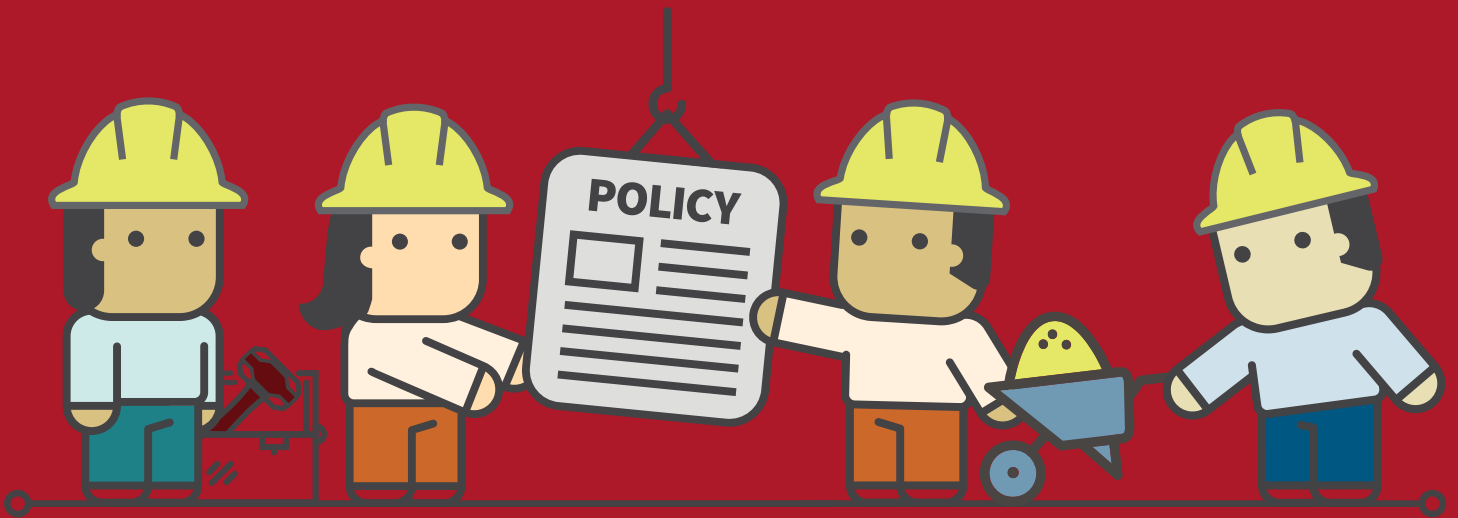


ICANN74 Policy Outlook Report



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Welcome to ICANN74!



Welcome to the ICANN74 Policy Forum in The Hague, Netherlands! This is the first time in more than two years that ICANN will come together in person. In preparation, I am pleased to present the ICANN74 Policy Outlook Report written by the Policy Development Support team. This report provides a high-level overview of the planned work and activities of the Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees during ICANN74.

ICANN74 is the seventh Policy Forum. The Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees have taken the lead in organizing the program for the four-day meeting. This meeting will feature discussions about more new generic top-level domains (gTLDs) and Internationalized Domain Names. The ICANN community will also consider the implications of privacy legislation and regulatory developments on access to gTLD registration data. In addition, there will be work sessions focused on the security, stability, and resiliency of the Domain Name System in light of emerging technologies. A selection panel will also announce the recipient of the ICANN Community Excellence Award.

A global community of stakeholders and participants with different backgrounds and points of view help coordinate and support the unique identifiers of the

Internet. The Internet functions for everyone because everyone is invited to help make it work. Consensus policies developed through the multistakeholder model are highly effective and have the greatest legitimacy.

Thank you to 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 Policy Forum.

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 will participate in sessions, the ASO will not be convening during ICANN74. The ASO conducts policy development work through Regional Internet Registry (RIR) meetings and [mailing lists](#).

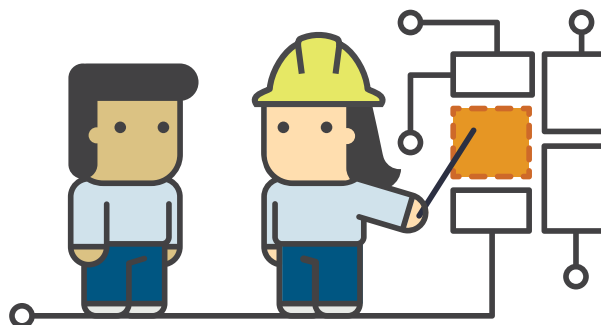
Background

The ASO is defined in a [2019 Memorandum of Understanding \(MoU\)](#), affirming the relationship between the names and numbers communities. The purpose of the ASO is to review recommendations on global Internet Protocol address policy and to advise the ICANN Board. 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 the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority or any other external ICANN-related body in order to be implemented.” The ASO ensures that the policy development process has been correctly followed in each RIR community:

- African Network Information Centre
- Asia Pacific Network Information Centre
- American Registry for Internet Numbers
- Latin American and Caribbean Internet Addresses Registry
- Réseaux IP Européens Network Coordination Centre

The [ASO Address Council \(ASO AC\)](#) coordinates the global policy development work of the Internet number community and appoints members to the ICANN Board, the ICANN Nominating Committee, and other ICANN groups. The ASO AC consists of 15 members, three from each RIR.

ASO AC monthly teleconferences are open to observers. For more information, including the teleconference schedule, observer privileges, and remote participation details, visit the [ASO AC website](#).



Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO)

What to Expect

During the ccNSO sessions, the country code top-level domain (ccTLD) community and others with an interest in ccTLD-related matters will discuss and receive updates on topics relevant to ccTLD managers.

The ccNSO program begins on Monday, 13 June, with Tech Day. Tech Day is a workshop open to all ICANN community members with an interest in technical, operational, and security topics.

The ccNSO schedule will continue on Tuesday, 14 June, and start with a joint session of the ccNSO Council and the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council, followed by a ccNSO Policy Session, when two ccNSO policy development working groups will provide an update on their progress to date and seek input from the ccTLD community. On Wednesday, 15 June, during a ccNSO Governance Session, there will be a discussion on the need to introduce a general statement of interest procedure for the ccNSO and ccNSO Council conflict of interest arrangements. There will also be a discussion on the impact of the inclusion of Internationalized Domain Name (IDN) ccTLD managers as members of the ccNSO on existing rules and operating procedures. Finally, on Thursday, 16 June, ccTLD managers will share their experiences with Domain Name System (DNS) abuse, including priorities and approaches.

The third and fourth ccNSO policy development working groups will have their working sessions on Tuesday, 14 June. On Wednesday, 15 June, the Tech Working Group and Top-Level Domain Operations (TLD-OPS) Standing Committee and its security subgroup will all meet. On Thursday, 16 June, there will be a meeting of the Strategic and Operational Planning Committee. The ccNSO program will conclude with a ccNSO Council meeting.

The detailed ccNSO schedule, including a summary of the topics covered and remote participation details for ICANN74, is available on the [ccNSO ICANN74 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, such as the retirement of ccTLDs, to the ICANN Board. The ccNSO provides a global platform to discuss topics and issues of concern, builds consensus and technical cooperation, and facilitates 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 ccNSO 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 ICANN community on topical issues, and develop positions based on ICANN community feedback. The ccNSO Council meets regularly at ICANN Public Meetings and at monthly teleconferences. All ccNSO Council documents, minutes of meetings, resolutions, and discussions are published on the [ccNSO website](#).

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 UTC+2. Please refer to the [ICANN74 schedule](#) for the most current information.

Please refer to the [ccNSO Members Meeting workspace](#) for detailed agendas and more information.

Tech Day

Monday, 13 June | 13:15-17:30

Since 2006, [Tech Day](#) has been part of ICANN Public Meetings. It provides a forum for both experienced participants and newcomers to meet and to present and discuss technical and operational registry topics, security, and other DNS-related work. During ICANN74, Tech Day will focus on DNS Security Extensions, DNS abuse prevention and mitigation, and other topics.

Joint Session: ccNSO and GNSO Councils

Tuesday, 14 June | 09:00-10:00

During this joint session the ccNSO Council and the GNSO Council will discuss topics of common interest, including a discussion on what happens after policy recommendations are accepted by either council, policy development efforts for IDNs, the latest developments of Phase 2 of the GNSO Expedited Policy Development Process on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data, and finally, developments regarding DNS abuse.

ccNSO Policy Update

Tuesday, 14 June | 13:15-14:30

Two ccNSO PDP (ccPDP) working groups will provide an update on their progress to date and seek input on their proposals:

- **ccPDP3** | The goal of this PDP is to report on and recommend a policy for a review mechanism with respect to decisions pertaining to the delegation, transfer, revocation and retirement of the delegated top-level domains associated with the country codes assigned to countries and territories listed in the ISO 3166-1.
- **ccPDP4** | This PDP defines the criteria, process, and procedures for (de)selecting IDN ccTLDs associated with the country codes assigned to countries, territories, or other areas of geopolitical interest listed in the ISO 3166-1 standard. The results of this ccPDP4 will eventually replace the IDN ccTLD Fast Track Process.

ccPDP3 Working Session

Tuesday, 14 June | 15:00-16:00

The working group has identified which decisions should be subject to a review and explored the requirements for the review mechanism. The working group is now taking a deep dive into the various requirements and related topics. The group will hold a working session during ICANN74. The working group charter, work plan, and other relevant documents are available on its [website](#) and [workspace](#).

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ccPDP4 Working Session

Tuesday, 14 June | 16:30-17:30

The ccPDP4 Working Group completed its review and discussion of the 2013 policy proposals for the IDN ccTLD string selection process. The ccPDP4 consists of three subgroups: the variant management subgroup, the confusing similarity review subgroup, and the de-selection subgroup. By ICANN74, all subgroups will have completed their initial proposals, or will be in the final phases of doing so. During ICANN74, the working group will hold a working session to start the stress-testing of the draft policy recommendations to date. The working group charter, work plan, and other relevant documents are available on its [website](#) and [workspace](#).

Technical Working Group

Wednesday, 15 June | 15:00-16:00

Since 2006, the Technical Working Group has organized Tech Day, a workshop open to all ICANN community members with an interest in technical, operational, and security topics. The working group will discuss working methods and charter updates during ICANN74.

TLD-OPS Standing Committee

Wednesday, 15 June | 16:30-17:30

The Top-Level Domain Operations (TLD-OPS) Standing Committee is the oversight body of the [TLD-OPS mailing list](#). The purpose of the standing committee is to govern the daily operation of the TLD-OPS email list and, when necessary, to develop and implement progress plans for future improvements and developments of the TLD-OPS email list, including its ecosystem. TLD-OPS is the incident response community for and by ccTLDs and brings together those who are responsible for the overall security and stability of their ccTLD. The goal of the TLD-OPS community is to enable ccTLD operators worldwide to collaboratively strengthen their incident response capabilities.

During ICANN74, the TLD-OPS Standing Committee will have a meeting with its security subcommittee. They will review progress to date, action items, and refine its strategy. The security subcommittee will discuss its effectiveness since its formation and if any changes or improvements are needed.

Governance of the ccNSO

Wednesday, 15 June | 10:30-12:00

The focus of the ICANN74 governance session will be on ccNSO statement of interest and conflict of interest processes. Based on feedback from this session, the subteam of the ccNSO Guidelines Review Committee will develop proposals for consideration by the ccNSO Council and ccNSO membership. In addition, there will be a discussion on how the inclusion of IDN ccTLD managers as members of the ccNSO will impact existing rules and operating procedures.

ccNSO Strategic and Operational Planning Committee

Thursday, 16 June | 09:00-10:00

The aim of the committee is to coordinate, facilitate, and increase the participation of ccTLD managers in the strategic and operational planning related budgetary processes of ICANN and Public Technical Identifiers (PTI). The ccNSO Council and individual ccTLD managers, collectively or individually, will be invited to support the position or input of the committee. Membership in the committee is open to all ccTLD managers (whether members or nonmembers of the ccNSO). The committee may submit a relevant Rejection Action Petition against the ICANN and Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) budgets or their strategic and operating plans. During ICANN74, the SOPC will review and discuss with the ccTLD community the goal, scope, and method of ccNSO input into ICANN strategic and operational planning processes.

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DNS Abuse

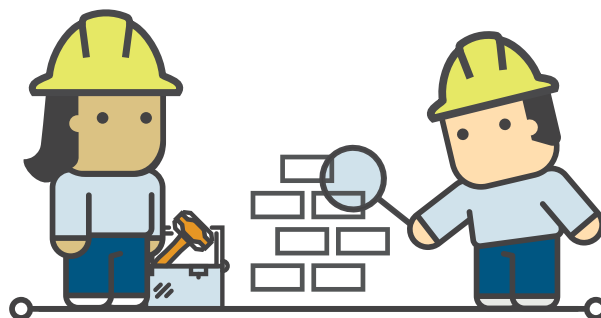
Thursday, 16 June | 10:30-12:00

This session informs the ICANN community on the views of ccTLDs from different geographical regions on DNS abuse. What are their top priorities? What do they do to mitigate DNS abuse? The session serves as useful input for the ccNSO DNS Abuse Standing Committee, which is the core of the ccTLD-driven process around DNS abuse. In keeping with the nature of the ccNSO, the purpose of the committee is not to formulate any policy or standards, recognizing that policy development in this area is out of scope of the ccNSO policy remit. The overarching purpose is to raise understanding and awareness of the issues pertaining to DNS abuse, promote open and constructive dialogue, and ultimately to assist ccTLD managers in their efforts to mitigate the impact of DNS abuse.

ccNSO Council

Thursday, 16 June | 13:15-14:30

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 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, businesses, and noncommercial interests. The GNSO brings together these different stakeholders and other parts of the ICANN community to develop gTLD policy recommendations using a multistakeholder process driven by working groups and teams.

The GNSO Council will make progress on several policy development initiatives during ICANN74:

- The Transfer Policy Review Policy Development Process (PDP) Working Group will meet during ICANN74 to gather input on some of the topics within its charter.
- The Expedited Policy Development Process for Internationalized Domain Names (EPDP-IDNs) Working Group will hold two ICANN74 sessions to make progress on its deliberations of charter questions.
- The gTLD Registration Data Accuracy Scoping Team is planning a session during ICANN74 and is expected to deliver two assignments to the GNSO Council.
- The GNSO Council small team on DNS abuse is planning to share its analysis of inputs received and discuss potential next steps during ICANN74.

In addition, there are several recent developments regarding ICANN Board consideration of outputs from GNSO policy development efforts:

- The GNSO Council formed a small team to review the [Operational Design Assessment \(ODA\)](#), which ICANN org developed to support ICANN Board consideration of the recommendations from Phase 2 of the EPDP on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data (EPDP-TempSpec).
- ICANN org is conducting an [Operational Design Phase \(ODP\)](#) to deliver an ODA on the outputs produced by the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures (SubPro) PDP.
- The ICANN Board approved the Phase 2A recommendations of EPDP-TempSpec.

As part of its ongoing efforts to manage projects that the GNSO Council has in its [pipeline](#), the GNSO Council launched a pilot project called the Framework for Continuous Improvement Oversight and Implementation. The objective of the pilot project is to test a framework that would allow for the continuous scoping and execution of projects that are focused on GNSO structural, procedural, and process improvements, distinct from policy work. The pilot project initially focused on a review of the GNSO statement of interest requirements and a review of the existing working group self-assessment model. The pilot project has since been extended to address work items directed to the GNSO Council in relation to Work Stream 2 recommendations from the Cross-Community Working Group on Enhancing ICANN Accountability.

During ICANN74, the GNSO Council will hold a meeting on Wednesday, 15 June 2022, and a wrap-up session on Thursday, 16 June 2022. The GNSO Council will also hold bilateral sessions with the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) and the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO).

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Background

Transfer Policy Review PDP

Following receipt and review of the ICANN org Transfer Policy Status Report, the GNSO Council established a Transfer Policy Review Scoping Team, which provided an Initial Scoping Paper in April 2020. A Preliminary Issue Report for a PDP was published for Public Comment on 12 October 2020, with an updated Final Issue Report submitted to the GNSO Council on 12 January 2021.

On 18 February 2021, the GNSO Council initiated the two-phase Transfer Policy Review PDP. The PDP will determine if changes to the policy are needed to improve the ease, security, and efficacy of inter-registrar and inter-registrant transfers. As recommended in the Final Issue Report, the PDP will address the following topics in sequence:

- The Gaining and Losing Forms of Authorization, AuthInfo Codes, and NACKing transfers (Phase 1A)
- The change of registrant (Phase 1B)
- The transfer emergency action contact and reversing inter-registrar transfers, Transfer Dispute Resolution Policy, and ICANN-approved transfers (Phase 2)

The GNSO Council adopted the PDP working group charter on 24 March 2021. According to PDP 3.0, the working group adopted a representative model with set criteria and expectations for their members and chairs. With the chair identified and the membership established, the working group met for the first time on 14 May 2021.

The working group will hold one session during ICANN74 on Monday, 13 June 2022. During the session, the working group will discuss topics within its charter and seek broader input. It is preparing to publish its Initial Report on the Phase 1A topics for Public Comment shortly after ICANN74. Please refer to the working group's [workspace](#) for more information.

EPDP-IDNs

The October 2020 Final Report of the IDN Scoping Team recommended an EPDP as the desired approach to address work related to IDN policy. In November 2020, the GNSO Council launched a call for volunteers to develop a draft charter and an initiation request for the EPDP-IDNs. In developing the EPDP-IDNs charter, the drafting team built on the existing body of work related to IDNs, such as IDN-related recommendations from the GNSO New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP, IDN variant TLD implementation, and recommendations for the Technical Utilization of the Root Zone Label Generation Rules (RZ-LGR).

On 10 May 2021, the drafting team submitted its deliverables to the GNSO Council for its consideration. The EPDP-IDNs is expected to provide the GNSO Council with policy recommendations on:

- The definition of all gTLDs and the management of variant labels
- How the IDN Implementation Guidelines should be updated

On 20 May 2021, the GNSO Council approved the initiation request for the EPDP-IDNs and adopted its charter. The EPDP-IDNs Working Group held its first meeting on 11 August 2021.

By the end of May 2022, the working group completed its first pass of substantive deliberations on Group 1 charter questions related to the definition of all gTLDs using the RZ-LGR. It also completed the initial deliberation of seven out of nine charter questions in Group 2, which is related to the “same entity” principle at the top-level.

Currently, the working group is proceeding with its initial deliberations on Group 3 charter questions regarding the impact of variant implementation on the evaluation, objection, string contention, and other New gTLD Program processes.

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To facilitate its deliberations, the working group is conducting outreach activities to seek critical input externally, such as a survey among Arabic and Chinese gTLD registry operators and a consultation with Chinese, Japanese, and Korean Generation Panels. A small group within the EPDP has also been formed to tackle string similarity review related deliberations.

The working group will conduct two working sessions during ICANN74: one on Monday, 13 June 2022, and another on Wednesday, 15 June 2022. During the sessions, it will discuss topics within its charter and seek broader input. Please refer to the working group's [workspace](#) for more information.

gTLD Registration Data Accuracy Scoping Team

The GNSO Council adopted the formation and instructions of the gTLD Registration Accuracy Scoping Team during its meeting on 22 July 2021. The scoping team has been tasked to consider a number of accuracy-related aspects such as current enforcement and reporting, measurement of accuracy, and effectiveness. These considerations are expected to help inform its deliberations on whether any changes are recommended to the GNSO Council to improve accuracy levels and how these changes would be developed (e.g., A recommendation to change existing contractual requirements may necessitate a PDP or change through contractual negotiations).

The scoping team commenced its deliberations in October 2021, focusing its efforts on the assignments that the GNSO Council provided in its instructions. Following its review of the index of relevant resources, the scoping team has been working on assignments 1 (enforcement and reporting) and 2 (measurement of accuracy), including a number of proposals to measure the state of accuracy. The scoping team has explored a number of proposals but has limited its focus to those proposals that do not involve access to gTLD registration data.

The ICANN Board directed ICANN org to develop scenarios for how ICANN org could obtain legitimate access to gTLD registration data to confirm accuracy that could be tested with the European Data Protection Board (EDPB). The EDPB response is expected to help inform scoping team consideration of proposals that do involve access to registration data. Additional data gathered is expected to help inform its deliberation on assignment 3 (effectiveness) and assignment 4 (impact and improvements).

The Accuracy Scoping Team will conduct one session during ICANN74 on Tuesday, 14 June 2022, to make progress on its assignments. Please refer to the scoping team's [workspace](#) for more information.

DNS Abuse Small Team

During ICANN72, the GNSO Council agreed to initiate a small team on DNS abuse and, subsequently, the small team received an assignment form from the GNSO Council. It captured the numerous ICANN community efforts already underway focusing on DNS abuse but sought to focus attention on the narrow question of whether there are DNS abuse issues that are inadequately mitigated and should be best addressed through policy development.

The small team began meeting in February 2022. As a first step, it requested ICANN community groups to articulate what DNS abuse problem(s) exist that specifically require policy development. The small team received input from the At-Large Advisory Committee, the GAC, the Security and Stability Advisory Committee, the DNS Abuse Institute, and a number of GNSO stakeholder groups and constituencies. During this time, the small team also reached out to ICANN Contractual Compliance with a number of questions and the intent to better understand the landscape of contractual enforcement of DNS abuse-related provisions.

The small team is expected to conduct one working session on Thursday, 16 June 2022. It is expected to discuss its analysis of ICANN community input received and potentially proposed next steps for GNSO Council consideration. Please refer to the team's [workspace](#) for more information.

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New gTLD SubPro PDP

The New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP Working Group began its work on 22 February 2016. Over the course of several years, it convened several subgroups and undertook extensive deliberations on the list of topics in its charter. This work included numerous opportunities for ICANN community input, including Public Comment on its Initial Report, Supplemental Initial Report, Additional Supplemental Initial Report from Work Track 5, and Draft Final Report. The working group submitted its Final Report to the GNSO Council for its consideration on 18 January 2021, with over 300 outputs for 41 topics. Only two outputs did not receive consensus or full consensus support from the working group.

On 18 February 2021, the GNSO Council unanimously approved the outputs achieving consensus or full consensus contained in the PDP Final Report. On 24 March 2021, the GNSO-adopted outputs and the Recommendations Report were sent to the ICANN Board for its review. On 12 September 2021, the ICANN Board directed ICANN org to initiate an ODP for the Final Report outputs. The ODP began on 3 January 2022.

As the ODP progresses, the GNSO Council is considering whether it may be appropriate to conduct additional policy work, possibly in the form of a GNSO Guidance Process, to conduct supplemental work on specific Subsequent Procedures topics. The topics would fall broadly into two areas where: 1) the SubPro Final Report recommendations envisioned substantive work during implementation; and 2) the ODP team has determined additional guidance will be needed if and when implementation commences.

In addition, on 6 March 2022 the ICANN Board sent a letter and framing paper to the GNSO Council proposing a Board-facilitated process for a GAC-GNSO Council dialogue on the topic of closed generics. Closed generics was one of the topics within the PDP charter, but the working group was unable to reach consensus on recommendations for this topic. The GNSO Council provided an initial response to the ICANN Board that it is willing to pursue next steps on a facilitated dialogue. Please refer to the group's [workspace](#) for more information.

EPDP-TempSpec

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 General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). The adoption of the Temporary Specification triggered the requirement for the GNSO to complete a consensus PDP within the expedited time frame of one year.

On 19 July 2018, the GNSO Council initiated the two-phase EPDP-TempSpec:

- Phase 1 aimed to decide whether the Temporary Specification should be confirmed by 25 May 2019. Phase 1 concluded in March 2019. An Implementation Review Team is tasked with implementing the ICANN Board-approved Phase 1 policy recommendations.
- Phase 2 focused on the discussion of a System for Standardized Access/Disclosure (SSAD) to Nonpublic gTLD Registration Data and additional topics held over from Phase 1. Phase 2 work concluded in September 2020, with GNSO Council adoption of its recommendations. The EPDP-TempSpec Phase 2 Final Report sets recommendations for the SSAD as well as for the Priority 2 topics (e.g. data retention and city field redaction).

Phase 2

The GNSO Council consulted with the ICANN Board on the financial sustainability of the SSAD and the concerns expressed within minority statements, including whether a further cost-benefit analysis should be conducted before the ICANN Board considers all SSAD-related recommendations for adoption. During ICANN70, the ICANN Board directed ICANN org to initiate an ODP for SSAD-related recommendations. On 25 January 2022, ICANN org delivered the ODA to the ICANN Board.

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The GNSO Council formed the EPDP-TempSpec Phase 2 Small Team consisting of GNSO Council members and EPDP-TempSpec team members. It is tasked with analyzing the ODA and provide the GNSO Council with its feedback on:

- Whether the ODA has correctly interpreted the intent of the SSAD recommendations in the proposed implementation.
- Whether the ODA has overlooked any key aspects of the SSAD recommendations that should be factored in by the ICANN Board when it considers the recommendations.
- Its view on the concerns identified by the ICANN Board and potential options to address these concerns.
- Any other aspects that help inform GNSO Council deliberations and consultation with the ICANN Board.

The small team submitted its preliminary report to the GNSO Council on 4 April 2022. The GNSO Council requested that the ICANN Board instruct ICANN org to develop SSAD Light, which is intended to provide further data that will help address the questions regarding the costs and benefits of the SSAD. The GNSO Council also requested the ICANN Board to pause the consideration of the SSAD recommendations while work on SSAD Light is ongoing. The small team and the GNSO Council plan to discuss this topic during ICANN74. Please refer to the team's [workspace](#) for more information.

Phase 2A

The GNSO Council asked the EPDP-TempSpec Team to further consider two topics:

1. The differentiation of legal vs. natural persons' registration data
2. The feasibility of unique contacts to have a uniform anonymized email address

As a result, the EPDP-TempSpec Team reviewed these topics in Phase 2A of its work. The EPDP-TempSpec Team submitted its Final Report to the GNSO Council on 3 September 2021. The Final Report contains four recommendations:

1. The mandatory creation of a new Registration Data Directory Services field(s) that allows, but does not require, registrars to designate between natural vs. legal persons and personal vs. non-personal data
2. Optional guidance for registrars who choose to differentiate between legal and natural persons
3. A recommendation that if ICANN org develops a GDPR Article 40 Code of Conduct, the above-referenced guidance would need to be considered in its development
4. Guidance for contracted parties that choose to publish a pseudonymized registrant-based or registration-based email address in the publicly accessible Registration Data Directory Services

The GNSO Council approved the policy recommendations in the EPDP-TempSpec Phase 2A Final Report on 27 October 2021. The ICANN Board approved the Phase 2A Final Report on 10 March 2022. Implementation planning is now underway. Please refer to the team's [workspace](#) for more information.

More Information

Read the [GNSO Policy Briefing](#) to help you prepare for ICANN74. Those interested in GNSO policy activities are welcome to attend the GNSO Policy Update webinar during ICANN74 Prep Week on Tuesday, 31 May 2022.

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Session Details

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PDP Working Group and Scoping Team Sessions

Transfer Policy Review PDP Working Session

Monday, 13 June | 10:30-12:00

EPDP-IDNs Working Sessions

Monday, 13 June | 16:30-17:30

Wednesday, 15 June | 10:30-12:00

Accuracy Scoping Team

Tuesday, 14 June | 13:15-14:30

DNS Abuse Small Team

Thursday, 16 June | 13:15-14:30

GNSO Council Sessions

GNSO Council Meeting

Wednesday, 15 June | 13:15-15:15

GNSO Council Wrap-Up

Thursday, 16 June | 15:00-16:00

Joint Sessions

GNSO and GAC

Monday, 13 June | 15:00-16:00

GNSO and ccNSO

Wednesday, 15 June | 09:00-10:00



At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)

What to Expect

During ICANN74, the At-Large community, consisting of members of the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC), leaders of the Regional At-Large Organizations (RALOs), liaisons, and At-Large members, will hold 10 sessions. The sessions will include two At-Large priority sessions, two joint sessions, four RALO sessions, and At-Large welcome and a wrap-up sessions.

Background

At-Large is the name for the community of individual Internet users who participate in the policy development work of ICANN. Currently, more than 250 At-Large Structures and 142 individuals organized into five RALOs represent the views of individual Internet users.

The ALAC is one of four Advisory Committees within ICANN. The ALAC, consisting of 15 members, serves as the primary organizational home within ICANN for individual Internet users. The role of the ALAC is to consider and provide advice on the activities of ICANN as they relate to the interests of individual Internet users.

The work of the At-Large community takes place primarily in [working groups](#) divided into three tracks: At-Large policy, outreach and engagement, and operations. At-Large conducts its work through regular teleconferences and active participation during ICANN Public Meetings.

You can learn more about the At-Large community, its activities, and how to join on the [At-Large website](#) and [At-Large workspace](#). Also, [two ICANN Learn courses](#) provide additional information on how you can start and continue your involvement in the activities of the At-Large community.

Priority Sessions

During ICANN74, there will be two At-Large priority sessions. The first session is “Evolving the DNS Abuse Conversation: An End User Perspective.” The session will focus on the role of the At-Large community in mitigating Domain Name System (DNS) abuse. The session will also explore the At-Large role as an advocate for end users in reducing domain name abuse resulting from maliciously registered domain names as well as compromised websites.

The second session is “Closed Generics: Finding a Better Balance.” Following bilateral discussions with the ICANN Board and GNSO leadership, the ALAC will discuss the topic of closed generics. This will be an internal At-Large session in order to establish a more nuanced position. However, observers are welcome.

Joint Sessions

Meeting with other Advisory Committees is of critical importance to the ALAC because it allows for both open dialogue and new perspectives. During ICANN74, the ALAC will meet with the Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC) to discuss issues of mutual importance. The agenda includes the System for Standardized Access/Disclosure, the SSAC Addendum to SAC114, and the Name Collision Analysis Project. The ALAC and Governmental Advisory Committee will discuss topics of mutual interest as well.

Outreach and Engagement

During ICANN74, outreach and engagement activities will include social media plans organized by the At-Large Social Media Working Group.

There will be several sessions hosted by the RALOs. There will be a Regional Leadership Meeting, which includes all the leaders of the five RALOs and interested members of the At-Large community.

At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)

AFRALO

The African RALO will hold a session to discuss the draft statement on the role of the AFRALO community in mitigating DNS abuse. The agenda will feature speakers from ICANN org, the ICANN Board, and other African stakeholders, as well as a review of a statement to the ICANN Board.

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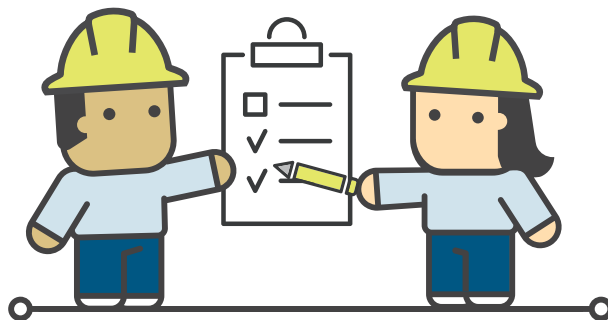
The European RALO will hold two sessions during ICANN74. The first session, “Shaping the European Union’s Digital Future: Sovereignty, Legal, and Regulatory Frameworks,” will feature a panel with ICANN community and ICANN Board members. The second session, “Internet Governance and Multistakeholderism in Times of Emergency,” will feature representatives of the five RALOs providing examples of their region’s experience during emergencies.

Operations

The At-Large community will hold a Welcome Session to provide an overview of the ICANN74 sessions organized by At-Large and those of particular interest to its members. It will also include a preview of the At-Large talking points covering issues such as Universal Acceptance, DNS abuse and New Generic Top-Level Domains Subsequent Procedures. The At-Large Wrap-Up Session will review the highlights of ICANN74 and will feature a discussion with the ICANN President, CEO, and members of the ICANN Board. The session will conclude with a preview of the ICANN75 Annual General Meeting.

Session Details

All ICANN74 At-Large sessions, including their dates and times, are listed on the At-Large ICANN74 workspace. This workspace also includes other key information related to At-Large activities during ICANN74.



Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC)

What to Expect

The GAC plans to conduct over 20 hours of substantive discussions on topics and issues of priority interest to government participants. The hybrid format during ICANN74 offers opportunities and challenges to integrate the contributions of both in-person and remote GAC participants.

During ICANN74, the GAC leadership and membership will continue their work on a number of topics that have attracted priority attention from governments throughout the last two years:

- Subsequent procedures for potential new rounds of generic top-level domains (gTLDs), including:
- How to resolve discussions about closed generics
- Developments regarding the ICANN org Operational Design Phase on this topic
- Registration Directory Services (RDS) and data protection policies, including:
- Follow-up on Phases 2 and 2A of the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Expedited Policy Development Process on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data
- Implementation developments regarding the System for Standardized Access/Disclosure
- Domain Name System (DNS) abuse mitigation measures
- Rights protection mechanisms for intergovernmental organizations

Development of the GAC Communiqué in a hybrid format, with both in-person and remote participants, is new. The GAC has devoted additional time for this new experience. Preparations are in place for additional topic discussions about GAC operational matters should communiqué drafting take less time.

The GAC schedule for ICANN74 acknowledges that the Policy Forum creates additional opportunities for GAC participants to contribute to cross-community deliberations and to collaborate with other ICANN community groups. Recognizing that over 130 new GAC participants have joined in the last two years, targeted networking sessions are planned.

Agenda

The GAC chair will open with a report to the GAC on recent work progress and accomplishments since ICANN73, including various GAC correspondence and Public Comment submissions, the ICANN Board scorecard response to the GAC ICANN73 Communiqué, and plans for the joint session with the ICANN Board during ICANN74. Co-chairs of several GAC working groups will also use this time to brief the GAC on the progress of their recent efforts.

Additionally, the GAC agenda will feature strategic planning on DNS abuse mitigation matters, discussion of recent developments regarding RDS and data protection, drafting the ICANN74 GAC Communiqué, and interactions with the ICANN Board, At-Large Advisory Committee, and GNSO.

The GAC preparation process also continues to evolve. Continuing the practice of the last two years, GAC members have worked to identify specific objectives for each session. Written briefings for GAC members will be supplemented with webinar briefings from ICANN org and GAC topic leads, while website information will also expand.

Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC)

Background

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. There are currently 179 GAC members and 38 GAC observer organizations.

The GAC provides advice on the public policy aspects of ICANN's responsibilities with regard to the DNS. 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 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 with the committee.

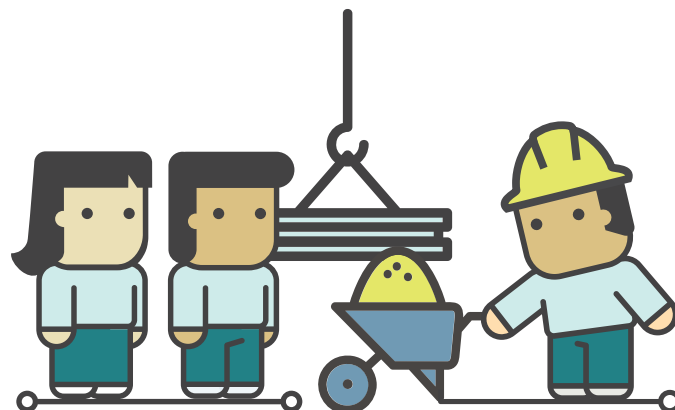
Further information about the GAC and its various work efforts, processes, and operating principles can be found on the [GAC website](#).

Session Details

All GAC sessions will be open to the entire ICANN community. Each GAC session will feature simultaneous remote interpretation in the six United Nations languages. GAC sessions will start promptly at 09:00 UTC+2 each day. The GAC worked to align its agenda with the ICANN74 plenary session for the convenience of both in-person and remote participants. GAC members have also been active participants in those planning efforts.

This principle of openness will be particularly evident during the GAC Communiqué drafting sessions scheduled for Wednesday, 15 June, and Thursday, 16 June. The GAC continues to build on previous drafting process improvements. Based on those successful experiences, the GAC has increased opportunities for contributions before the ICANN Public Meeting begins and scheduled nearly seven hours of document discussion and drafting time during ICANN74.

Details regarding specific GAC plenary sessions can be found on the [GAC ICANN74 agenda webpage](#), where all session briefings, descriptions, materials, and presentations will be published.



Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC)

What to Expect

The RSSAC will conduct two work sessions throughout the week to advance its work and discuss various internal matters, including an update of “RSSAC002v4: RSSAC Advisory on Measurements of the Root Server System.” The RSSAC will also conduct its monthly meeting and will continue to raise awareness about its recent [publications](#), namely “RSSAC047v2: RSSAC Advisory on Metrics for the DNS Root Servers and the Root Server System,” “RSSAC058: Success Criteria for the RSS Governance Structure,” and “RSSAC059: RSSAC Advisory on Success Criteria for the Root Server System Governance Structure.”

Background

The [RSSAC](#) advises the ICANN community and the ICANN Board on matters relating to the operation, administration, security, and integrity of the 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.

The [RSSAC Caucus](#) is composed of Domain Name System 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, there is no active work party in the RSSAC Caucus. Please view information about previous RSSAC Caucus work parties on the RSSAC Caucus [webpage](#).

Session Details

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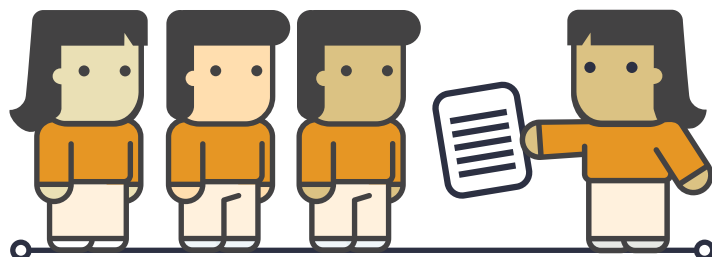
RSSAC Work Sessions

Tuesday, 14 June | 15:00-16:00

Wednesday, 15 June | 16:30-17:30

RSSAC Meeting

Tuesday, 14 June | 16:30-17:30



Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)

What to Expect

The SSAC will hold a workshop on Domain Name System Security Extensions (DNSSEC) and security during ICANN74. DNSSEC continues to be deployed around the world at an accelerating pace. Now that DNSSEC has become an operational norm for many registries, registrars, and Internet service providers, this workshop will provide the opportunity to hear about what DNSSEC and security experts are learning as they deploy and manage DNSSEC.

With the return of in-person participation for ICANN Public Meetings, the SSAC is conducting internal and bilateral meetings. The SSAC will not be hosting a public session during ICANN74.

Background

The SSAC advises the ICANN community and the ICANN Board on matters relating to the security and integrity of the naming and address allocation systems of the Internet. This includes operational matters such as those pertaining to the correct and reliable operation of the root name system, administrative matters such as those pertaining to address allocation and Internet number assignment, and registration matters such as those pertaining to registry and registrar services like WHOIS.

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](#).

Session Details

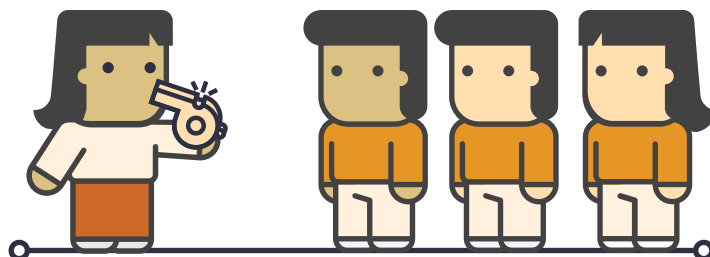
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DNSSEC and Security Workshop

Monday, 13 June | 09:00-10:00 and 10:30-12:00

This session is a public presentation and discussion with those actively engaged in the deployment of DNSSEC. The DNSSEC and Security Workshop also focuses on various emerging security-related issues such as DNS over TLS/DNS over HTTPS impacts and potential abuses, impacts of Resource Public Key Infrastructure deployments, Border Gateway Protocol hijacking, and other Internet-related routing issues.

Anyone with an interest in the deployment of DNSSEC and DNS security, particularly registry, registrar, and Internet service provider employees with technical, operational, and strategic planning roles, may want to attend.



Other Sessions

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Who Sets ICANN's Priorities?

Tuesday, 14 June | 10:30-12:00

Prioritization at ICANN is an important topic. This plenary session will explore the overall nature of prioritization at ICANN and discuss progress since the [plenary session during ICANN59](#) in June 2017. The ICANN community, Board, and org will share best practices, reflect on recent coordination efforts such as the [Prioritization Framework Pilot Project](#), and look ahead to improved shared use of limited resources and time.

Customer Standing Committee

Wednesday, 15 June | 09:00-10:00

The Customer Standing Committee (CSC) provides operational oversight of the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) naming function as performed by Public Technical Identifiers (PTI) since the transition of IANA stewardship. The ccNSO-appointed CSC members will provide a brief update on recent activities and what to expect from the CSC. Background on the CSC, along with transcripts of its meetings and the monthly reports on the PTI performance, can be found on the ICANN [website](#).

Root Server System Governance Working Group

Thursday, 16 June | 09:00-16:00

The ICANN Board convened the Root Server System Governance Working Group (GWG) to develop a final model of root server system governance and root server operator accountability based on RSSAC037. To inform the development of the final model, the Root Server System Advisory Committee published success criteria for RSS governance. Since then, the GWG has dedicated its work sessions every other week to review the success criteria. The GWG will have four work sessions: applying the success criteria, reviewing the affiliate organization model, reviewing the Supporting Organization model, and determining its next steps. Learn more on the GWG [workspace](#).

