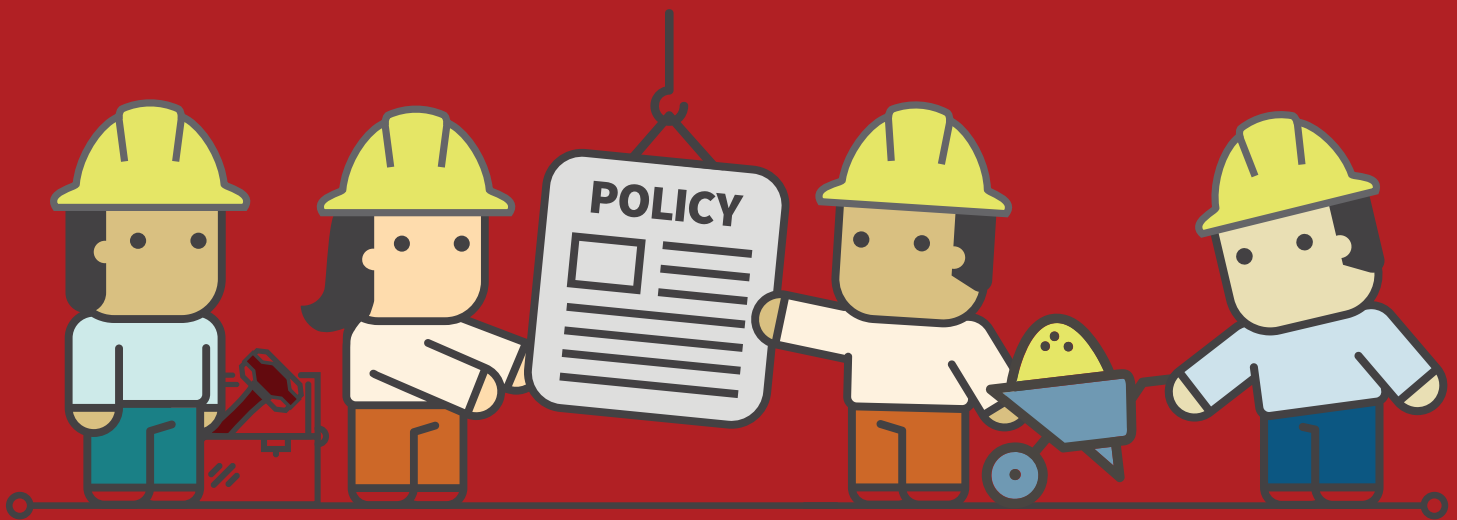


# Pre-ICANN66 Policy Report



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# Welcome to ICANN66



Welcome to Montréal! I am pleased to present the Pre-ICANN66 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, Advisory Committees, and Empowered Community at ICANN66.

In 2003, ICANN17 was held in Montréal, and we are excited to return for ICANN66 at the Palais des congrès de Montréal. ICANN66 is the Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the ICANN community, Board, and organization. This meeting showcases the work of ICANN. ICANN66 will feature two Public Forum sessions, a public meeting of the ICANN Board, an Approval Action Community Forum of the Empowered Community, and three plenary sessions, as well as outreach and engagement activities.

We will also celebrate our community at ICANN66. During the AGM on Thursday, 7 November, we will recognize the contributions of leaders from across the Supporting Organizations, Advisory Committees, and other ICANN community groups. The AGM also marks the end of Cherine Chalaby's tenure as ICANN Board Chair. We hope you will join us for these special moments.

A global community of stakeholders and participants from many backgrounds with various points of view help coordinate and support the unique identifiers of the Internet. The Internet functions for everybody because everybody 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,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'David Olive', written in a cursive style.

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# Address Supporting Organization (ASO)

## What to Expect

Although several members of the Internet number community, including Address Supporting Organization Address Council (ASO AC) members, will be present in Montréal, the ASO will not be convening at ICANN66. The ASO conducts policy development work at Regional Internet Registry (RIR) meetings and on mailing lists.

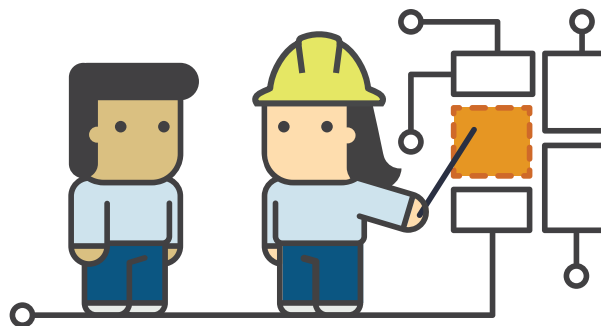
All Address Supporting Organization Address Council (ASO AC) teleconferences are now open to observers in line with [Recommendation 15](#) from the 2017 ASO Organizational Review. ASO AC teleconferences take place at 12:00 UTC on the first Wednesday of every month. For more information, including the teleconference schedule, observer privileges, and remote participation details, read [here](#).

## Background

The ASO is defined in a 2004 Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between ICANN and the Number Resource Organization (NRO). The NRO was representing the Internet number community and the four autonomous RIRs at that time: 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). [Recommendation 4](#) from the 2017 ASO Organizational Review states that the signatories of the ASO MoU should consider adding the African Network Information Centre (AFRINIC) as a signatory as well.

The purpose of the ASO is to review and develop recommendations on Internet Protocol (IP) address policy and to advise the ICANN Board. The ASO does not develop policy relating to Internet number resources but rather ensures that the policy development process has been correctly followed in each RIR community. Global policies are defined in the ASO MoU as “Internet number resource policies that have the agreement of all RIRs according to their policy development processes and ICANN, and require specific actions or outcomes on the part of IANA or any other external ICANN-related body in order to be implemented.”

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.



# Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO)

## What to Expect

The Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) program begins on Saturday, 2 November, with a meeting of the Internet Governance Liaison Committee (IGLC) and a three-hour meeting of the ccNSO Retirement of Country Code Top-Level Domains (ccTLD) Policy Development Process (PDP) Working Group. On Sunday, 3 November, the ccNSO Council will hold a three-hour workshop, followed by a preparatory meeting where the ccNSO will plan for their joint meetings with the ICANN Board of Directors, the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC), and the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council. The Strategic and Operational Planning Committee (SOPC) and the [Top-Level Domain Operations \(TLD-OPS\) Standing Committee](#) will also hold meetings on Sunday. [Tech Day](#), a workshop open to all community members with an interest in technical, operational, or security topics, is scheduled for Monday, 4 November.

Tuesday, 5 November, and Wednesday, 6 November, are dedicated to the [ccNSO Members Meeting](#), where the ccTLD community and others with an interest in ccTLD-related matters will discuss and receive updates on topics relevant to ccTLD managers. This includes a panel discussion on the ccTLD perspective on Internet governance, sessions on the Internet of Things and the ccNSO Policy Development Process on the Retirement of ccTLDs, and an update on Internationalized Domain Names (IDN) policy development. The ccNSO program ends on Thursday, 7 November, with a meeting by the Meetings Program Committee (MPC). The detailed ccNSO schedule, including a summary of the topics covered and remote participation details for ICANN66, is available on the [ccNSO ICANN66 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 on topics such as the retirement of ccTLDs. The ccNSO provides a global platform to discuss 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](#).

# Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO)

## Session Details

Session times provided in this report are in local time. Room assignments are current at the time of publication. However, session times and room assignments are subject to change. Please refer to <https://schedule.icann.org> for the most current information.

### Tech Day

Monday, 4 November | 10:30-12:00 and 13:30-18:30 | 516CDE

Since 2006, **Tech Day** has been 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 work related to the Domain Name System (DNS). At ICANN66, Tech Day will feature presentations on machine learning, Registration Data Access Protocol (RDAP) deployment, and application port scanning.

### ccNSO Members Meeting

Tuesday, 5 November, and Wednesday, 6 November | 516CDE

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 | The DNS and the Internet of Things

Tuesday, 5 November | 09:45-10:15 | 516CDE

The ICANN [Security and Stability Advisory Committee \(SSAC\)](#) has recently published SAC105, a report on the interplay between the Domain Name System (DNS) and the Internet of Things (IoT). Unlike typical SSAC publications, SAC105 does not provide particular recommendations to the ICANN Board, but rather informs the reader about the relationship between DNS and IoT and is intended to trigger and facilitate a dialogue in the broader ICANN community. In Montréal, the ccNSO will explore the DNS-related opportunities, risks, and challenges with respect to IoT from a ccTLD perspective.

### Day 1 | Debriefing ccNSO Workshops

Tuesday, 5 November | 13:30-14:10 | 516CDE

#### TLD-OPS Workshop

At ICANN66, the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) [Top-Level Domain Operations \(TLD-OPS\) Standing Committee](#) will hold a workshop to test its draft disaster recovery and business continuity playbook, which serves as a basic business continuity implementation guide for small country code top-level domain (ccTLD) operators. The workshop will be held on Sunday, 3 November, and is open to TLD-OPS community members. Participants are expected to actively contribute, and attendance is limited to three persons per ccTLD. Registration is required. [Register here](#).

#### SOPC Workshop

The [Strategic and Operational Planning Standing Committee](#) (SOPC) workshop will be held on Sunday, 3 November, and will focus on its working methods. In addition, the group will meet with relevant ICANN org members and others.

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## Day 1 | Q&A with the candidates for ICANN Board Seat 11

Tuesday, 5 November | 14:10-15:00 | 516CDE

The question and answer session gives ccNSO members and the broader ccTLD community an opportunity to interact with candidates for ICANN Board Seat 11. Read more about the call for nominations and next steps [here](#).

## Day 1 | ccNSO Review: Community Consultation on Draft Recommendations

Tuesday, 5 November | 17:00-18:00 | 516CDE

The ccTLD community will hold a discussion on the implementation of the final recommendations from the second ccNSO Organizational Review and will be debriefed on the related discussions during the ccNSO Council workshop held on Sunday, 3 November.

## Day 2 | Overview

Wednesday, 6 November | 09:00-16:45 | 516CDE

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

- An opportunity for the ccTLD community to have a discussion with the candidates for the ccNSO Council. Read more [here](#).
- A panel discussion on the ccTLD perspective on Internet governance.
- A session with the ccNSO-appointed ICANN Board members.

## Day 2 | Policy Session

Wednesday, 6 November | 13:30-14:15 | 516CDE

### Retirement of ccTLDs PDP Working Group

The retirement of ccTLDs PDP Working Group will seek input and feedback from the ccTLD and broader communities on its results to date. The working group's [charter](#), work plan, and other relevant documents are available on its [website](#) and [workspace](#).

### IDN ccTLD Policy Update

The ccNSO Council awaits a response from the ICANN Board of Directors regarding a recent letter sent by the ccNSO Council on the Internationalized Domain Name (IDN) overall proposed policy. It is expected that the next phase of the policy development process (PDP) addressing issues related to the selection of IDN ccTLD strings, will be launched during the ccNSO Council meeting in Montréal. After consultation with the ccTLD community, the proposal to amend Article 10 of the ICANN Bylaws, which aims to include IDN ccTLDs in the ccNSO, is expected to be approved. The first step in launching a ccNSO PDP includes appointing an issue manager, which produces an issue report and proposed timeline for adoption by the ccNSO Council.

## ccNSO Council Meetings

Wednesday, 6 November | 17:00-18:30 | 514

Topics the ccNSO Council will discuss will be made available 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, multistakeholder process driven by working groups and teams consisting of community volunteers.

One important area of ongoing work for the GNSO and the broader ICANN community is the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data. The EPDP Team has made important progress toward the development of a System for Standardized Access/Disclosure (SSAD) to nonpublic gTLD registration data, the centerpiece of its Phase 2 work. In Montréal, the EPDP Team will continue its deliberations on the building blocks that form the foundation of the SSAD and the policy principles that underpin their implementation.

Other GNSO policy development process (PDP) working groups will also hold sessions to further their policy development efforts. The New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP Working Group is expected to complete its analysis of community input on policy recommendations contained in its Initial Report and Supplemental Initial Reports. The Review of All Rights Protection Mechanisms (RPMs) in All gTLDs PDP Working Group expects to review all preliminary recommendations identified for inclusion in its Initial Report.

ICANN66 also provides an opportunity for the GNSO to review the implementation status of GNSO PDP 3.0, an important initiative focusing on enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of the GNSO PDPs. In addition, the GNSO Council expects to engage with Brian Cote, the facilitator for the ICANN org effort focused on evolving the multistakeholder model, to further the dialogue on these two connected initiatives.

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

## Background

### EPDP on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data

At ICANN66, the EPDP Team will organize four sessions, including a full-day session on Saturday, 2 November. Those interested in following the EPDP may also want to attend the plenary session on the status of the EPDP Team's Phase 2 work, which will take place on Monday, 4 November. Those interested in the implementation of the EPDP Phase 1 recommendations are welcome to attend the sessions of the IRT as it continues to discuss the draft gTLD Registration Data Policy.

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 one year.

On 19 July 2018, the GNSO Council initiated the EPDP on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data. The EPDP is being conducted in two phases. Phase 1 aimed to confirm or reject the Temporary Specification by 25 May 2019. Phase 2 is tasked with developing, amongst other elements, a standardized access model to nonpublic registration data. The EPDP Team consists of appointed representatives and liaisons from the GNSO, the broader ICANN community, the ICANN Board, and ICANN org members.



# Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO)

EPDP Phase 1 concluded earlier this year. On 15 May 2019, the ICANN Board [adopted](#) most of the EPDP Phase 1 policy recommendations in its [Final Report](#). The ICANN Board did not adopt parts of two recommendations and has been engaging in a consultation process with the GNSO Council. At the same time, an [Implementation Review Team](#) (IRT), consisting of ICANN org members and ICANN community members, is tasked with implementing the ICANN Board-approved Phase 1 policy recommendations.

Since April 2019, the EPDP Team has been busy conducting its Phase 2 work. The [scope](#) includes: deliberation on the SSAD, issues noted in the [Annex to the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data](#), and issues deferred from Phase 1, such as legal vs. natural persons, redaction of city field, etc.

The EPDP Team spent several weeks discussing a wide array of real-world use cases to understand the needs and requirements when non-public registration data is requested. By synthesizing the commonalities among these use cases, the ICANN Policy Development Support team developed the [“Zero Draft,”](#) which outlines the building blocks and proposed policy principles for an SSAD model. The Zero Draft served as a foundation of the EPDP Team’s work during their [Los Angeles meeting](#) held this past September. They also gained insight into ICANN’s effort to obtain input from the European Data Protection Board on the policy assumptions related to the Unified Access Model.

The EPDP Team expects to use some of the building blocks as the foundation for its policy recommendations in its Initial Report. These building blocks include purposes for requesting nonpublic registration data, authentication, authorization, accreditation of requestors, categorization of users, query policy, and acceptable use policy.

## New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP

At ICANN66, the working group will meet on Saturday, 2 November, and Monday, 4 November. Members are expected to begin consideration of the Work Track 5 Final Report and continue toward developing a set of final recommendations. It will also discuss which topics might require additional Public Comment proceedings.

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 topics additional to those found in its Initial Report. Since ICANN64, the working group has been analyzing how community input might affect its final recommendations. Now the working group has nearly completed its substantive review of Public Comment submissions and is transitioning to the drafting of final recommendations.

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. After completing the initial review of Public Comment submissions for its [Supplemental Initial Report](#), the Work Track 5 members have been analyzing the impact of Public Comment on its proposed final recommendations. It expects to submit the proposed final recommendations to the full working group prior to ICANN66.

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## Review of All RPMs in All gTLDs PDP

At ICANN66, the working group will hold working sessions on Saturday, 2 November, and Sunday, 3 November. It plans to discuss all preliminary recommendations identified for inclusion in its Phase 1 Initial Report.

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 (TM-PDDRP). It also largely completed an initial review of the structure and scope of the Trademark Clearinghouse (TMCH). By the end of ICANN63, the working group completed its review of the Uniform Rapid Suspension (URS) dispute resolution procedure. It also completed a data collection exercise, involving professionally-designed [surveys](#) of targeted respondent groups, to obtain both quantitative and anecdotal evidence that can assist with its review of Sunrise and Trademark Claims that are offered through the TMCH.

In December 2018, two sub teams were formed to analyze all Sunrise and Trademark Claims related data. They completed their data analysis before ICANN64. Based on the outcome of the data analysis, the sub teams developed their [recommendations](#) for Sunrise and Trademark Claims services. Following the ICANN65 meeting, the working group endorsed the sub teams' recommendations for inclusion in the PDP Phase 1 Initial Report.

Since August 2019, the working group has focused on completing the review of the structure and scope of the TMCH. The working group also deliberated on [additional proposals](#) for policy recommendations related to the TMCH. The TMCH review is expected to be completed just prior to ICANN66.

## PDP 3.0

At ICANN66, the GNSO Council will receive a PDP 3.0 implementation status update during its working session on Sunday, 3 November. In addition, the GNSO Council will meet with Brian Cote to discuss how the work undertaken by PDP 3.0 could potentially address some of the issues facing ICANN's multistakeholder model. There will also be a dedicated working session on Monday, 4 November, for the small team to make further progress on the implementation.

The PDP 3.0 initiative started in 2018, when over the course of several discussions, the GNSO Council identified a number of challenges and possible improvements related to GNSO PDP working groups. These challenges and opportunities were documented in an ICANN org paper, which was discussed at the GNSO Council's 2018 Strategic Planning Session.

On 24 October 2018, the GNSO Council [resolved](#) to adopt the PDP 3.0 [Final Report](#), incorporating feedback from Stakeholder Groups, Constituencies, PDP working group leaders, and the broader community. The Final Report recommended a total of 17 improvements. The GNSO Council provided full support to 14 improvements, including those concerning the project management of working groups, as well as expectations and requirements for working group members and leaders. The GNSO Council also agreed to trial some of the improvements in the EPDP Team in advance of other GNSO PDP working groups.

At its January 2019 Strategic Planning Session, the GNSO Council decided that a [small team](#) of councilors should be convened to support the implementation efforts based on the [Implementation Plan](#). The small team first convened at ICANN64 and has been meeting regularly since April 2019. Designated small team leads have been working with ICANN Policy Development Support team members to tackle each improvement.

In an incremental manner, the small team has been delivering to the GNSO Council the proposed documents, processes, and tools that carry out the improvements. As of today, the GNSO Council received proposed implementation documents for 8 of the 14 PDP 3.0 improvements. The small team expects to deliver proposed implementation documents for four more improvements before ICANN66 and finish the remaining two improvements after ICANN66.

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## IGO-INGO Access to Curative Rights Protection Mechanisms

In April 2019, the GNSO Council [voted](#) to approve recommendations 1-4 in the [Final Report](#) of the International Governmental Organization and International Non-Governmental Organization (IGO-INGO) Access to Curative Rights Protection Mechanisms PDP Working Group. The GNSO Council also resolved to not approve Recommendation 5 and directed the Review of All RPMs in All gTLDs PDP to consider, as part of its Phase 2 work, whether an appropriate policy solution can be developed that is generally consistent with recommendations 1-4. The GNSO Council has been working to amend the RPMs PDP charter to reflect the consideration of Recommendation 5. After seeking input from the GAC and IGOs, the GNSO Council expects to finish the charter amendments at around ICANN66.

## Guidelines Drafting

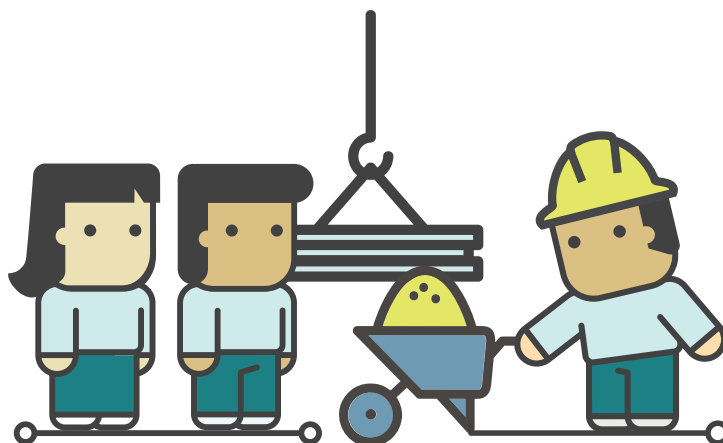
Since January 2019, a GNSO drafting team has been developing guidelines and templates for the GNSO's roles and obligations as a Decisional Participant in the Empowered Community. The drafting team expects to provide the GNSO Council with the proposed guidelines for consideration prior to ICANN66. These guidelines are meant to complement the GNSO's existing processes and procedures, providing additional details or steps for the GNSO to carry out its responsibilities as a Decisional Participant.

## Other PDPs and Projects

Besides managing GNSO PDPs, the GNSO Council has been engaged in a variety of projects and activities such as scoping policy work related to Internationalized Domain Name variant TLD management, reviewing the Competition, Consumer Trust, and Consumer Choice Review Team recommendations and Transfer Policy, and providing input for the implementation of the updated Independent Review Process. [Learn more](#).

## More Information

To help you prepare for ICANN66, please read the [GNSO Policy Briefing](#). This document provides you detailed information about GNSO PDP working groups and other GNSO policy-related activities, including GNSO co-chartered cross-community working groups and PDP implementation review teams. Furthermore, do not forget to attend the GNSO Policy webinar on Thursday, 17 October 2019 at 12:00-13:30 UTC, to have an in-depth review of major GNSO PDPs.



# Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO)

## Session Details

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### PDP Working Group Meetings

#### *Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data EPDP Phase 2*

Saturday, 2 November | 08:30-18:30 | 511C  
Sunday, 3 November | 17:00-18:30 | 511C  
Monday, 4 November | 15:15-18:30 | 511C  
Monday, 4 November | 10:30-12:00 | 0517D  
Thursday, 6 November | 13:30-15:00 | 511C

#### *New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP*

Saturday, 2 November | 12:15-15:00 | 511A  
Monday, 4 November | 15:15-18:30 | 511A

#### *Review of All RPMs in All gTLDs PDP*

Saturday, 2 November | 15:15-18:30 | 511A  
Sunday, 3 November | 17:00-18:30 | 511A

### GNSO Council Meetings

#### *GNSO Council Working Session*

Sunday, 3 November | 09:00-15:00 | 511C

#### *PDP 3.0 GNSO Council Small Team Meeting*

Monday, 4 November | 13:30-15:00 | 513D

#### *GNSO Council Meeting*

Wednesday, 5 November | 13:00-16:00 | 511C

#### *GNSO Wrap-Up Session*

Thursday, 6 November | 12:00-13:30 | 511C

### Joint Meetings

#### *Meeting with the ICANN Board*

Sunday, 3 November | 12:15-13:15 | 511C

#### *Meeting with the GAC*

Sunday, 3 November | 15:45-16:45 | 517A

#### *Meeting with the ccNSO*

Monday, 4 November | 12:00-13:30 | 511C

# At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)

## What to Expect

During ICANN66, the main focus of the At-Large community will be the third At-Large Summit (ATLAS III) which takes place from 4-7 November 2019. ATLAS III is the key event in the At-Large five-year cycle and will help shape the activities of the At-Large community in the years ahead.

The At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) members and Regional At-Large Organization (RALO) leaders will also focus on policy advice, outreach and engagement, and organizational matters.

## Background

### ATLAS III

The third At-Large Summit (ATLAS III) is an assembly of future policy and outreach ambassadors. The Summit will provide participants with the skills required to effectively represent the best interests of end users within ICANN.

Nearly 60 members were selected to take part in ATLAS III, which will be held during ICANN66 4-7 November. ATLAS III participants were chosen by the ATLAS III Selection Committee after submitting an application, and are required to complete a series of courses on issues of importance to ICANN and At-Large before attending.

The Summit will consist of a series of plenary sessions and seven breakout groups providing interactive, hands-on practice of key skills. A case study on Phase 1 of the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data will serve as the focus for the training. Current At-Large leaders will serve as coaches and facilitators of the breakout sessions. ATLAS III also will include networking events so participants can meet At-Large members from around the globe as well as other members of the ICANN community. All ATLAS III participants will be clearly recognizable with a purple ATLAS III ribbon on their nametag, so please welcome them.

The final day will be reserved for discussing post-ATLAS III activities. Post-summit activities like the ATLAS III ambassador program are intended to ensure continued engagement with the participants as thought leaders and change agents within the At-Large and ICANN communities. This program will run in parallel with the [At-Large Review Implementation Issue 2](#), which is focused on increasing the engagement among the At-Large Structures (ALSes) and individuals. For more on ATLAS III activity, please visit the [ATLAS III workspace](#) and the [At-Large schedule during ICANN66](#).

### Policy Advice Development

During ICANN66, the ALAC will focus developing policy advice on the following topics: New gTLD Subsequent Procedures and Work Track 5; Phase 2 of the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data; and cybersecurity and DNS abuse. In addition, the At-Large Community is providing feedback on Universal Acceptance and the Public Comment proceeding for Evolving ICANN's Multistakeholder Model.

An update on the At-Large policy platform will be provided during an At-Large Leadership session during ICANN66. The policy platform is a document of ten key topics that At-Large is currently focused on and which can potentially impact Internet end users. The list of key topics was determined by the ALAC with consultation from the various regions. This document will guide both post-ATLAS III activities and the At-Large Review Implementation Issue 2, focused on improving engagement of ALSes and individuals.

At-Large leaders will also meet to discuss policy issues with other stakeholders, including the ICANN Board, the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC), Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO), and Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) leadership. At-Large leadership will also work with the Non-Commercial Users Constituency (NCUC) and the Not-for-Profit Operational Concerns Constituency (NPOC) on issues of mutual interest.

# At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)

The [Social Media Working Group](#) (SMWG) appointed leaders from among Regional At-Large Organizations (RALOs) to guide work with their respective RALO in promoting Universal Acceptance. The **At-Large Consolidated Working Group** (CPWG) and the RALOs are also collaborating to increase the distribution of information about Universal Acceptance via the At-Large Structure (ALS) networks, with a goal of increasing awareness of Universal Acceptance among Internet end users.

To learn more about At-Large policy comments and advice activity, please refer to the [At-Large Policy Summary](#) and related [At-Large Policy Advice Development page](#).

## Outreach and Engagement Activities

Several At-Large outreach and engagement activities are planned for ICANN66.

An interactive, joint ALAC-GAC-NPOC Communications and Capacity Building Session will take place on the first day of ICANN66. This session will provide an opportunity to hear about the communication and capacity building needs from members of the ALAC, GAC, and NPOC, as well as engage in an open discussion with ICANN org members working on communication and capacity development.

The [ALAC Outreach and Engagement Subcommittee](#) will hold a session addressing planned At-Large activities at the 2019 Internet Governance Forum, issues related to ICANN's government engagement, and discuss organizational issues in advance of 2020. In addition, the subcommittee will meet with fellows and the At-Large mentor in the ICANN Fellowship Program. The subcommittee also coordinates At-Large outreach activities at the ICANN66 engagement booth.

The At-Large community consists of over 238 At-Large Structures and 120 individuals in the five RALOs. During ICANN66, RALO leaders will participate in regional leadership activities focused on key policy topics and outreach and engagement activities. They will discuss cross-regional issues in the context of ATLAS III and receive updates on each RALO's implementation of regional strategic outreach and engagement plans. Finally, At-Large leaders will have the opportunity to meet with the ICANN org Global Stakeholder and Engagement (GSE) regional vice presidents.

## Organizational Initiatives

At-Large Leaders will receive updates on several key organizational initiatives at ICANN66. These include an open discussion with the ICANN org Finance team on FY21 planning and additional budget requests, an update on the Five-Year Strategic Plan, and reporting on the At-Large Review Implementation.

The [ALAC and RALO elections, selections, and appointments](#) were held earlier this year. New members of the ALAC, RALOs, ALAC liaisons, and ALAC delegates to the Nominating Committee (NomCom) will assume their roles during ICANN66.

# At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)

## Session Details

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Please see the [At-Large ICANN66 workspace](#) for details about At-Large sessions, especially the sessions related to policy discussions and At-Large Review Implementation. Highlights are listed below:

### At-Large Leadership Working Sessions

Saturday, 2 November, and Sunday 3, November | 510

### Joint Meetings

#### [ALAC Meeting with the ccNSO](#)

Sunday, 3 November | 15:15-16:00 | 510

#### [ALAC Meeting with the GNSO](#)

Sunday, 3 November | 17:45-18:30 | 510

#### [Joint At-Large/NCUC Outreach Session](#)

Monday, 4 November | 17:00-18:30 | 517C

#### [ALAC Meeting with the GAC](#)

Tuesday, 5 November | 14:15-15:00 | 517A

#### [ALAC Meeting with the ICANN Board](#)

Wednesday, 6 November | 15:45-16:45 | 517D



# Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC)

## What to Expect

GAC members will devote themselves to more than 33 hours of discussions on substantive policy, operational, technical, and engagement topics at nearly 30 separate sessions scheduled over five days in Montréal.

During ICANN66, the GAC will meet with the ICANN Board, the leadership teams of the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council, the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC), and the Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC), as well as members of the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) and the gTLD Registries Stakeholder Group (RySG). These meetings are important to help maintain effective channels of information and communication between the GAC, other ICANN community groups, and organizational functions.

### The Regular GAC Meeting Agenda

The GAC's regular public agenda for Montréal features a number of substantive topics including the Generic Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) implementation, Phase 2 of the GNSO Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP), progress on the registration data access protocol, and other data protection policy matters. There will also be two sessions focusing on the mitigation of DNS abuse. The committee has plans to fully integrate its agenda with scheduled plenary sessions devoted to those topics.

GAC participants will also discuss new gTLD policy matters, particularly with respect to subsequent procedures for future application rounds including Work Track 5 and geographic names. Back at ICANN64, the GAC committed to exploring a longer-term approach to government consideration of new gTLD policy development topics and formed a targeted focal group to explore those issues and build capacity on those issues among GAC members. That focal group will meet in Montréal and brief the GAC on developments in those areas.

GAC members will also discuss matters related to intergovernmental organization (IGO) access to curative rights protections, review new gTLD auction proceeds matters, and learn about the latest developments in regard to .AMAZON applications. GAC members will also follow up with the ICANN Board on matters related to the tracking of GAC advice as well as the monitoring of two-character country codes registrations at the second level.

Several GAC working groups (Public Safety, Human Rights and International Law, Underserved Regions, Nominating Committee, and Operating Principles) are also scheduled to conduct working sessions, most of which will take place with the whole GAC in plenary settings. In Montréal, the GAC will also consider the formation of a new working group to be devoted to Internationalized Domain Names and Universal Acceptance.

GAC plenary sessions in Montréal will also focus on operational issues including developing more effective and consistent working group guidelines to improve GAC operations, assessing the GAC's treatment of Public Comment opportunities, and considering improvements to internal processes for situations like assessing ICANN Board responses to GAC Communiqués and exercising the powers of Decisional Participants in the Empowered Community structure.

ICANN66 is also the time for the GAC to conclude the annual election process for its leadership team. This year, GAC members are making selections for the five GAC vice chair positions. GAC vice chairs serve one-year terms. The election period concludes on Sunday, 3 November, and the election results will be announced on Monday, 4 November.



# Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC)

## Background

The GAC provides advice on the public policy aspects of ICANN's responsibilities with regard to the Domain Name System. 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 ICANN 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 as well as public authorities participate in the GAC in an observer capacity. This includes the United Nations (UN) agencies with a direct interest in global Internet governance such as the International Telecommunication Union (ITU); UN Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO); and World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

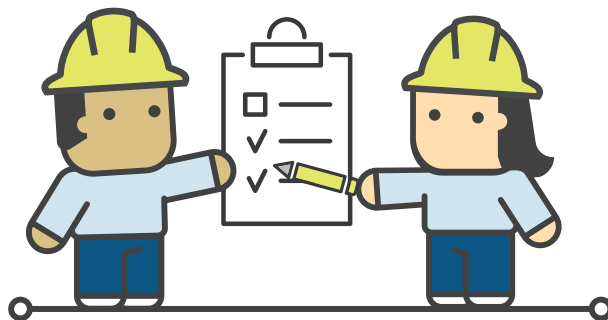
There are currently 178 GAC members and 38 GAC observer organizations. The GAC is working to proactively engage and onboard new participants. In Montréal, the leadership team and support team will again host a GAC meeting first timers session to help prepare first-time GAC meeting attendees for an active and informative week. Almost 20 GAC first timers are expected to attend this introductory session.

Since ICANN65, the GAC has welcomed 39 new participants from various countries, territories, and organizations. In the last seven months, the GAC has welcomed 67 new GAC participants. Further information about the GAC and its work are available on the [GAC website](#).

## Session Details

Formal GAC plenary sessions will start on Saturday, 2 November, and could continue to Thursday, 7 November. All GAC sessions will be open to the entire ICANN community and feature remote participation and simultaneous interpretation in the six UN languages plus Portuguese. This principle of openness will also be evident during the GAC Communiqué drafting sessions scheduled for Tuesday, 5 November, and Wednesday, 6 November.

More details regarding particular GAC plenary sessions can be found on the [GAC ICANN66 schedule page](#) where all briefing materials and session presentations will be posted.



# Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC)

## What to Expect

The Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC) will conduct four work sessions throughout the week to advance its work and discuss various internal matters, including the work of the Root Server System (RSS) Metrics Work Party in the RSSAC Caucus. The RSSAC will also conduct its monthly meeting and will work on updating three of its [publications](#), namely RSSAC002v3: RSSAC Advisory on Measurements of the Root Server System; RSSAC023: History of the Root Server System; and RSSAC026: RSSAC Lexicon.

## 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 Membership Committee appoints members of the RSSAC Caucus. In addition, all RSSAC members are members of the RSSAC Caucus. Currently, the two active [work parties](#) in the RSSAC Caucus are Studying Modern Resolver Behavior and RSS Metrics.

The RSSAC recently had its eighth workshop where it made significant progress on the work of RSS Metrics Work Party. A report from the RSSAC October 2019 Workshop will be published soon.

## Session Details

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### **RSSAC Work Sessions**

Sunday, 3 November | 09:00-10:15, 10:30-12:00, 13:30-15:00 | 517C

Tuesday, 5 November | 09:00-10:15 | 518

### **How It Works Tutorial: Root Server Operations**

Sunday, 3 November | 15:15-16:45 | 517D

Tuesday, 5 November | 17:00-18:30 | 517C

### **RSSAC Caucus Meeting**

Tuesday, 5 November | 15:15-16:45 | 518

### **RSSAC Meeting**

Wednesday, 6 November | 09:00-10:15 | 518

### **Joint Meeting: ICANN Board and RSSAC**

Wednesday, 6 November | 14:30-15:30 | 517D

# Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)

## What to Expect

The SSAC will hold a workshop on DNS Security Extensions (DNSSEC) during ICANN66. 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.

The SSAC recently published [SAC106: Comments on Evolving the Governance of the Root Server System](#). In this report, the SSAC responded to the ICANN Public Comment proceeding on [Evolving the Governance of the Root Server System](#), which sought feedback for evolving the governance of the Root Server System (RSS), including the proposed community-driven process.

Continuing the SSAC's Emerging Security topics held at every ICANN Public Meeting, SSAC member Andrei Kolesnikov will present work on Application Port Scanning at Tech Day. ICANN66 Tech Day will be held on Monday, 4 November, at 13:30-18:30 in room 516C.

## Background

### What is the SSAC?

The SSAC advises the ICANN community and Board on matters relating to the security and integrity of the Internet naming and address allocation systems. This includes operational matters (e.g., matters pertaining to the correct and reliable operation of the root name server), 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, address allocation and Internet number assignment, and 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](#).

# Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)

## Session Details

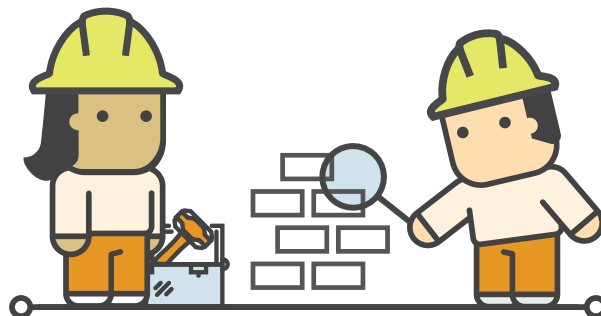
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### **DNSSEC Workshop**

Wednesday, 6 November | 13:30-16:45 | 517C

This session is a public presentation and 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 and these new topics may want to attend, particularly registry, registrar, and ISP employees with technical, operational, and strategic planning roles.

The original DNSSEC Workshop has been a part of ICANN Public Meetings for many years and has provided a forum for both experienced and new people to meet, present, and discuss current and future DNSSEC deployments. The new DNSSEC Workshop has added a focus on security to address various emerging security related issues such as DNS over TLS/DNS over HTTPS (DoT/DoH) impacts and potential abuses, impacts of Resource Public Key Infrastructure (RPKI) deployments, Border Gateway Protocol (BGP) hijacking, and other Internet-related routing issues.



# Empowered Community

## What to Expect

The Empowered Community Administration will hold an Approval Action Community Forum during ICANN66. The Empowered Community Administration is comprised of five appointed representatives, one from each of the five Decisional Participants that constitute the **Empowered Community**. The forum will be an opportunity for the ICANN Board and community to discuss a proposed amendment to one of the Fundamental Bylaws, prior to the Decisional Participants' each taking a decision as to whether or not to support the amendment. The proposed Fundamental Bylaw change concerns the composition of the community-based team that will be tasked with performing a review of the IANA Naming Function.

## Background

On 8 September 2019, the ICANN Board approved the Fundamental Bylaw change that will be the subject of the ICANN66 Approval Action Community Forum. The IANA Naming Function review is a critical aspect of ICANN's accountability. The ICANN Board's action triggered one of the Empowered Community's Bylaws-mandated powers, the power to approve or reject the proposed change.

The Empowered Community is another key accountability mechanism under the ICANN Bylaws. The five Decisional Participants that comprise the Empowered Community are the Address Supporting Organization (ASO), the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO), the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO), the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC), and the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC). The role of the Empowered Community Administration and the procedures applicable to the exercise of the Empowered Community's powers are described in Article 6 and Annex D of the [ICANN Bylaws](#).

## Session Details

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### **Approval Action Community Forum**

Sunday, 3 November | 08:00-09:00 | 517C

# Community Recognition

At ICANN66, the ICANN Board, org, and community will recognize the contributions and service of community leaders during the Annual General Meeting.

## Address Supporting Organization

Fiona Asonga, *Address councilor*  
Hartmut Glaser, *Address councilor*  
Henri Kasyfi Soemartono,  
*Address councilor*

## Country Code Names Supporting Organization

Debbie Monahan, *councilor*  
Abibu Ntahigiye, *councilor*  
Peter Vergote, *councilor*  
Jian Zhang, *councilor*

## Generic Names Supporting Organization

Ayden Férdeline, *councilor*  
Tony Harris, *councilor*  
Rubens Kuhl, *councilor*  
Paul McGrady, *councilor*  
Arsène Tungali, *councilor*

## Intellectual Property Constituency

Kiran Malancharuvil, *Secretary*  
John McElwaine, *Treasurer*  
Brian Winterfeldt, *President*

## Internet Service Providers and Connectivity Providers Constituency

Tony Holmes, *Vice Chair*

## At-Large Advisory Committee

Sébastien Bachollet, *member*  
Hadia El Miniawi, *member*  
Kaili Kan, *member*  
John Laprise, *Vice Chair*  
Bartlett Morgan, *member*  
Seun Ojediji, *member*

## African Regional At-Large Organization

Mohamed El Bashir, *Chair*  
Fatimata Seye Sylla, *Vice Chair*

## European Regional At-Large Organization

Olivier Crépin-Leblond, *Chair*  
Olawale Bakare, *Secretary*

## North American Regional At-Large Organization

Glenn McKnight, *Secretary*

## Governmental Advisory Committee

Guo Feng, *Vice Chair*  
Ghislain de Salins, *Vice Chair*  
Thiago Jardim, *Vice Chair*

## Root Server System Advisory Committee

Brad Verd, *Co-Chair*

## Customer Standing Committee

Jeff Bedser, *member*  
Byron Holland, *Chair*  
Elaine Pruis, *Vice Chair*

## Security and Stability Advisory Committee

Don Blumenthal, *member*  
*(in memoriam)*  
Xiaodong Lee, *member*  
Carlos Martinez-Cagnazzo, *member*

## Empowered Community Administration

Alan Barrett, *Address Supporting Organization Representative*  
Heather Forrest, *Generic Names Supporting Organization Representative*  
Alan Greenberg, *At-Large Advisory Committee Representative*

## Nominating Committee

Alejandro Acosta, *member*  
Nadira Alaraj, *member*  
Alain Bidron, *member*  
Jonathan Cohen, *member*  
Anriette Esterhuysen, *member*  
Robert Guerra, *member*  
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