



**APRALO**

# Hot Topics 2019

(Gathered through a community survey in Dec 2018)

## A. Summary

The following topics were identified as the highest priority areas for APRALO from the survey (N=30) conducted in Dec 2018:

- Competition, Consumer Trust and Consumer Choice (17)
- Geographic Names (17)
- DNSSEC including DNS Security and Abuse (20)
- ICANN's Accountability and Transparency (20)
- Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs) and Universal Acceptance (19)

The survey also identified Capacity Building requirements from respondents, with the following components receiving the highest scores:

1. Training and developing the skills of members in ICANN policy drafting and commenting (26)
2. Schools of Internet Governance (22)
3. Supporting members in ICANN public policy drafting and commenting (21)
4. Development of local language or language neutral materials for Regional and Local use (18)

The following topics were identified as important from the broader Internet Governance domain:

1. Privacy, Data Protection, Surveillance, Censorship (23)
2. Diversity relating to ICANN's Mission and mandate (17)
3. Human Rights in terms of ICANN's Mission (16)

Finally, the survey identified the following items as important emerging technologies:

1. Internet of Things (IoT) (20)
2. Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning (19)
3. Blockchain Technologies (18)

## B. Detailed responses: Policy Components

### a. ICANN Policy Priorities Relevant to APRALO

Topic	Score <sup>1</sup>
1. Competition, Consumer Trust and Consumer Choice	17
2. Geographic Names	17
3. New gTLD Subsequent Rounds: Specific procedures	11
4. New gTLD Subsequent Rounds: General subsequent procedures	9

### b. Technical Topics Relevant to APRALO

Topic	Score <sup>1</sup>
1. DNSSEC, including DNS Security and Abuse	24
2. Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs) and Universal Acceptance	19

### c. Cross-Community Topics

Topic	Score <sup>1</sup>
1. ICANN's Accountability and Transparency	20
2. Temporary Specification on gTLD Registration Data	15

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<sup>1</sup>- Number of people ranking the topic as 'High Priority'

### C. Capacity Building Requirements

	Topic	Score <sup>1</sup>
1.	Training and developing the skills of members in ICANN policy drafting and commenting	26
2.	Schools of Internet Governance	22
3.	Supporting members in ICANN public policy drafting and commenting	21
4.	Development of local language or language neutral materials for Regional and Local use	18

### D. Internet Governance Issues

	Topic	Score <sup>1</sup>
1.	Privacy, Data Protection, Surveillance, Censorship	23
2.	Diversity relating to ICANN's Mission and mandate	17
3.	Human Rights in terms of ICANN's Mission	16
4.	The Internet Governance Ecosystem, expanding on RIRs/IETF	12
5.	Extra-territorial jurisdiction of Data Protection legislation	10

## E. Emerging Technologies

	Topic	Score <sup>1</sup>
1.	Internet of Things (IoT)	20
2.	Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning	19
3.	Blockchain Technologies	18
4.	Dark Web/Onion Router	14
5.	Over the Top (OTT) services	8