Pre-ICANN62 Policy Report

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Welcome to **ICANN62**

Welcome to Panama City! I am pleased to present the Pre-ICANN62 Policy Report written by the Policy Development Support department. This report provides a high-level overview of the planned work and activities of the Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees at ICANN62.

ICANN62 is the third Policy Forum and the first Policy Forum to be held in the Latin America and Caribbean region. The Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees have taken the lead in organizing the program for the four-day meeting. Mornings will be dedicated to outreach and advancing policy and advice development work, while afternoons will feature cross-community and high interest topic sessions exploring a variety of issues, including ongoing policy development efforts.

ICANN62 will begin on Monday, 25 June with the presentation of the Multistakeholder Ethos Award, concluding a community-driven selection process. Networking receptions each night will allow participants to interact outside of working sessions.

There will be no opening ceremony, public meeting of the ICANN Board, or public forum sessions at ICANN62. With fewer days and a focused agenda, the scheduled sessions will allow for the

ICANN community to take a deep dive into some of the most pertinent policy issues at hand, while encouraging robust debate, discussion, and compromise.

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 everyone because everyone is invited to help make it function. Consensus policies developed by the multistakeholder model give our results both effectiveness and legitimacy.

Thank you to our generous hosts and to 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
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Address Supporting Organization (ASO)

What to Expect

The global Internet number community continues its regional consultations on the recommendations in the final report of the ASO organizational review published in late July 2017. The Number Resource Organization Executive Council (NRO EC) and the ASO Address Council (ASO AC) published a **joint response** earlier this year.

As described in the call for proposals by the NRO, the objective of the review is to determine whether the ASO has a continuing purpose in the ICANN structure, and if so, whether any change in structure or operations of the ASO is desirable to improve its effectiveness. Additionally, it will decide whether or not the ASO is accountable to the Internet number community when carrying out its responsibilities.

The scope of the review includes all functions that the ASO undertakes in support of ICANN, and in particular, the development of global number policy and the appointment of individuals to various ICANN bodies, including the ICANN Board.

In May 2018, the ASO AC **announced its selection** of Ron da Silva to serve a three-year term on Seat 9 of the ICANN Board.

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 Center (AFRINIC), Asia Pacific Network Information Centre (APNIC), American Registry for Internet Numbers (ARIN), Latin American and Caribbean Network Information Centre (LACNIC), and Réseaux IP Européen Network Coordination Centre (RIPE NCC).

Through the MoU, the NRO Number Council acts as the 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 service region. For 2018, Aftab Siddiqui serves as chair, with Kevin Blumberg and Ricardo Patara serving as vice chairs; they represent the RIPE NCC, ARIN, and LACNIC service regions, respectively.

Paul Wilson, Alan Barrett, and Axel Pawlik are serving as chair, vice chair/secretary, and treasurer of the NRO Executive Council for 2018, respectively.

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Although several members of the Internet number community, including ASO Address Council (ASO AC) members, will be present in Panama City, the ASO will not be convening at ICANN62. The ASO conducts policy development work at regional Internet registry meetings and on mailing lists, and the ASO Address Council had its annual meeting at ICANN61.
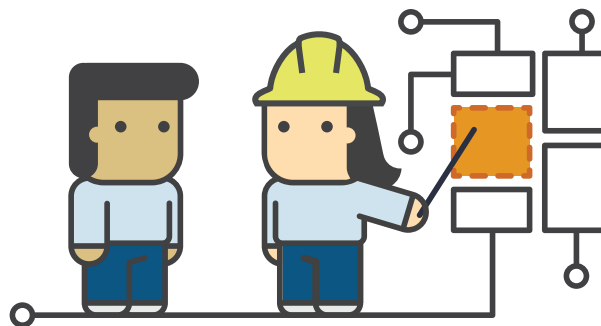
Address Supporting Organization (ASO)

To stay informed of the latest developments, subscribe to the Regional Internet Registry policy mailing lists:

- **AFRINIC Resource Policy Discussion**
- **APNIC Policy Special Interest Group**
- **ARIN Public Policy**
- **LACNIC Politicas**
- **RIPE NCC Address Policy Working Group**

Or attend an upcoming Regional Internet Registry meeting:

- **APNIC 46** | 6-13 September 2018 | Noumea, New Caledonia
- **LACNIC 30** | 24-28 September 2018 | Rosario, Argentina
- **ARIN 42** | 4-5 October 2018 | Vancouver, Canada
- **RIPE 77** | 15-19 October 2018 | Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- **AFRINIC 29** | 25-30 November 2018 | Egypt

Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO)

What to Expect

The ccNSO program for the country code top-level domain (ccTLD) community and other interested parties starts on Monday, 25 June, when ccNSO working groups and committees will meet. Tech Day, a workshop open to all community members with an interest in technical, operational, and security topics, is scheduled for Monday, 25 June. Tuesday, 26 June and Wednesday, 27 June, are dedicated to the ccNSO Members Meeting, when the 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 session summaries and remote participation details for ICANN62, is available on the **ccNSO workspace**.

Background

The **ccNSO** is a body within ICANN created for and by ccTLD managers. Since its creation in 2003, the ccNSO has evolved to a forum for ccTLD managers to meet and discuss topics and issues of concern from a global perspective. The ccNSO provides a platform to nurture consensus, technical cooperation, and skill-building among ccTLDs, and facilitates the development of voluntary best practices for ccTLD managers. It is also responsible for developing and recommending global policies to the ICANN Board for a limited set of issues relating to ccTLDs, such as the retirement of ccTLDs. Membership in the ccNSO is open to all ccTLD managers responsible for managing an ISO 3166 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. They 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**.

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Strategic and Operational Planning Committee (SOPC)
Monday, 25 June | 09:00-12:00 | Metropolis 2

The purpose of the SOPC is to coordinate and organize the participation of ccTLD managers in ICANN strategic and operational planning processes. At ICANN62, the committee will meet with relevant ICANN organization members. This will be followed by a workshop dedicated to the strategic outlook trends identification exercise.

Tech Day
Monday, 25 June | 13:30-18:30 | Salon 4

Tech Day has been a part of ICANN Public Meetings for several years and provides a forum for both experienced people and newcomers to meet and to present and discuss technical registry topics, security, and DNS-related work. At ICANN62, Tech Day will feature a discussion on natural disasters, disaster recovery, and business continuity planning, with a focus on the technical recovery plans for the DNS, registry, and corporation.

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ccNSO Members Meeting | **Policy Session: Policy Development Process on the Retirement of ccTLDs**
Tuesday, 26 June | 10:30-11:00 | Salon 4

The ccNSO Retirement Policy Development Process (PDP) Working Group will provide a short briefing to the ccTLD and broader communities during the **ccNSO Members Meeting** on Tuesday, 26 June. The goal of this ccNSO PDP, the third initiated by the ccNSO Council, is to develop and recommend policies to the ICANN Board of Directors pertaining to:

- The retirement of country code Top-Level Domains (ccTLDs)
- Review mechanisms for decisions relating to the delegation, transfer, revocation, and retirement of ccTLDs

The ccNSO Retirement PDP Working Group will meet 09:00-12:00 on Thursday, 28 June as well.

ccNSO Members Meeting | **Policy Session: ccNSO Participation in Work Track 5**
Tuesday, 26 June | 11:30-12:00 | Salon 4

The ccNSO is participating in Work Track 5 of the **Generic Names Supporting Organization New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process Working Group**. Work Track 5 focuses on developing proposed recommendations regarding the treatment of geographic names at the top-level. The group reached agreement on its terms of reference and began substantive deliberations in 2018. The session at ICANN62 will focus on country and territory names, and the views of ccTLD managers. This will inform the leadership and the ccNSO-appointed members of the working group.

ccNSO Members Meeting | **Natural Disasters, Disaster Recovery, and Business Continuity Planning: Policy Impact and Managerial Aspects**
Wednesday, 27 June | 09:00-09:45 | Salon 4

During the second day of the **ccNSO Members Meeting**, the impact of natural disasters on registries, registrars, and registrants will be approached from a business perspective. This follow-up session to the one held during the ccNSO Members Meeting at ICANN61, will focus on policy, planning, testing, communications, and simulation. There will also be a combined focus on both the technical and human impacts. Community input will be gathered in order to lead a more detailed approach and provide deliverables for ICANN63. TLD-OPS will be involved in the disaster recovery and mitigation session, in coordination with the Tech Working Group.

ccNSO Council Meeting
Wednesday, 27 June | 17:00-18:30 | Salon 4

Consult the agenda and relevant background material for the ccNSO Council meeting on the **ccNSO Council workspace**.

Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO)

What to Expect

The 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 to develop gTLD policy recommendations using a bottom-up process driven by working groups run by community volunteers.

The GNSO Council is expected to continue working on identifying and evaluating potential incremental changes to improve the Policy Development Process (PDP). This work is also referred to as PDP 3.0, a key initiative launched during the Council's strategic planning session earlier this year. The improvements derived from PDP 3.0 will be factored in as the Council considers the PDP that is required to review the Temporary Specification on gTLD Registration Data. The Temporary Specification was approved by the ICANN Board on 17 May 2018, as an interim measure to bring existing WHOIS obligations in line with the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) requirements. At ICANN62, the GNSO will devote as much time as possible to begin the policy deliberations related to the Temporary Specification.

Compared to previous Policy Forum meetings, the GNSO schedule has undergone changes to use the limited meeting time more effectively. Each day of ICANN62 has a theme, with the majority of a PDP working group's session scheduled in a single day in order to advance their work efficiently. The administrative work that usually takes place during Council weekend sessions will be covered through a series of webinars held before ICANN62, including the Pre-ICANN62 GNSO Policy Webinar. The GNSO will also focus on engaging with the rest of the ICANN community on important topics in the cross-community sessions and joint meetings. All ICANN community members are welcome to attend and participate in the different PDP working group sessions, as well as the GNSO Council and the GNSO community sessions.

Background

Background Information on GNSO Policy Development Activities

The ICANN organization and community have been actively taking steps to ensure that the Registration Directory Service (RDS), currently WHOIS, is in compliance with GDPR. The adoption of the Temporary Specification has necessitated the start of a new PDP, which must be completed in a one-year period to take effect after the final possible renewal of the Temporary Specification.

Notably, this is the first time the GNSO faces the need to complete a PDP in such an accelerated timeline. As such, the Council is considering whether an Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) would be appropriate. The Council is also considering how the improvements derived from the PDP 3.0 initiative may further enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the EPDP. The discussions about PDP 3.0 began at the first GNSO Council strategic planning session held in January 2018; the discussions continued between the Council, PDP leadership teams, and community members at ICANN61. These discussions resulted in a **paper** that outlines the potential incremental changes to improve the PDP. Insights from this paper will inform ongoing discussions at ICANN62 about how incremental changes could be applied to the newly starting EPDP, as well as to ongoing PDPs and future policy development efforts. The GNSO Council, as manager of the PDP, has the responsibility to ensure that the appropriate mechanisms are in place and needed resources are available to deliver on this responsibility.

At ICANN62, two PDPs are nearing important milestones that make significant blocks of meeting time extremely valuable.

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The New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP Working Group will focus discussions on its Initial Report, which it anticipates publishing for Public Comment either prior to ICANN62 or shortly thereafter. The working group completed deliberations on a set of six overarching and foundational subjects. Five separate work tracks were established to address the remaining subjects identified in its charter. Work Tracks 1-4 completed their preliminary discussions and considered input received through public consultations. The Initial Report is expected to include the preliminary recommendations/outcomes from Work Tracks 1-4 and the full working group, as well as options/questions where community input is specifically needed, and a record of the substantive deliberations. Work Track 5, which is devoted solely to the issue of geographic names at the top-level, has agreed to its **terms of reference**. It has started substantive deliberations, including the review of the existing geographic terms and their respective rules in the 2012 Applicant Guidebook. It is also considering geographic terms that were not identified in the 2012 Applicant Guidebook. Work Track 5 expects to publish its own Initial Report. In addition to the three open meetings to be held at ICANN62, Work Track 5 will seek to advance its work during a pair of cross-community sessions.

The Review of All Rights Protection Mechanisms (RPMs) in All gTLDs PDP Working Group aims to complete its initial review of the Uniform Rapid Suspension (URS) dispute resolution procedure around ICANN62. Three sub-teams were formed to identify additional data needs and inquiries concerning URS providers, practitioners, and related documents. At ICANN62, the working group plans to discuss the responses to questions intended for the three current URS providers and experienced URS practitioners. Additionally, one of the URS-related sub-teams is beginning to examine certain categories of URS cases, as well as to collect and analyze various data points such as domain(s) at issue, parties, responses, panelist(s), and outcomes. Concurrently, another sub-team of the working group started engaging with Analysis Group, Inc. to finalize surveys seeking data and anecdotal input concerning the efficacy of the Sunrise and Trademark Claims services. In September 2017, the GNSO Council approved the data gathering effort concerning Sunrise and Trademark Claims RPMs. In January 2018, the ICANN org launched a **Request for Proposal** (RFP) to seek qualified supplier(s) to develop and conduct the required surveys. In May 2018, Analysis Group was contracted to develop the surveys based on the substantial guidance from the sub-team with the aim to launch the surveys before ICANN62. The survey results are anticipated to be available in the third quarter of 2018. At ICANN62, the working group will hold three open meetings.

Following ICANN61, the leadership of the Next-Generation Registration Directory Service (RDS) PDP has indefinitely suspended its meetings in light of the activities with respect to GDPR compliance. Taking into consideration the recently adopted Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data, the GNSO Council is currently discussing next steps for this PDP, which could include termination. Prior to the suspension of meetings, the working group was working to reach rough consensus agreement on key concepts concerning RDS users/purposes, access, and privacy. By the end of January 2018, **49 initial points** of rough consensus had been reached during iterative and ongoing deliberation. The working group drafted an overall statement of purpose for registration data and directory services, which guided all initial agreements. The working group also drafted detailed definitions for **12 potentially-legitimate purposes** for processing registration data elements.

While several other PDP working groups will not meet at ICANN62, they continue their work. The International Governmental Organization and International Non-Governmental Organization (IGO-INGO) Access to Curative Rights Protection Mechanisms PDP is in the concluding phase of its work. It aims to complete its Final Report prior to ICANN62 for possible GNSO Council consideration during the meeting. The reconvened PDP working group, which is tasked with considering a possible modification to prior GNSO policy recommendations concerning the protection of Red Cross National Society names, has reached preliminary agreement. The agreement is to recommend a specific, finite set of names be withheld from registration at the second-level of the Domain Name System (DNS). This reconvened PDP working group is also finalizing what specific, limited variants of those names will be included and is reviewing its draft Initial Report. Its Public Comment period will begin just prior to ICANN62.

Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO)

More Information

Register for the Pre-ICANN62 GNSO Policy Webinar to be held at 21:00-22:30 UTC on Monday, 18 June. The leaders of major GNSO PDP working groups will provide an in-depth review of their topics, current issues being discussed, and what to expect at ICANN62. To optimize your participation at the webinar and ICANN62 in general, read the **GNSO Policy Briefing**.

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PDP Working Group Meetings

New gTLD Subsequent Procedures
Monday, 25 June | 09:00-10:15, 10:30-12:00 | Salon 7
Thursday, 28 June | 13:30-15:00 | Salon 7

Review of All RPMs in All gTLDs
Wednesday, 27 June | 10:30-12:00 | Salon 7
Thursday, 28 June | 09:00-10:15, 10:30-12:00 | Salon 7

GNSO Meetings

GNSO Working Session
Monday, 25 June | 12:15-15:00 | Salon 7

GNSO Council Meeting
Wednesday, 27 June | 13:00-15:00 | Salon 7

GNSO Council Wrap-Up Session
Thursday, 28 June | 12:15-13:15 | Salon 7

GNSO Policy Briefing
Monday, 25 June | 08:00-08:30 | Salon 7
Tuesday, 26 June | 08:30-09:00 | Salon 7
Wednesday, 27 June | 08:30-09:00 | Salon 7
Thursday, 28 June | 08:30-09:00 | Salon 7

Cross-Community Sessions and High-Interest Topic Sessions

Geographic Names at the Top-Level (Work Track 5)

Monday, 25 June | 15:15-16:45 | Salon 1-3

Thursday, 28 June | 15:15-16:45 | Salon 1-3

Registration Directory Services to Replace WHOIS

Monday, 25 June | 17:00-18:30 | Salon 1-3

Thursday, 28 June | 17:00-18:30 | Salon 1-3

GDPR Compliance

Tuesday, 26 June | 15:15-16:45, 17:00-18:30 | Salon 1-3

Cross-Community Working Group (CCWG) on New gTLD Auction Proceeds

Wednesday, 27 June | 15:15-16:45, 17:00-18:30 | Salon 5

CCWG-Accountability Work Stream 2 Final Report
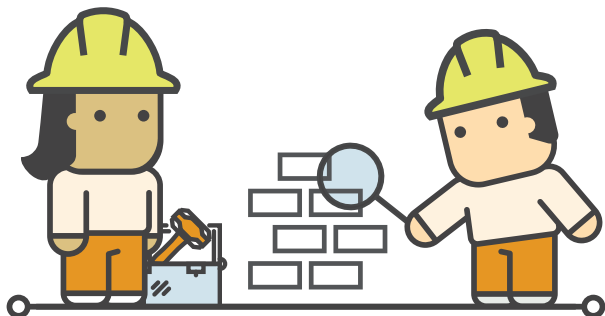
Wednesday, 27 June | 17:00-18:00 | Salon 5

Joint Meetings

GNSO and Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC)

Tuesday, 26 June | 11:30-12:30 | Salon 1-3

GNSO and Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) Councils

Wednesday, 27 June | 08:00-09:00 | Salon 7

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

What to Expect

At ICANN62, the At-Large community, including At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) members and Regional At-Large Organization (RALO) leaders, will focus on three areas:

1. Policy discussions on new generic top-level domains (gTLDs) and Work Tracks 1-5 of the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process, the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), and the Key Signing Key (KSK) Rollover, as well as daily preparatory sessions for the cross-community and high-interest topic sessions.

2. Regional At-Large Organization (RALO) policy hot topics and individual member participation within At-Large.

3. Updates on the At-Large Review and potential implementation of next steps.

Members of At-Large will participate in 19 formal At-Large sessions as well as numerous informal sessions during ICANN62. There will also be joint meetings with other stakeholders, including the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) and the Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC).

The **Latin American and Caribbean Islands Regional At-Large Organization (LACRALO)** will host an open house to discuss the work of LACRALO, as well as a related networking open house later on that day to engage with the ICANN and local communities. The traditional African Regional At-Large Organization (AFRALO)/AfrICANN meeting will focus on GDPR compliance from an African perspective. The ALAC and Regional Leadership will review cross-RALO hot policy topics, At-Large Structure (ALS) criteria and expectations, and individual membership procedures. The European Regional At-Large Organization (EURALO)/At-Large will hold two outreach events with the Non-Commercial Stakeholder Group (NCSG).

Background

Policy Discussions
The ALAC has been actively participating in policy discussions and preparing policy advice statements on a number of the issues to be discussed during ICANN62.

New gTLDs and Work Tracks 1-5
- **Draft Procedure for Community gTLD Change Requests** (2 April 2018)

GDPR
- **Intellectual Property Constituency/Business Constituency Accreditation and Access Model for Non-Public Data v1.5** (current as of 30 May 2018)

- **Data Protection/Privacy Issues Update: Soliciting Community Input on Article 29 Guidance** (20 April 2018)

- **Data Protection/Privacy Issues: ICANN-proposed Interim Model** (30 March 2018)

KSK Rollover
- **Plan to Restart the Root Key Signing Key (KSK) Rollover Process** (2 April 2018)

To see At-Large policy comments and advice activity, please refer to the **At-Large Policy Summary** and related **At-Large Policy Advice Development workspace**.

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

RALO Hot Policy Topics and Individual Membership

Over the last year, the RALOs have worked with their members to develop draft **RALO Hot Policy Topics** that highlight ICANN-related policy issues of particular interest to Internet end users in their region. These documents will be used for both engagement and outreach within the RALOs. Following up on the initial development of policy hot topics within the RALOs, the Regional Leadership will discuss next steps in the implementation of these documents, including possible activities and materials to promote them.

The ALAC and Regional Leadership will also review individual membership as membership terms and conditions differ within the RALOs. Currently, four RALOs – AFRALO, the Asian, Australasian and Pacific Islands Regional At-Large Organization (APRALO), EURALO, and the North American Regional At-Large Organization (NARALO) – have official procedures accepting individual members unaffiliated with accredited At-Large Structures (ALSes). LACRALO is currently developing its individual member acceptance procedure.

At-Large Review

A mapping exercise was delivered to the At-Large Review Working Party (RWP) and the ALAC in December 2017. Given the need to provide a more consolidated approach, the RWP submitted the **At-Large Review Implementation Overview Proposal** in early April 2018, which focused on the issues highlighted in the ITEMS Final Report and the ALAC proposals on how to address these issues. This proposal included additional details as well as an estimate on timing for the implementation of the improvements.

Next, the ICANN Board Organizational Effectiveness Committee (OEC) is expected to refer the At-Large Review to the ICANN Board for consideration and approval prior to ICANN62. In preparation for this, members of At-Large will discuss the start of the At-Large Review improvements process.

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Please see the **ICANN62 workspace** for details on At-Large sessions, especially the sessions related to policy discussions and the At-Large Review. Highlights are listed below:

ALAC and Regional Leader Meetings
ALAC and Regional Leaders Working Sessions
Monday, 25 June | 09:15-10:15, 10:30-12:00, 13:30-15:00 | Salon 6
Tuesday, 26 June | 10:30-12:00, 13:30-15:00 | Salon 6
Wednesday, 27 June | 08:30-10:15, 10:30-11:15 | Salon 6

ALAC and Regional Leaders Wrap-Up Sessions
Thursday, 28 June | 08:30-10:15, 10:30-12:00 | Salon 6

Joint Meetings
ALAC Meeting with the SSAC
Monday, 25 June | 13:30-14:15 | Salon 6

ALAC Meeting with the GAC
Wednesday, 27 June | 11:30-12:30 | Salon 1-3

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Regional At-Large Organization Meetings

LACRALO Open House
Tuesday, 26 June | 12:15-13:15 | Salon 6

Joint Meeting: AFRALO-AfrICANN
Wednesday, 27 June | 13:30-15:00 | Salon 6

At-Large Regional Leaders Session
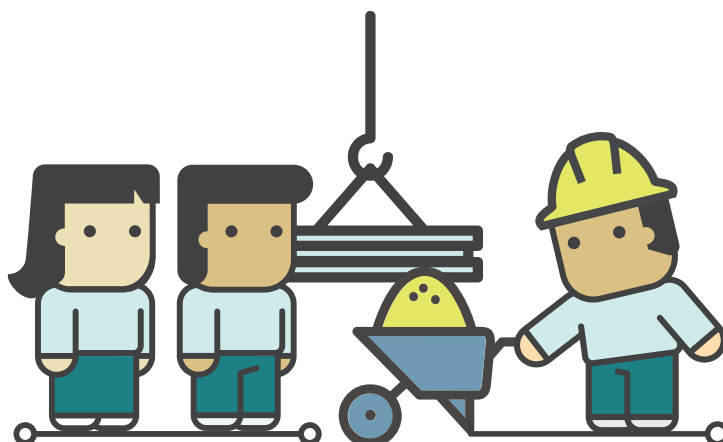Thursday, 28 June | 13:30-15:00 | Salon 6

Outreach Events

Navigating Your Way at ICANN: Joint NCSG-At-Large Outreach Sessions
Tuesday, 26 June | 9:00-10:15, 10:30-12:00 | Salon 9

LACRALO Networking Open House
Tuesday, 26 June | 18:30-19:30 | Salon 6

Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC)

What to Expect

The GAC has scheduled more than 25 plenary sessions accounting for more than 24 hours of work over four days at ICANN62.

As part of those sessions, the GAC will hold joint meetings with the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO), Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO), At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC), and the ICANN Board of Directors.

The GAC agenda for ICANN62 features a number of substantive topics including sessions on ICANN organization implementation of the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) with a particular focus on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data (Temporary Specification) approved by the ICANN Board on 17 May 2018. In addition to devoting more than five hours of the week to GDPR matters, GAC member representatives will discuss and explore new gTLD subsequent procedures (including GNSO Work Track 5), the ICANN community's work on Work Stream 2, and the next steps for new gTLD auction proceeds.

Sessions at ICANN62 will also focus on operational matters including the next GAC leadership election cycle, support for the independent GAC secretariat function, an update on staff onboarding planning and follow-through, and planning for the next High-Level Governmental Meeting scheduled for ICANN63. Further topics include efforts and outcomes from various GAC working groups.

On Sunday, 24 June, the GAC Underserved Regions Working Group – in cooperation with the ICANN Government Engagement Team – will host a GAC capacity development workshop for GAC member representatives from the region and new GAC participants. The agenda of the meeting can be found on the **GAC website**. The workshop will cover a range of topics including an introduction to ICANN, and the role and work of ICANN in the region and in the global Internet governance ecosystem.

Background

The GAC provides advice on public policy aspects of ICANN's responsibilities with regard to the Domain Name System. The GAC is not 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, and if the Board proposes actions that would be inconsistent with GAC consensus advice, it must give reason for doing so and attempt to reach a mutually acceptable solution.

The membership of the GAC 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 International Telecommunication Union (ITU), UN Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), and World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) – participate in the GAC in an observer capacity. With the recent addition of Ecuador following ICANN61, there are now 177 GAC members and 36 GAC observers.

As a chartering organization to the ICANN cross-community working groups that prepared for the IANA stewardship transition, the GAC remains active in the ensuing efforts, both for the adaptation of processes to the new ICANN Bylaws and for the continuing activities in Work Stream 2 of the Cross-Community Working Group on Enhancing ICANN Accountability. Further information about the GAC is available on the **GAC website**.

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GAC plenary sessions will start on Monday, 25 June and conclude on Thursday, 28 June. All GAC sessions will be open to the entire community and feature remote participation and simultaneous interpretation in the six UN languages plus Portuguese. This openness continues during the GAC Communiqué drafting session in the afternoon of Wednesday, 27 June. Several GAC working groups (Public Safety, Human Rights and International Law, 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 play an active role in the cross-community and high-interest topic sessions scheduled during the week and will integrate them into its agenda.

More details regarding specific GAC plenary sessions can be found on the **GAC ICANN62 page**, where all presentations will be posted.
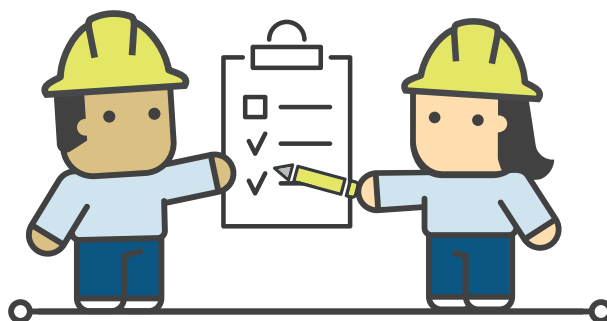
Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC)

What to Expect

The RSSAC will have work sessions throughout the week to advance its work and to discuss various internal matters. The RSSAC will also continue to raise awareness about its recent **publications**:

- RSSAC032: Feedback on the Independent Review of the RSSAC Assessment Report for Public Consultation}
- RSSAC033: RSSAC Statement on the Distinction Between RSSAC and Root-Ops
- RSSAC034: Report from the RSSAC May 2018 Workshop
- RSSAC035: RSSAC Statement on the Draft Final Report of the Second Organizational Review of the Nominating Committee
- RSSAC036: RSSAC Response to the Public Comment Proceeding on the Draft Final Report of the Second Organizational Review of the RSSAC

Background

The **RSSAC** is responsible for advising the ICANN community and Board on matters relating to the operation, administration, security, and integrity of the authoritative root server system. 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** of Domain Name System (DNS) and root server system experts to carry out its essential work. There are 88 RSSAC Caucus members (49% of whom do not work in root server operations), broadening the base of technical expertise contributing to RSSAC work. There are currently two active work parties in the RSSAC Caucus:

- Harmonization of Anonymization Procedures for Data Collecting led by Paul Hoffman
- Packet Sizes Work Party led by George Michaelson

The RSSAC and RSSAC Caucus are currently discussing how to prioritize future work items based on survey results from earlier this year.

Session Details

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RSSAC Work Sessions
Tuesday, 26 June | 10:30-12:00 | Metropolis 2
Wednesday, 27 June | 09:00-10:15 | Metropolis 2
Wednesday, 27 June | 13:30-15:00 | Metropolis 2
Thursday, 28 June | 10:30-12:00 | Salon
Thursday, 28 June | 13:30-15:00 | Salon 4

For the first time at ICANN Public Meetings, RSSAC work sessions will be open for observation. This includes a joint meeting with the leadership of the Nominating Committee and discussions about ongoing and future RSSAC work items.

RSSAC Organizational Review Session
Tuesday, 26 June | 09:00-10:15 | Metropolis 2

Since September 2017, Interisle Consulting Group, LLC, has been conducting the second organizational review of the RSSAC. During this session, the independent examiner will present its final report.

Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC)

RSSAC Information Session
Thursday, 28 June | 09:00-10:15 | Salon 4

The RSSAC will provide updates on its recent publications and current work, as well as answer questions related to its mission and upcoming priorities.

Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)

What to Expect

The SSAC will hold a workshop on DNS Security Extensions (DNSSEC) during ICANN62. 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 organization, 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
Monday, 25 June │ 09:00-12:00 │ Salon 4

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.

 The workshop includes presentations and panel discussions on the following topics:
- DNSSEC Workshop Introduction, Program, Deployment Around the World – Counts, Counts, Counts
- DNSSEC Activities and Post-Key Signing Key (KSK) Rollover Preparation
- KSK Root Key Rollover RFC8145 Research
- DNSSEC: How Can I Help?