

Post-ICANN61 Policy Report



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A Successful ICANN61



Thank you very much for attending ICANN61! We hope the Community Forum allowed for dynamic discussions and substantive work.

From name collisions to the General Data Protection Regulation, new generic top-level domains to the FY19 Operating Plan and Budget, ICANN61 provided a platform for cross-community dialogue. We appreciate the contributions of our community and the warm hospitality of our hosts for making ICANN61 a success.

This Post-ICANN61 Policy Report captures decisions and outcomes from the Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees. The report also looks ahead and provides resources to enable sustained engagement on important issues.

The ICANN community develops and refines policies that ensure the security, stability, and resiliency of the global Internet. The ICANN organization is proud to facilitate this work and to support the core, consensus-driven policy and advice development work of the community by enabling efficient and effective bottom-up participation in the multistakeholder model.

We look forward to seeing you at the ICANN62 Policy Forum in Panama City, Panama!

Best regards,

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Address Supporting Organization (ASO)

Decisions and Outcomes

The ASO Address Council (ASO AC) conducted its annual meeting at ICANN61. The ASO AC received updates about the Cross-Community Working Group on Enhancing ICANN Accountability Work Stream 2, the Nominating Committee, the Multistakeholder Ethos Award, and APNIC 45 (the recent meeting of the Asia Pacific Network Information Centre). The ASO AC also reviewed the global policy development process and discussed the status of its organizational review.

The ASO AC consists of 15 members, 3 from each service region. For 2018, Aftab Siddiqui serves as chair, with Kevin Blumberg and Ricardo Patara serving as vice chairs; they represent the Réseaux IP Européens Network Coordination Centre (RIPE NCC), American Registry for Internet Numbers (ARIN), and Latin America and Caribbean Network Information Centre (LACNIC) service regions, respectively. Hervé Clément from the RIPE NCC service region, Mukhangu Noah Maina from the African Network Information Centre (AFRINIC) service region, and Henri Kasyfi Soemartono from the APNIC service region recently began new terms of service as well.

What Else Happened?

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 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 if 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.

Next Steps

ICANN Board Seat 9

The [election process](#) for ICANN Board seat 9 continues. The selected candidate will serve a three-year term beginning at the conclusion of ICANN63 in October 2018.

Regional Policy Development

To stay current with 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](#)

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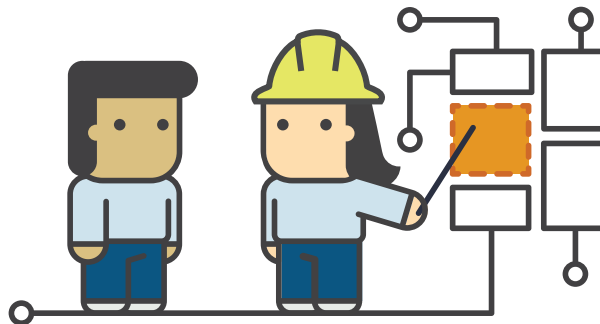
Or attend an upcoming Regional Internet Registry meeting:

- [ARIN 41](#) | 15–18 April 2018 | Miami, Florida, USA
- [LACNIC 29](#) | 23–27 April 2018 | Panama City, Panama
- [RIPE 76](#) | 14–18 May 2018 | Marseille, France

Resource Materials

The ASO participated in three open sessions at ICANN61:

- ASO AC Annual Meeting | [Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#)
- [Joint Meeting: ASO and ICANN Board](#)
- [ASO Session](#)



Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO)

Decisions and Outcomes

The ccNSO Council meeting was held on Wednesday, 14 March. The agenda and relevant background material is available [here](#). Highlights of that meeting include:

- The [ccNSO Council](#) is pleased to announce the re-selection of Katrina Sataki as chair and Byron Holland (.ca) as vice chair. Debbie Monahan (.nz) was also selected as vice chair.
- The results of the ccNSO Council Workshop, held on Sunday, 11 March, will be incorporated in an updated Council work plan. This yearly document gives an overview of the activities of the ccNSO on a rolling basis. A more detailed version is provided to the ccNSO Council at each of its meetings, and highlights the activities concluded since the previous update and activities anticipated until the upcoming Council meeting(s). The ccNSO Council further discussed its roles and responsibilities.
- A call for additional volunteers for members of the ccNSO Guidelines Review Committee (GRC) will be sent out after ICANN61. The purpose of the GRC is to review the current guidelines and to ascertain whether they reflect current practices and working methods, identify potential gaps, and – based on this analysis – propose changes to the current ccNSO guidelines to the Council. Documents, meeting recordings, and additional information about the GRC can be found on its [workspace](#).
- The ccNSO appointed additional members to the ccNSO Review Working Party, to start process of the second ccNSO Organizational Review. The roles and responsibilities of the ccNSO Review Working Party are further detailed [here](#).

What Else Happened?

Tech Day

[Tech Day](#) has been a part of ICANN Public Meetings for several years and provides a forum for both experienced and new people to meet and to present and discuss technical registry topics, security, and work related to the Domain Name System (DNS). At ICANN61, members of the Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC) briefed the community on the risks linked to the use of emoji in domain names (see [SAC 095](#)).

ccNSO Members Meeting | Legal Session: The Practical Implementation of the GDPR

On 14 April 2016, the European Union (EU) adopted the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), which takes effect on 25 May 2018. The GDPR applies to all companies, regardless of their location, processing and holding the personal data of citizens residing in the EU. Therefore, both country code top-level domain (ccTLD) managers located in the EU, and those located outside of the EU that allow registrations by European citizens, are most likely to be affected. The goal of this legal session was to inform and discuss how ccTLD managers in different regions are affected and how they intend to deal with the new policy, particularly in terms of WHOIS-related issues.

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Next Steps

ccNSO Meeting Strategy Review

The [ccNSO Meeting Strategy Review Working Group](#) was tasked to assess the duration and shape of the ccNSO Members Meetings. The review might lead to recommendations to change how ccNSO Members Meetings work. As part of this review process, input from the community was collected via an online survey. Based on this input, a preliminary issue report with proposed recommendations was published for comment. ccNSO members and the broader ccTLD community discussed the preliminary issue report. The ccNSO Meeting Strategy Review Working Group will review the comments and update the preliminary issue report before submitting a final issue report to the ccNSO Council for consideration and potential action.

ccNSO Policy Development Process on the Retirement of ccTLDs

The ccNSO Council has initiated the third ccNSO Policy Development Process (PDP). The goal is to develop and recommend policies to the ICANN Board pertaining to:

- Retirement of ccTLDs
- Review mechanisms for decisions relating to the delegation, transfer, revocation, and retirement of ccTLDs

The ccNSO Retirement PDP Working Group received an update on ISO 3166 definitions. (The latest version dates back to 2013 and is up for review.) The working group discussed the trigger events and stakeholders involved in two retirement scenarios as a starting point for a comparative analysis.

ccNSO Members Meeting | *Session on the Impact of Natural Disasters on Registries, Registrars, and Registrants and the Mitigation of This Impact*

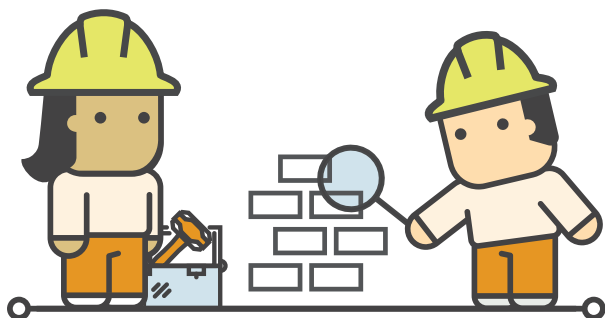
Two ccTLD registries (local host .pr and .jp) provided testimonials on how recent disasters affected their registries. The regional ccTLD organizations – Latin American and Caribbean Country Code Top-Level Domain Association (LACTLD), Africa Top Level Domains Organization (AFTLD), and Asia Pacific Top Level Domain Association (APTLD) – presented and discussed findings of a recent survey on disaster preparedness, which encompassed over 50 ccTLD registries worldwide. Suggested follow-up actions include continuing the positive trend of sharing best practices and information, potentially involving [TLD-OPS](#), the incident response community for and by ccTLDs, enabling ccTLD operators worldwide to strengthen their incident response capabilities. Its members are responsible for the security and stability of their ccTLDs.

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Resource Materials

- The ccNSO program for the ccTLD community and other interested parties started on Sunday, 11 March, when ccNSO working groups and committees met. Monday, 12 March, continued with [Tech Day](#), a workshop open to all community members with an interest in technical or operational topics, including security. Tuesday, 13 March, and Wednesday, 14 March, were dedicated to the [ccNSO Members Meeting](#), when the ccTLD community and other interested parties discussed and were informed on a number of topics relevant to ccTLD managers. The ccNSO Members Meeting is open to all with an interest in ccTLD related topics. The detailed ccNSO schedule can be consulted on the [ccNSO workspace](#).
- Relevant background material for the ccNSO Council meeting at ICANN61 can be found [here](#).
- Learn more about how the ccNSO works and how it is organized in the “[Quick Guide to the ccNSO](#).”
- Enroll in the “Introductory Course about the ccNSO,” where you can read more, practice what you learned through quizzes, and find additional links and resources. Visit learn.icann.org.

Follow [@ccNSO](#) on Twitter or on [Facebook](#).



Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO)

Decisions and Outcomes

At ICANN61, the GNSO community organized 65 sessions, which included a series of GNSO working group meetings. These working group meetings aimed to make progress on policy development processes (PDPs) related to generic top-level domains (gTLDs).

Review of All Rights Protection Mechanisms in All gTLDs

The Review of All Rights Protection Mechanisms (RPMs) in All gTLDs PDP Working Group recently formed subteams to determine data collection needs for reviewing the Uniform Rapid Suspension (URS) dispute resolution procedure. The subteams are looking at data required from the URS service providers, experienced practitioners, and in relation to specific topics. The sessions included updates on the status of each subteam's work, collection of input from participants, and discussion of strategies and next steps.

Another RPMs subteam that is tasked with determining data needs concerning the Sunrise and Trademark Claims RPMs held a [session](#) to meet with representatives from Donuts, a new gTLD registry operator that offers additional protection to trademark owners via the Donuts Protected Marks List (DPML). This session allowed the subteam to better understand how these additional voluntary RPMs work. In another [session](#), representatives from the three URS providers – ADNDRC, FORUM, and MSFD – met with the full working group to provide information about their practices in administering the URS, including the selection and training of examiners. The subteams will use the insights gained from these sessions to finalize their lists of questions and work topics. The working group will also continue discussing the selection process for a new co-chair to join the two current co-chairs after ICANN61.

New gTLD Subsequent Procedures

The New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP Working Group [met](#) to provide an update to and engage with the community on its proposed preliminary recommendations, as well as questions and options related to Work Tracks 1–4. These preliminary findings will be included in the working group's initial report, targeted for completion and publication for Public Comment in April 2018. The working group's Work Track 5, devoted solely to the issue of geographic names at the top-level, also [met](#) and made progress in determining treatment for certain geographic terms in the New gTLD Program. In upcoming meetings, Work Track 5 will continue working on understanding what constitutes a geographic name and developing recommendations for how to treat these terms in the New gTLD Program.

Next Generation gTLD Registration Directory Services to Replace WHOIS

In preparation for ICANN61, the leadership team of the Next Generation gTLD Registration Directory Services to Replace WHOIS PDP Working Group charged the previously formed [drafting teams](#) to work together to answer these questions:

1. What entities associated with the domain name registration needs to be identified and/or contacted for each purpose?
2. What is the objective achieved by identifying and/or contacting each of those entities?
3. What might be expected of these entities with regard to the domain name?

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The goal of the [assignment](#) was to address some of the working group members' concerns that the working group may be constraining its thinking by deliberating only on existing WHOIS data elements and definitions. During the working group's [first meeting](#), representatives from Drafting Teams 1–4 (Technical Issue Resolution, Domain Name Management and Individual Internet Use, Domain Name Certification, Domain Name Purchase/Sale) presented their [output](#), which the working group discussed after each presentation. The working group continued its discussions at its [second meeting](#) with Drafting Teams 5–7 (Regulatory and ICANN Contractual Enforcement, Legal Actions, Criminal Investigation/DNS Abuse Mitigation) presenting their [output](#), followed by working group feedback. Following the drafting teams' presentations and corresponding discussions, the working group began deliberating on ICANN contractual enforcement as a possible purpose for processing gTLD registration data. The working group will continue these deliberations at its next meeting on 27 March 2018. (Read more [here](#); [download document](#)).

The GNSO community also advanced other work during ICANN61.

New gTLD Auction Proceeds

During its [meeting](#) at ICANN61, the New gTLD Auction Proceeds Cross-Community Working Group (CCWG-Auction Proceeds) received an update from the ICANN Board liaisons about its consideration of the mechanisms under consideration by the CCWG-Auction Proceeds. The ICANN Board liaisons shared a number of preliminary principles that the ICANN Board would like the CCWG-Auction Proceeds to consider as part of its deliberations:

- Allocation of funds in tranches over a period of years
- Proceeds to be used in service of the ICANN mission
- Mechanism to be efficient, effective, accountable, and capable of acting globally
- Mechanism needs to have processes in place to evaluate and quantify the impact of projects
- ICANN needs to have established processes to evaluate the mechanism and its effectiveness
- Mechanism needs to ensure that it can be transparent with the community and applicants about the status of various projects, evaluation criteria, how funds are used, and whether goals are being achieved

In addition, the CCWG-Auction Proceeds had its first exchange of views with external experts, namely Samantha Eisner and Xavier Calvez from the ICANN organization (see external input received to date [here](#)). The CCWG-Auction Proceeds expects to continue engaging with other external experts in the coming few weeks to help inform its determination of the mechanisms that demonstrate the most potential to meet CCWG expectations and conform with legal and fiduciary constraints.

Privacy and Proxy Services Accreditation

The Privacy and Proxy Services Accreditation Implementation Review Team (PPSAI-IRT) [met](#) to continue its discussion of the draft Privacy and Proxy Accreditation Agreement, specifically focusing on the law enforcement authority framework. Additionally, in response to questions from the PPSAI-IRT, a representative of the ICANN org finance department gave a presentation on the proposed fee schedule for privacy and proxy providers. The PPSAI-IRT will continue its discussion of these outstanding issues, and if agreement is not reached, the disagreements will be noted for Public Comment. The draft documents, which include the policy, accreditation agreement, application, and de-accreditation process will be posted for Public Comment soon.

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GNSO Council Meeting

During the Wednesday GNSO Council public meeting, the Council held discussions and received updates on a number of issues. The Council discussed the draft FY19 ICANN Operating Plan and Budget with the ICANN org finance department. It received updates on the charter for the Cross-Community Engagement Group on Internet Governance, the GNSO Council's draft input to the consultation on the Fellowship Program, and the GNSO Review Working Group. In addition, the ICANN org Global Domains Division presented information to the Council on the review of the Inter-Registrar Transfer Policy.

GNSO Council Wrap-Up Session

During the GNSO Council's wrap-up session, the GNSO Council discussed many issues:

- Developments related to the Security, Stability, and Resiliency of the DNS Review
- Schedule for ICANN62
- Suggestion coming out of the joint meeting with the ccNSO Council to form a small team to consider the potential overlap between the Customer Standing Committee (CSC) Effectiveness Review and the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) Functions Review and how to address this overlap
- ICANN [Board request](#) regarding emojis
- Appointment of Keith Drazek and Donna Austin to serve as Council liaisons to the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP Working Group
- Next steps regarding the consolidated timeline for the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP Working Group and Review of All RPMs in All gTLDs PDP Working Group
- Planning for the GNSO review of the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) Communiqué
- Next steps regarding the PDP 3.0 paper on PDP improvements
- Timing of reviews within ICANN
- ICANN Board process regarding GAC advice

What Else Happened?

The GNSO had a productive Sunday working session. The session began with a strategic conversation on the future of PDP working groups in the GNSO, building on discussions held during the Council's strategic planning session in January. The Council, PDP working group chairs, and community members considered challenges experienced in PDP working groups and potential opportunities to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of policy development activities in the future. The ideas and suggestions shared during this session and the Council strategic planning session will now be captured in a PDP 3.0 paper that is expected to be published for community review before ICANN62.

Also, during the working session, the GNSO Council met with the co-chairs of the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP Working Group and the Review of All RPMs in All gTLDs PDP Working Group to discuss the projected timelines for these two PDPs. The discussion sought to identify dependencies between these two working groups and any concerns related to timing of dependent elements of the work plans.

Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO)

Policy and implementation work on top-level and second-level protections for International Governmental and Non-Governmental Organizations (IGOs and INGOs) was another topic of discussion for the GNSO Council at ICANN61. Members of the ICANN org updated the GNSO Council on the recently announced Consensus Policy, which is binding on all gTLD registry operators and ICANN-accredited registrars. The Consensus Policy relates to IGO and INGO full names, including several specific names associated with the Red Cross movement (Red Cross, Red Crescent, Red Crystal, Red Lion and Sun) and the International Olympic Committee (Olympic, Olympiad).

The community was also updated on the work being done by a reconvened PDP working group relating to the names of over 190 Red Cross National Societies. Although the ongoing IGO-INGO Access to Curative Rights PDP Working Group did not hold a community session, the GNSO Council liaison to the working group met with individual members to discuss next steps relating to resolution of a procedural issue faced by the group. This working group is currently in the concluding phase of its work, and the reconvened Red Cross Working Group is expected to complete its work by ICANN62.

The GNSO met with the ICANN Board and discussed topics of mutual interest, including long-term and short-term priorities for the ICANN Board and the GNSO, as well as ICANN Board member integrity screening.

The GNSO met with the GAC and discussed developments regarding:

- Red Cross/Red Crescent and IGOs
- GAC engagement in current PDPs
- Implementation of GAC-GNSO Consultation Group recommendations
- “Onboarding” of the new GNSO liaison to the GAC
- Proposed FY19 budget

In a joint meeting between the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) Council and the GNSO Council, these items were discussed:

- Empowered Community procedures and processes, including progress on rejection actions procedures
- Proposed FY19 budget
- Issues related to the CSC, including the charter review process and upcoming milestones
- Participation of the ccNSO in the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP Working Group Work Track 5 on geographic names at the top-level
- Status of reviews, draft operating standards, and next steps
- Proposed charter for the Cross-Community Engagement Group on Internet Governance

The ccNSO and GNSO Councils agreed to form a small team to review the potential overlap between the upcoming CSC Effectiveness Review and the IANA Functions Review which are both expected to kick off around October 2018.

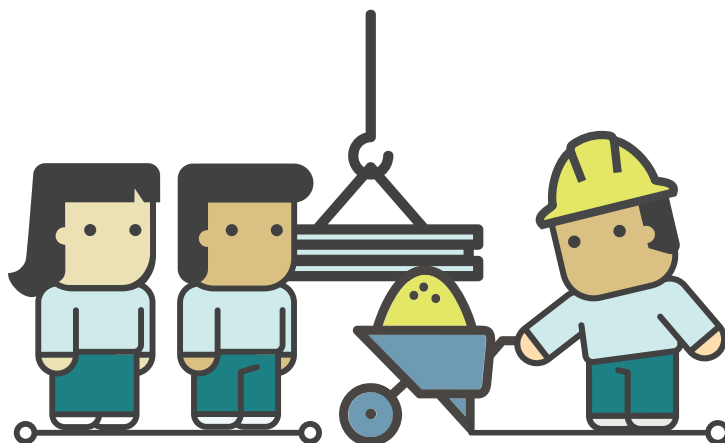
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Next Steps

In the coming weeks, the GNSO Council, GNSO working groups, and cross-community working groups will return to their regular meeting schedules and are expected to make further progress on the topics outlined above. GNSO community leaders and ICANN org representatives are working together to prepare for ICANN62.

Resource Materials

- GNSO Council Meeting | [Working Session](#), [Public Meeting](#)
- Joint Meetings: [ccNSO](#) | [GAC](#) | [ICANN Board](#)
- New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP Working Group | [Workspace](#), [Session 1](#), [Session 2](#)
- Next Generation Registration Directory Services PDP Working Group | [Workspace](#), [Session 1](#), [Session 2](#)
- Review of All Rights Protection Mechanisms in All gTLDs PDP Working Group | [Workspace](#), [Session 1](#), [Session 2](#), [Session 3](#), [Session 4](#)
- IGO-INGO Access to Curative Rights Protection Mechanisms PDP Working Group | [Workspace](#)
- IGO-INGO Protections Policy Development Process Working Group | [Workspace](#)
- Thick WHOIS Implementation Review Team | [Workspace](#)
- IGO-INGO Implementation Review Team | [Workspace](#)
- Privacy and Proxy Services Accreditation Issues Implementation Review Team | [Workspace](#), [Session](#)
- GNSO Review Working Group | [Workspace](#)
- CCWG on New gTLD Auction Proceeds | [Workspace](#), [Session](#)



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

Decisions and Outcomes

At ICANN61, the At-Large community held 24 sessions, including 18 hours of work sessions and meetings with other stakeholders.

Ratification of ALAC Statement on ICANN Draft FY19 Budget

The ALAC unanimously ratified a statement on the [ICANN Draft FY19 Operating Plan and Budget and Five-Year Operating Plan Update](#), in which they support a balanced budget, while recommending that increases be clearly explained and that cuts refrain from targeting the most vulnerable community volunteers and activities.

Policy Discussions Related to the Root Zone Key Signing Key (KSK) Rollover, New Generic Top-Level Domains (gTLDs), and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

The ALAC held discussions related to key policy topics at ICANN61 and how they could potentially affect Internet end users, including the [Plan to Restart the Root Key Signing Key \(KSK\) Rollover Process](#) and [Draft Procedure for Community gTLD Change Requests](#). During the first round of new gTLD applications, the ALAC provided a number of [policy advice statements](#) on the practical aspects of the implementation process. In February 2018, [Javier Rúa-Jovet](#) replaced the co-leader of the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process Working Group Work Track 5.

The ALAC reviewed the [Data Protection and Privacy Update - Community Feedback on Proposed Compliance Models](#) as it relates to the GDPR. In January 2018, representatives of the ALAC submitted comments regarding three proposed discussion models for collecting registration data and implementing registration directory services. During ICANN61, the ALAC began drafting a statement on the latest ICANN-proposed interim model, [announced by the ICANN organization on 8 March](#).

Appointment of Liaisons

The ALAC confirmed the appointment of [Barrack Otieno](#) as the new ALAC liaison to the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) and welcomed previously appointed [Andrei Kolesnikov](#) as the new ALAC liaison to the Security and Stability Advisory Committee. The ALAC thanked outgoing liaisons Maureen Hilyard and Julie Hammer for their service.

At-Large Review Mapping Exercise

The At-Large leadership continues to prepare its response to the ICANN Board Organizational Effectiveness Committee (OEC) mapping exercise of the At-Large Review. During ICANN61, the leadership met with two ICANN Board members who also serve on the OEC and have a background with At-Large. They discussed the At-Large response to the mapping exercise, which is the implementation plan. The At-Large will submit this document to the OEC in April.

Joint At-Large Events at ICANN61

The North American Internet School of Governance (NASIG) held a successful and well-attended meeting in advance of ICANN61, with the participation of North American Regional At-Large Organization (NARALO) and At-Large community members. NASIG hosted students from the Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico and guest speakers from NARALO, the ICANN community, and the ICANN org.

At-Large also held a joint outreach event with the GNSO Non-Commercial Users Constituency (NCUC) during ICANN61.

NARALO At-Large Structures and individual members celebrated the 11th anniversary of the founding of NARALO in Puerto Rico in 2007. Current NARALO leadership reflected on the organization's past and the planning for its future priorities in ICANN video interviews, in [Spanish](#) and English ([video 1](#), [video 2](#)).

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What Else Happened?

Consolidated Policy Working Group (CPWG)

Related to policy discussions, At-Large continued discussions related to the Consolidated Policy Working Group (CPWG) during ICANN61, with [Olivier Crépin-Leblond](#) and [Jonathan Zuck](#) serving as co-chairs of the CPWG. One of the working group's objectives is to further organize the At-Large approach to policy comments and advice.

Global Indigenous Ambassadors

[Lillian Ivette de Luque Bruges](#) from Riohacha, La Guajira, Colombia, and [Chyloe Healy](#) from the Kainai First Nation in Southern Alberta, Canada, attended ICANN61 as the second class of the Global Indigenous Ambassadors (GIA) in ICANN. Pioneered by the At-Large community, this program brings tech leaders from underrepresented indigenous communities around the world to get involved in ICANN. During the meeting, these two ambassadors shadowed their GIA Mentor [Geoffrey Blackwell](#), and participated in a variety of newcomer-oriented sessions to start gaining ICANN experience.

ATLAS III Planning

Initial discussions about program planning and logistics for the Third At-Large Summit (ATLAS III) began at ICANN60 and continued through ICANN61.

Cross-Community and Stakeholder Meetings

During ICANN61, the At-Large Community met with many stakeholders, including the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC), the Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC), and the ICANN Board. Common themes during these sessions were new gTLDs (focusing on geographic names and community applications), the GDPR, and the Draft FY19 Budget and Operating Plan.

Working Group Meetings

RALO leaders and three At-Large internal working groups (Cross-Community Committee on Accessibility, Capacity Building Working Group, Outreach and Engagement Subcommittee, and Technology Taskforce) also met during ICANN61.

Next Steps

OEC Review of Mapping Exercise

The At-Large leadership continues to prepare the response to the OEC mapping exercise of the At-Large Review. At-Large will submit the implementation plan to the OEC in April. Related activity is expected to continue leading up to ICANN62.

Continued Planning for ATLAS III

At-Large continues to plan for ATLAS III. ATLAS III is pending budget approval based on the approved five-year summit and general assemblies schedule and would likely take place during ICANN66. At-Large is aware of the need to ensure an efficient and effective summit.

AFRALO Policy “Hot Topics” Document to Be Finalized

After identifying end user impact, the African Regional At-Large Organization (AFRALO) is preparing to adopt a final policy “hot topics” document. Mohamed El Bashir, AFRALO chair, will incorporate final comments from ICANN61 into the document, which will be published before ICANN62. This document will be translated into Arabic and French.

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Resource Materials

At-Large Sessions at ICANN61

- Policy Discussions
[New gTLDs](#) | [WHOIS/GDPR](#) | [RALO Hot Topics](#) | [KSK Rollover](#)
- Joint Meetings
[GAC](#) | [Board](#) | [SSAC](#) | [Nominating Committee](#)
- Meetings with ICANN Organization Departments
[Finance](#) | [GSE](#) | [CTO](#) | [Communications](#)
- Working Group Meetings
[Cross Community Committee on Accessibility](#) | [Capacity Building Working Group](#) | [Outreach and Engagement Subcommittee](#) | [Technology Task Force](#)
- [ATLAS III Planning](#)
- [OEC and At-Large Review](#)

Other ICANN61 Reference Materials

- [One-stop shop](#) for the agendas, presentations, recordings, and transcripts of all At-Large sessions at ICANN61
- [Sights and Sounds](#) of the NARALO 11th Anniversary and At-Large outreach events
- [Tweets](#) from At-Large Sessions and Activities

Policy Reference Materials

- ICANN Public Comment on the [At-Large Wiki Workspace](#)
- [At-Large Policy Comments and Advice](#)
- [At-Large Community Hot Policy Topics: Why End Users Should Care](#)
- [European Regional At-Large Organization \(EURALO\) Hot Policy Topics](#)
- [Asian, Australasian and Pacific Islands At-Large Organization \(APRALO\) Hot Policy Topics](#)
- [African Regional At-Large Organization \(AFRALO\) Hot Policy Topics](#)

Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC)

Decisions and Outcomes

Fifty-nine Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) members and nine observers attended ICANN61.

Among its 36 sessions in San Juan, the GAC conducted joint meetings with the Generic Names Supporting Organization ([GNSO](#)), Country Code Names Supporting Organization ([ccNSO](#)), and the At-Large Advisory Committee ([ALAC](#)). GAC members also explored notable topics such as the New Generic Top-Level Domain (gTLD) Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process (PDP) Work Track 5 on geographic names, the work of the GAC in PDPs, and ICANN organization compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

GAC members also met with the ICANN Board of Directors. That meeting was divided into two parts. First, the GAC reviewed its questions to the ICANN Board and discussed a variety of topics such as the GDPR and WHOIS, protections for intergovernmental organizations, two-character country codes at the second-level, .amazon, and the assessment of the ICANN org's timely response to GAC Communiqués (more details can be found [here](#)). Then the GAC reviewed the questions from the ICANN Board on the short-term goals of the GAC for 2018 and also its longer term goals. Responses can be found [here](#).

The GAC received briefings and considered the ICANN org's proposed interim model for WHOIS compliance with the GDPR. GAC members expressed concern that, as drafted, the interim compliance model being considered by the ICANN org may not maintain the current WHOIS system to the fullest extent possible. As a result, the GAC encouraged the ICANN org to continue its efforts to ensure full and timely compliance with the GDPR in collaboration with the multistakeholder community and European data protection authorities. In doing so, the GAC advised the ICANN Board to reconsider elements of the current proposal, including:

- Registrant's email address
- Distinction between natural and legal persons
- Need for continued access to nonpublic WHOIS data for users with a legitimate purpose until the accreditation model envisioned in the current model is fully operational

Additional details on the GAC's consideration of this matter can be found in the [ICANN61 GAC Communiqué](#).

What Else Happened?

The GAC also met with and was briefed by the [Non-Commercial Stakeholder Group](#) and [discussed](#) the Operating Standards comments submitted by the GAC with the ICANN org's Multistakeholder Strategy and Strategic Initiatives team. The GAC also discussed several internal operational matters such as the work effort to evolve the GAC [Operating Principles](#), progress on improving the new [GAC website](#) platform and its usability for GAC members, and preparation for the [ICANN63 High Level Governmental Meeting](#) (preliminary draft agenda can be found [here](#)) scheduled later this year in Barcelona.

[GAC Working Groups](#) (including those focused on GAC participation in the Nominating Committee, human rights and international law, geographic names, public safety and underserved regions) also held several sessions in San Juan. The GAC Communiqué contains updates on their work at ICANN61.

As part of ICANN61, the [GAC Underserved Regions Working Group](#) conducted a capacity-development workshop dedicated to the resiliency and recovery of Domain Name System (DNS) services in the context of natural disasters. This topic was timely following the destructive impact of hurricanes on multiple countries and territories in the region. The full agenda of the workshop can be found [here](#) and a full report of the workshop will soon be posted on the GAC website page.

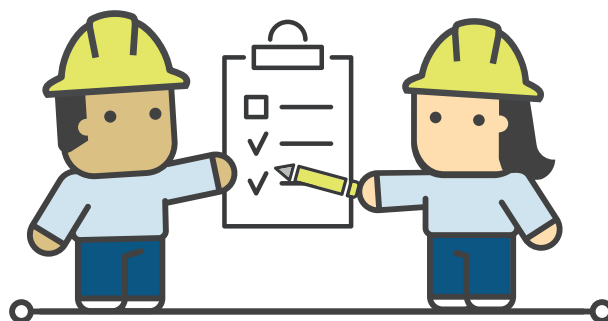
Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC)

Next Steps

The GAC and ICANN Board will have their post-ICANN meeting conference call between four to six weeks after the meeting. The purpose of the call is to review and clarify any aspects of the GAC advice from the GAC Communiqué. In parallel, the GNSO will likely be providing its review of the advice to the ICANN Board.

Resource Materials

More details about GAC meetings in San Juan and other sessions can be found on the [ICANN61 schedule](#), where all recordings and presentations are posted. Full session transcripts will follow soon.



Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC)

Decisions and Outcomes

The RSSAC had 11 work sessions throughout the week to advance its work on the evolution of the root server system and to discuss various internal matters.

What Else Happened?

The RSSAC continued to raise awareness about two recent publications:

- In [RSSAC030: Statement on Entries in DNS Root Sources](#), the RSSAC briefs the community on three source files that determine an organization to be responsible for the operation of a Domain Name System (DNS) root server.
- In [RSSAC031: Response to Generic Names Supporting Organization New Generic Top-Level Domains Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process Working Group](#), the RSSAC provides advice on how many and how fast top-level domains (TLDs) can be added to the root. The RSSAC strongly advises that the number of TLDs delegated in the root zone should not increase by more than about 5% per month, with the understanding that there may be minor variations from time to time.

Interisle Consulting Group also gave an [update](#) on the status of the ongoing organizational review of the RSSAC, including a presentation of the key findings in its assessment report.

Next Steps

In 2014, the RSSAC launched the [RSSAC Caucus](#) of the 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, which will continue their work in the coming months:

- Harmonization of Anonymization Procedures for Data Collecting | [Statement of Work](#)
- Packet Sizes | [Statement of Work](#)

The RSSAC Caucus recently convened at the November 2017 meeting of the Internet Engineering Task Force, IETF 100. The next RSSAC Caucus meeting will be held at IETF 102 in July 2018.

Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC)

Resource Materials

During ICANN61, the RSSAC participated in six open sessions.

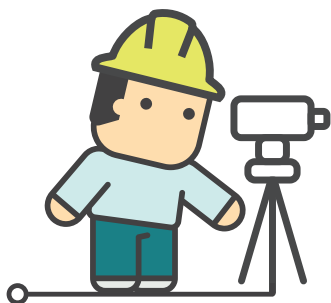
Engagement and Outreach

- “How It Works: Root Server Operations” tutorials: [Session 1](#), [Session 2](#)
- [RSSAC Session](#)
- [RSSAC Work Items](#)

Joint Meetings

- [RSSAC and ICANN Board](#)
- [RSSAC and the Office of the Chief Technology Officer](#)

For more information, including meeting minutes and a publications library, please visit the [RSSAC webpage](#).



Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)

Decisions and Outcomes

The SSAC organized a [cross-community session on name collisions](#). In this session, the SSAC raised community awareness on name collision issues and the Name Collision Analysis Project in accordance with the directive of the ICANN Board. The SSAC introduced the proposed project plan, shared proposed methods for community involvement in the project, and listened to community feedback on this topic.

The SSAC held two sessions on Domain Name System Security Extensions (DNSSEC) during ICANN61. The first session was “[DNSSEC for Everybody: A Beginner’s Guide](#).” In this session, the SSAC introduced DNSSEC and showed how attendees can easily and quickly deploy DNSSEC.

The second session was a workshop on DNSSEC. This session was a public presentation and discussion with those actively engaged in DNSSEC deployment. Registries, registrars, Internet service providers (ISPs), and others who plan to deploy DNSSEC services benefited 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 wish to review the materials. The DNSSEC workshop has been a part of ICANN Public Meetings for several years and has provided a forum for both experienced and new people to meet, present, and discuss current and future DNSSEC deployments.

The DNSSEC workshop included:

- Presentation on DNSSEC deployment around the world
- Panel discussion on DNSSEC activities
- Panel discussion on current state of root zone key signing key (KSK) Rollover and next steps
- Presentations entitled “A Sentinel for Detecting Trusted Keys in DNSSEC,” “Experience with DNSSEC Validation at CPE,” “DNSSEC HSM, Signer and KSK Rollover,” “Negative Trust Anchors,” and “Real World DANE Inter-Domain Email Transport.”

What Else Happened?

In addition, the [SSAC met with the ICANN Board](#) and discussed the Name Collisions Analysis Project, key priorities, and goals for SSAC in 2018.

The SSAC also held a public [session](#) where it gave an overview of its recent and current activities and topics of interest, and invited input from the community. Finally, the SSAC held a full day of private working sessions and a wrap-up session.

Next Steps

The SSAC will be revising the project plan proposed by the Name Collisions Analysis Project in response to community input and will then submit it for ICANN Board for review and approval.

The DNSSEC Workshop Program Committee will soon begin planning the DNSSEC workshop to be held at ICANN62.

The SSAC also will continue the development of reports, advisories, and comments on a range of topics and will prepare a public presentation of its recent activities for ICANN62.

Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)

Resource Materials

DNSSEC workshop materials: [Part 1](#) | [Part 2](#) | [Part 3](#)

Information about the SSAC and how to participate:

- [SSAC Operational Procedures](#)
- [SSAC Introduction](#)
- [SSAC website](#)
- [SSAC publications](#)

