)

What to Expect

At ICANN64, the At-Large community, including At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) members and Regional At-Large Organization (RALO) leaders and liaisons, will hold 23 sessions that will focus on:

- **Policy Discussions** -- Balancing privacy and security/stability, Universal Acceptance, and new generic top-level domain (gTLD) subsequent procedures.

- **Projects** -- At-Large Review implementation and the third At-Large Summit (ATLAS III).

- **RALO Activities** -- Cross-RALO activities, including African Regional At-Large Organization (AFRALO)/AfrICANN and Asian, Australasian, and Pacific Islands Regional At-Large Organization (APRALO) sessions, as well as At-Large Regional Leadership outreach and engagement planning with regional partners.

- **Stakeholder Meetings** -- Consolidated Policy Working Group (CPWG); joint meetings with the ICANN Board, Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC), and the Not-for-Profit Operational Concerns Constituency (NPOC); meetings with the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO), Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO), and Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC) leadership; capacity building sessions, including leadership skills development; outreach and engagement sessions, including a joint At-Large and Non-Commercial Users Constituency (NCUC) outreach session.

Background

To see all At-Large policy comments and advice, please visit the **At-Large website policy summary page** and a new **executive summaries page**.

ALAC/At-Large Policy Comments and Advice

Since ICANN63, the ALAC has ratified 12 statements. An additional five statements will be ratified ahead of ICANN64, including one ALAC advice statement for the ICANN Board. During ICANN64, the At-Large community and ALAC will focus on three policy topics.

Balancing Privacy with Security and Stability for the Internet End User

The European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and other privacy regulations around the world have led to a renewed focus on the intersection between registrant privacy and the benefits to Internet end users. During ICANN64, At-Large will explore both sides in depth and the tradeoffs that should and should not be accepted.

Challenges and Possible Opportunities Regarding Universal Acceptance

One of the most significant barriers to the successful expansion of the Domain Name System (DNS) is the lack of Universal Acceptance of new names, both Latin and Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs). If the majority of websites reject new URLs and email addresses, widespread adoption of these strings will forever be limited. During ICANN64, At-Large will discuss the state of Universal Acceptance, including what is being done and what more can be done. In particular, At-Large will discuss if there is a role for At-Large Structures (or ALSes) in spreading the concept to major players in their region.

New gTLD Subsequent Procedures and Objectives for the At-Large Community

From the perspective of Internet end users, one setback of the New gTLD Program was the limited success of both the Community Priority Evaluation (CPE) process and the Applicant Support Programs. Given the At-Large objective to see more applications from underserved regions and communities, ICANN64 will provide an opportunity to brainstorm how

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to promote greater participation by these groups. What suggestions from the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process Initial Reports seem workable to encourage such participation and which seem designed for them to fail again? Is the timing of specific rounds something that can play a role in encouraging more participation? Would a brand round conflict with a community round? During ICANN64, the At-Large community will be discussing these issues and others related to ICANN policy with the Consolidated Policy Working Group (CPWG).

At-Large Review Implementation Plan Development

In June 2018, the ICANN Board **approved** the preparation of a staged plan that was time-bound and would require minimal budgetary and staff implications in order to be successfully implemented. The initial **At-Large Review Implementation Plan** includes eight of the original sixteen issues (1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 9, 13, and 16) identified by the independent examiner. It was presented to the ICANN Board Organizational Effectiveness Committee (OEC) in December 2018 and was **approved** by the ICANN Board on 26 January 2019.

During ICANN64, the At-Large community will work on **developing each issue**, while also recognizing that a program of continuous improvement is a constant focus across At-Large. Please visit the At-Large Review Implementation Plan Development **workspace** for more information.

At-Large Summit (ATLAS) III

The ALAC and At-Large community will hold the third At-Large Summit (ATLAS III) at ICANN66. ATLAS III will be an assembly of the future leaders of At-Large, and focus on developing and nurturing their abilities to effectively implement what has resulted from the At-Large Review. During ICANN64, the At-Large community will work on pre-ATLAS III activities, the ATLAS III schedule and programming, and leadership development and related online training courses. Sixty At-Large members will be invited to participate in ATLAS III, in addition to the At-Large leadership. Please visit the ATLAS III **workspace** for more information.

Regional At-Large Organization (RALO) Activity

The At-Large community consists of over 230 At-Large Structures (ALSes) and over 100 individuals in the five Regional At-Large Organizations (RALOs). During ICANN64, RALO leaders will participate in a number of meetings and activities, including an outreach and engagement planning meeting with regional partners, an APRALO meeting, and the traditional AFRALO/AfrICANN session. There will also be a joint networking event for the Asia Pacific (APAC) community and APRALO, which will be open to all participants.

RALOs and regional partners, along with the Global Stakeholder Engagement (GSE) department, will hold a workshop to discuss greater coordination on outreach and engagement and ICANN policy work. The five RALO leaderships will meet to review cross-RALO hot policy topics, ALS criteria and expectations, and individual membership procedures, among other issues.

The Joint AFRALO-AfrICANN meeting will discuss and approve the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures: Neustar Proposal on the Upcoming Rounds draft statement and will present the finalized AFRALO Hot Policy Topics document. The document will help develop and increase awareness of ICANN activity in the African region.

At-Large Outreach and Engagement Activities

The **Joint At-Large/NCUC Outreach Session** for local academia, civil society, and Internet end users builds on the successful joint At-Large/NCUC sessions from previous ICANN Public Meetings. The agenda of policy issues and specific topics will be presented in an interactive town hall format. The exciting session aims to help both newcomers and seasoned community members familiarize themselves with policy development and to provide background information on the issues both communities are working on.

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Several At-Large working groups will convene during ICANN64. The Consolidated Policy Working Group (CPWG) led by Co-Chairs Jonathan Zuck and Olivier Crepin-Leblond, and the Capacity Building Working Group led by Co-Chairs Joanna Kulesza and Alfredo Calderon, will discuss strategies to engage community members in policy and outreach engagement activity. In addition, an At-Large Engagement Booth will be hosted by community members.

At-Large will also meet with several community groups and/or their leadership, including the ICANN Board, ccNSO, GNSO, GAC, SSAC, and NPOC.

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ALAC and Regional Leader Meetings

At-Large Leadership Working Session (Policy)
Sunday, 10 March | 08:30-10:15 | Topaz

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At-Large Outreach and Engagement Meeting
Tuesday, 12 March | 08:30-10:15 | Topaz

At-Large Capacity Building Session
Tuesday, 12 March | 17:00-18:30 | Topaz

Joint Meetings

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Joint Session: At-Large and NPOC
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Joint Meeting: ALAC and ICANN Board
Wednesday, 13 March | 08:30-09:30 | Portopia Hall

Joint Meeting: ALAC and GAC
Wednesday, 13 March | 11:30-12:15 | Ohwada B

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RALO Meetings

RALO, GSE, and Regional Partners Workshop
Tuesday, 12 March | 10:30-12:00 | Topaz

At-Large Regional Leaders Meeting
Tuesday, 12 March | 13:30-15:00 | Topaz

Joint APAC and APRALO Networking Event
Tuesday, 12 March | 18:30-17:45 | Kairaku 1

Joint AFRALO/AfrICANN Meeting
Wednesday, 13 March | 13:30-15:00 | Topaz

APRALO Meeting
Wednesday, 13 March | 13:30-15:00 | Portopia Hall

Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC)

What to Expect

In planning for ICANN64, the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) has moved to a block schedule approach that is intended to group together similar topics and enable agenda flexibility. Over the course of 17 agenda blocks at ICANN64, the GAC will devote 32 hours of discussions to nearly 30 separate sessions on substantive policy, operational, technical, and engagement topics.

As part of those sessions, the GAC is planning to hold meetings with the leadership of the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO), the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO), the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC), and the ICANN Board of Directors. These meetings are important to help maintain effective channels of information and communication between the GAC and other ICANN community groups and organizational functions.

The GAC Agenda

The GAC agenda for ICANN64 features a number of substantive topics including several sessions on ICANN implementation of the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). GAC members will actively participate in discussions on the Final Report of the Phase 1 of the GNSO Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data and about planning for Phase 2 of that work. The GAC will also devote more than four hours of plenary session time to WHOIS and data protection matters.

GAC members will also discuss and explore developments and views regarding the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process, including Work Track 5 on Geographic Names at the Top-Level. The GAC leadership intends to explore a long-term approach to GAC consideration of new gTLD policy development topics. GAC members will also discuss matters related to international governmental organization access to curative rights protections, review new gTLD auction proceeds matters, and follow up with ICANN Board members on matters related to the availability of two-character country codes at the second-level.

GAC plenary sessions at ICANN64 will also focus on operational matters including ways to improve GAC operations through more effective internal communications, planning, and strategic evaluation of potential GAC involvement in upcoming ICANN Public Comment proceedings and review efforts. GAC members will learn about efforts to update the GAC guidelines for travel support and will also review progress and plans for evolving the GAC Operating Principles to help the GAC effectively operate within the Empowered Community.

Background

The GAC provides advice on public policy aspects of ICANN's responsibilities in regard to the Domain Name System (DNS). The GAC is not strictly a decision-making body but advises ICANN on issues that are within its scope. GAC consensus advice has a particular status under the ICANN Bylaws. Such advice must be duly taken into account by the ICANN Board of Directors, and if the Board proposes actions that would be inconsistent with GAC consensus advice, it must provide reasons for doing so and attempt to reach a mutually acceptable solution.

GAC membership consists of national governments and distinct economies recognized in international forums. Multinational governmental and treaty organizations and public authorities – including United Nations (UN) agencies with a direct interest in global Internet governance such as the ITU, UN Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), and World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) – participate in the GAC in an observer capacity.

Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC)

There are currently 178 GAC members and 37 GAC observers. The GAC is working to proactively engage and onboard new participants. During ICANN64, the GAC leadership team and support staff will again host a GAC "first timers" session to help prepare first-time attendees for an active and informative week of meetings. Almost 20 GAC "first timers" are expected to attend this introductory session.

Since ICANN63, the GAC has welcomed 28 new GAC participants from various countries. In addition, 27 separate delegations have advised the GAC support staff of various changes in representative status (e.g., a departing representative or a new delegate formally assigned to the GAC). In the last year, the GAC has welcomed 75 new GAC participants representing 67 delegations. Further information about the GAC is available on the **GAC website**.

Session Details

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Formal GAC plenary sessions will start midday on Saturday, 9 March and conclude mid-morning on Thursday, 14 March. All GAC sessions will be open to the entire ICANN community and feature remote participation and simultaneous interpretation in the six United Nations languages plus Portuguese. This openness continues during the GAC Communiqué drafting session on the afternoons of Tuesday, 12 March and Wednesday, 13 March.

Several GAC working groups (Public Safety, Human Rights and International Law, Underserved Regions, and Nominating Committee) are also scheduled to conduct working sessions, most of which will take place with the whole GAC in plenary settings. The GAC will take active part in the cross-community and high interest topic sessions scheduled during the week and expects to integrate them into its agenda as much as possible.

More details regarding particular GAC plenary sessions can be found on the **ICANN64 schedule page**, where all briefings and session presentations will be posted.
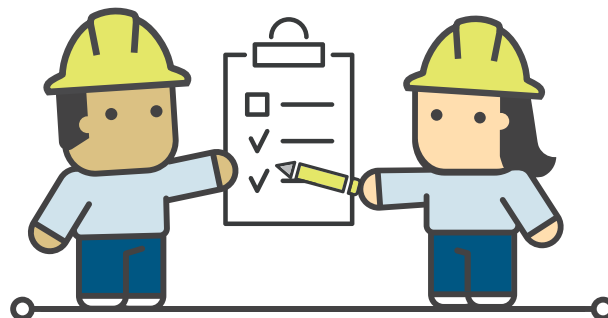
Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC)

What to Expect

The Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC) will conduct eight work sessions throughout the week to advance its work and discuss various internal matters, including implementation of recommendations from its second organizational review. The RSSAC will also continue to raise awareness about its recent **publications**, namely: RSSAC037: A Proposed Governance Model for the DNS Root Server System and RSSAC038: RSSAC Advisory on a Proposed Governance Model for the DNS Root Server System.

Background

The **RSSAC** advises the ICANN community and Board on matters relating to the operation, administration, security, and integrity of the Root Server System (RSS). The RSSAC consists of representatives from the root server operator organizations and liaisons from the partner organizations involved in the technical and operational management of the root zone.

In 2014, the RSSAC launched the **RSSAC Caucus**. The RSSAC Caucus is comprised of DNS experts who have an interest in the RSS, broadening the base of diverse, technical expertise available for RSSAC work. The primary role of the RSSAC Caucus is to perform research and produce publications on topics relevant to the mission of the RSSAC.

The RSSAC Caucus appoints its membership through the RSSAC Caucus Membership Committee. In addition, all RSSAC members are members of the RSSAC Caucus. Currently, there are over 100 members of the RSSAC Caucus from over 20 countries.

There are currently three active **work parties** in the RSSAC Caucus studying:

- Modern Resolver Behavior
- RSS Metrics
- RSS Service Coverage

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How It Works Tutorial: Root Server Operations
Saturday, 9 March | 15:15-16:45 | Ohwada A
Sunday, 10 March | 15:15-16:45 | Ohwada A

This tutorial will start with a brief overview of the DNS, its history, and what root server operators do. A few technical topics will be covered, including a general explanation of the DNS and anycast routing. The session is applicable to all audiences and no prerequisite technical expertise is necessary.

Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC)

RSSAC Work Sessions
Saturday, 9 March | 09:00-10:15, 10:30-12:00, 13:30-15:00 | Ruby
Sunday, 10 March | 09:00-10:15, 10:30-12:00, 13:30-15:00 | Ruby
Tuesday, 12 March | 15:15-16:45 | Ruby
Wednesday, 13 March | 13:30-15:00 | Ruby

RSSAC Information Session
Tuesday, 12 March | 09:00-10:15 | Ruby

RSSAC Meeting
Wednesday, 13 March | 15:15-16:45 | Ruby

Joint Meetings

Joint Meeting: RSSAC and ICANN Board Technical Committee
Monday, 11 March | 13:30-15:00 | Emerald

Joint Meeting: RSSAC and ICANN org Office of the Chief Technology Officer
Tuesday, 12 March | 13:30-15:00 | Ruby

Joint Meeting: RSSAC and ICANN Board
Wednesday, 13 March | 09:45-10:45 | Portopia Hall

Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)

What to Expect

The Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC) will hold a workshop on DNS Security Extensions (DNSSEC) during ICANN64. DNSSEC continues to be deployed around the world at an accelerating pace. From the root to both generic top-level domains (gTLDs) and country code top-level domains (ccTLDs), the push is on to deploy DNSSEC to every corner of the Internet. Businesses and Internet service providers (ISPs) are building their deployment plans, and interesting opportunities are opening up for all as the rollout continues.

Background

What is the SSAC?

The SSAC advises the ICANN community and Board on matters relating to the security and integrity of the naming and address allocation systems of the Internet. 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).

How does the SSAC operate?

The SSAC produces reports, advisories, and comments on a range of topics. Reports are longer, substantive documents, which usually take 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 (e.g. ICANN org, Supporting Organizations, other Advisory Committees, 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. For more information visit the **SSAC website**.

How do I participate in the SSAC?

For information on how to participate in the SSAC, see the **SSAC Operational Procedures** and the **SSAC Introduction**.

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DNSSEC Workshop
Wednesday, 13 March | 09:00-12:00, 13:30-15:00 | Kobe International Conference Center, Room 301

This session is a public presentation and a discussion with those actively engaged in the deployment of DNSSEC. Registries, registrars, ISPs, and others who plan to deploy DNSSEC services will benefit from the presentation and discussion of the deployment experience. Anyone with an interest in the deployment of DNSSEC, particularly registry, registrar, and ISP employees with technical, operational, and strategic planning roles may want to attend. The DNSSEC Workshop has been a part of ICANN Public Meetings for several years and has provided a forum for both experienced people and newcomers to meet, present, and discuss current and future DNSSEC deployments.