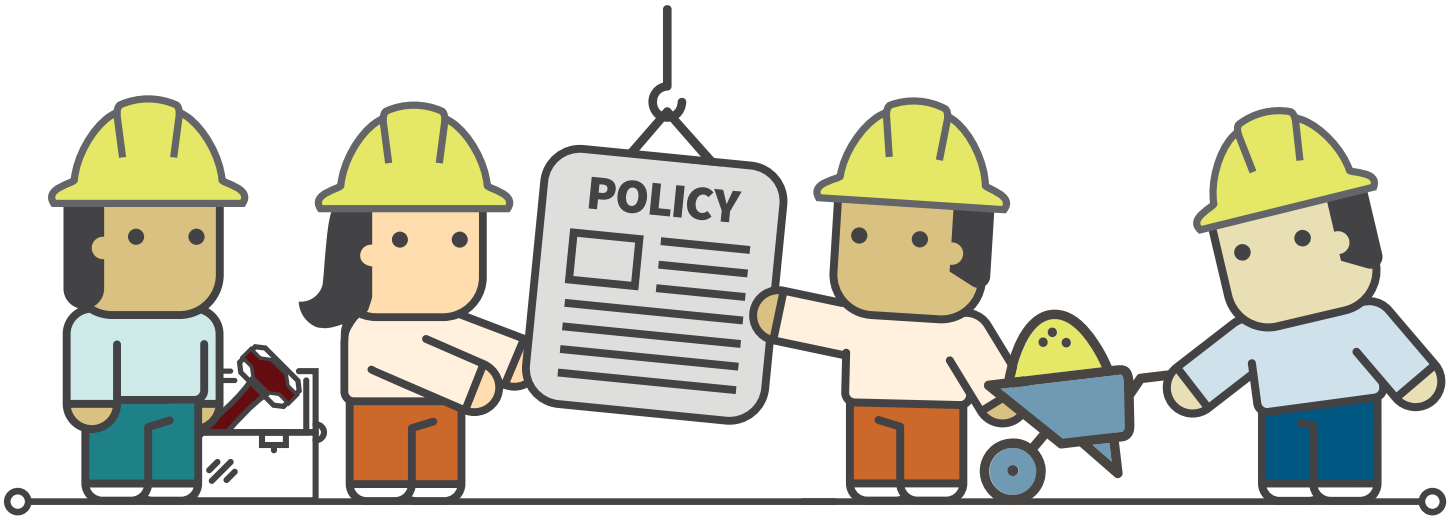
Post-ICANN65 Policy Report



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A Successful **ICANN65**

Thank you very much for attending ICANN65! This was ICANN's fourth Policy Forum, and third Public Meeting in Marrakech. We hope ICANN65 provided you with the opportunity for productive discussions and substantive work.

ICANN65 served as a platform for cross-community dialogue on issues and topics such as the impact of the Phase 1 recommendations of the Expedited Policy Development Process on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data, Universal Acceptance, Policy Aspects of DNS over HTTPS and DNS of TLS, and the evolution of the ICANN multistakeholder model. We appreciate the contributions from the community and the warm hospitality of our Moroccan hosts for making ICANN65 a success.

The Post-ICANN65 Policy Report written by the ICANN Policy Development Support team captures decisions and outcomes from the Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees. While the report provides an overview of activities held during the Policy Forum, it also looks ahead at the work to come in the upcoming months. Included in the report are various resources to support the ongoing, sustained engagement of the community on several 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 effective participation in the multistakeholder model.

We look forward to seeing you at the ICANN66 Annual General Meeting in Montréal, Canada!

Best regards,

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Address Supporting Organization (ASO)

Activities

The ASO Address Council (ASO AC) did not convene at ICANN65, but several members of the Internet number community, including ASO AC members, were present in Marrakech, Morocco. The ASO conducts most of its policy development work on mailing lists and at Regional Internet Registry (RIR) meetings.

Next Steps

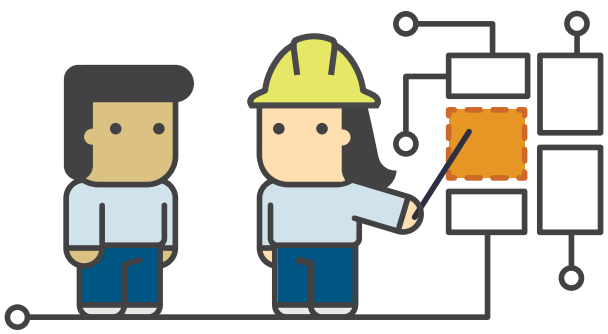
To stay current with regional policy development activity, subscribe to an RIR policy mailing list and/or attend an upcoming RIR meeting.

Regional Internet Registry policy mailing lists

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

Upcoming RIR meetings

- APNIC 48 | 5-12 September 2019 | Chiang Mai, Thailand
- LACNIC 32 | 7-11 October 2019 | Panama City, Panama
- RIPE 79 | 14-18 October 2019 | Rotterdam, The Netherlands
- ARIN 44 | 31 October - 1 November 2019 | Austin, Texas, USA
- AFRINIC 31 | 2-6 December 2019 | Luanda, Angola



Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO)

Decisions and Outcomes

The ccNSO Council meeting was held on Wednesday, 26 June. The agenda and relevant background material are available **here**, and the resolutions approved by the ccNSO Council are available **here**. Highlights of the ccNSO Council meeting include:

- Appointment of four additional members to the ccNSO Internet Governance Liaison Committee: Peter Madavhu (.za), Adriana Lazzaroni (.it), Jordan Carter (.nz), and Sean Copeland (.vi).
- Discussion regarding the discontinuity of ccNSO membership following the transfer of the management of a country code top-level domain (ccTLD). The next steps will be discussed during the August ccNSO Council meeting.
- Conditional adoption of the ccNSO selection procedure guidelines for ICANN Board Seats 11 and 12, provided that ICANN org Legal team approves the newly proposed section 3.5 of the guidelines.
- Preparation of a ccNSO Council statement regarding the second ccNSO organizational review.

Volunteers Needed

During the ccNSO Council meeting, the ccNSO decided to seek expressions of interest to fill several ccNSO seats on the following ICANN efforts:

- *Customer Standing Committee (CSC)*. The ccNSO agreed to begin the CSC member selection process to replace Byron Holland, whose term ends on 1 October 2019.
- *ICANN 2020 Nominating Committee*. A ccNSO representative will replace Pablo Rodriguez (.pr), whose term ends on 23 August 2019.
- *Root Zone Evolution Review Committee (RZERC)*. A delegate from the ccNSO is needed to replace the ccNSO representative to the RZERC, Peter Koch, whose term ends 1 October 2019.
- *Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) Functions Review Team (IFRT) Appointment Process*. The ccNSO Council decided to launch a call for volunteers to appoint one, non-ccNSO ccTLD representative, who is associated with a ccTLD registry operator that is not currently a representative of the ccNSO. The representative must be a citizen of a country located in the North America, Africa, or Asia-Pacific Region.

Additional Activities

The detailed ccNSO schedule for ICANN65, including agendas and pre-meeting session summaries, is available on the **ccNSO workspace**. Highlights included sessions on the following topics:

Tech Day

Since 2006, **Tech Day** has been an integral part of ICANN Public Meetings. It provides a forum for both experienced people and newcomers to meet, present, and discuss technical and operational registry topics, security issues, and other Domain Name System (DNS)-related work. At ICANN65, Tech Day focused not only on Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs), Universal Acceptance, and Email Address Internationalization (EAI) related topics, but also on Registration Data Access Protocol (RDAP) applications, anti-spam email and DNS configurations, linking blockchain to the DNS, and two transparency and verification topics.

Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO)

ccNSO Members Meeting

Two days were dedicated to the ccNSO Members Meeting. The ccTLD community and other interested parties received updates and discussed topics relevant to ccTLD managers on Tuesday, 25 June and Wednesday, 26 June. The ccNSO Members Meeting was open to all with an interest in ccTLD-related topics. Highlights of the ccNSO Members Meeting included:

ccNSO Study Group on Emoji as Second-Level Domains

This study group was tasked to provide the ccTLD community and ccNSO Council with a comprehensive overview of risks associated with the use of emoji in second-level domains as documented in **SAC095** and current practices of ccTLD managers when accepting emoji as second-level domains.

The Study Group on Emoji as Second-Level Domains provided a briefing to the ccTLD and broader communities during the ccNSO Members Meeting Day 1. Study Group Chair Peter Koch presented an overview of its draft final report, which was issued for a **lightweight consultation** ahead of ICANN65. The consultation period will close Friday, 19 July at 23:59 UTC. Read more about the study group **here**, and consult the slide deck used at its ICANN65 briefing **here**.

PDP Working Group on the Retirement of ccTLDs

The ccNSO Policy Development Process (PDP) Working Group on the Retirement of ccTLDs provided a briefing to the ccTLD and broader communities during ccNSO Members Meeting Day 1. The goal of this ccNSO PDP, the third initiated by the ccNSO Council, is to develop and recommend policies to the ICANN Board pertaining to the retirement of ccTLDs when their ISO 3166-1 codes are removed from the active list. Consult the working group charter, work plan, and other relevant documents on its **website** and **workspace**.

IDN ccTLD Recommended Policy Review

In September 2013, the ccNSO concluded its work on the overall policy for the selection of Internationalized Domain Name (IDN) ccTLD strings and the inclusion of IDN ccTLD managers in the ccNSO. This recommended policy was developed to replace the Fast Track process. As issues emerged with the selection of IDN ccTLD strings, the ICANN Board vote was deferred to gain experience with the changing methods to address those issues under the Fast Track. As a result, the original policy recommendations need to be reviewed.

The briefing and discussion at ICANN65 informed the ccTLD community and other interested parties on the work done to date by the ccNSO IDN Preliminary Review Team (IDN PRT). The IDN PRT focused during its briefing on the areas in the recommended policy with respect to the selection of IDN ccTLD strings that need to be reviewed and possibly updated. In addition, the IDN PRT informed about the second part of the IDN ccTLD proposed policy on the inclusion of IDN ccTLD managers in the ccNSO. Read more about the IDN PRT on its **workspace**.

ccNSO Internet Governance Liaison Committee

Pierre Bonis, Internet Governance Liaison Committee (IGLC) chair, provided an introduction about the IGLC and its work during the **ICANN65 ccNSO Members Meeting**. Bonis encouraged all interested parties to provide input on the following questions:

- Which Internet governance-related topics are relevant to ccTLD managers?
- How should the IGLC interact with the ccTLD community and how should the ccTLD community stay informed about its activities?

Continue to check the **IGLC workspace** for further information and updates on the activities of the ccNSO IGLC.

Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO)

Invoicing Procedure of the Financial Contributions by ccTLDs to ICANN Session
After a long and intensive process of community consultation, the ccNSO agreed in 2013 on a **guideline pertaining to the voluntary contribution of ccTLDs to ICANN**. At ICANN61 and ICANN63, the level of financial contributions made by the ccTLD community was discussed. During ICANN64, a financial contribution session focused on the administrative issues the ccTLD community and ICANN face with respect to the invoicing of voluntary contributions. The goal was to make the contribution process predictable for all going forward. To that end, the ICANN Finance team presented a proposed invoicing process to the ccNSO and asked for community review and feedback before its publication on the ICANN website in late July.

ccTLD News and ccTLD Legal Session
The popular ccTLD News session included marketing-related presentations and status updates by the ccTLD registries for .ar (Argentina), .nz (New Zealand), .au (Australia), .am (Armenia), and .ng (Nigeria). The presentations listed below can be consulted **here**.

- "The Advantages of Blockchain and its Application in a Platform that Inherits the Internet Governance Model: Blockchain Federal Argentina (.ar)" presented by Gabriela Ramirez and Robert Martin-Legene (.ar).
- "Review of the .nz Policy Framework and Policy-Related Response to Terrorist Attacks" presented by Jordan Carter and Brent Carey (.nz).
- "The Pathway to Introducing .au Direct Registration" presented by Cameron Boardman and Bruce Tonkin (.au).
- ".AM ccTLD: Past, Present, and Future" presented by Kristina Hakobyan (.am).
- "Legal Considerations: Premium Domain Name Auction Using the Twitter Platform" presented by Edith Udeagu (.ng).

Resource Materials

The **ccNSO** is one of the three Supporting Organizations within ICANN. Since its creation in 2003, the ccNSO has evolved to a forum for ccTLD managers to meet and discuss issues of concern with a global perspective. The ccNSO provides a platform to nurture consensus, technical cooperation, and skill-building among ccTLDs, and facilitates the development of voluntary best practices for ccTLD managers. It is also responsible for developing and recommending global policies to the ICANN Board for a limited set of issues relating to ccTLDs, such as the retirement of ccTLDs. Membership in the ccNSO is open to all ccTLD managers responsible for managing an ISO 3166-1 ccTLD.

The ccNSO is administered by the **ccNSO Council**, which consists of 18 councilors (15 elected by ccNSO members, three appointed by the ICANN Nominating Committee). The councilors are actively involved in determining the work and direction of the ccNSO. Councilors manage the policy development process, lead and participate in **various ccNSO working groups**, engage with the community on topical issues, and develop positions based on community feedback. The ccNSO Council meets regularly at ICANN Public Meetings and on monthly teleconferences. All Council documents, minutes of meetings, resolutions, and discussions are published on the **ccNSO Council workspace**.

- 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" **ICANN Learn**, where you can read more about the organization, practice what you learned through quizzes, and find additional links and resources.
- **Subscribe** or consult the **archive** for the ccNSO monthly newsletter.
- Follow **@ccNSO** on Twitter

Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO)

Decisions and Outcomes

At ICANN65, the GNSO community organized 40 sessions which included a series of GNSO Policy Development Process (PDP) working group meetings, sessions with other Supporting Organizations/Advisory Committees, and time devoted to GNSO Council work.

EPDP on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data
The Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) Team on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data met twice (**session 1**, **session 2**), for a total of 13 hours. The EPDP Team:

1. Discussed the format of a template to detail possible use cases for requestors of nonpublic gTLD registration data.
2. Reviewed example use cases for requestors of nonpublic gTLD registration data.
3. Met with ICANN org to discuss ICANN org's future engagement with the European Data Protection Board (EDPB) on the Unified Access Model (UAM) based on the work of the Technical Study Group (TSG).
4. Reviewed the new format and first iteration of the Phase 2 project plan and timeline.

The EPDP Team began its meeting by reviewing and agreeing to the overarching template for requestor use cases and the questions therein. Following this agreement, the EPDP Team comprehensively discussed the use case of an individual or entity requesting nonpublic registration data for the purpose of taking legal action against trademark infringement. The EPDP Team then reviewed a use case for a law enforcement investigation of criminal activity against a victim in the jurisdiction of the investigating European Union Law Enforcement Agency requesting data from a nonlocal data controller. The objective of these use cases is to better understand real-life needs as well as related requirements so that these can eventually be translated into policy principles and recommendations.

A subset of EPDP Team members has volunteered to produce additional use cases for EPDP Team discussion. Working in small teams, the EPDP Team is expected to review the use cases, or a subset thereof, in the coming weeks. EPDP support staff will then review the completed use cases and synthesize commonalities and trends in order to produce a first draft of potential policy options or text for further discussion during the EPDP Team's meeting, which will be held in Los Angeles, California from 9-11 September 2019.

New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP
The New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP Working Group held three sessions (**session 1**, **session 2**, **session 3**) on Monday, 24 June and one session (**session 4**) on Tuesday, 25 June. Two of the Monday sessions were devoted to Work Track 5, a subteam of the PDP addressing the issue of geographic names at the top-level. During these sessions, Work Track 5 members discussed key outstanding issues that require further consideration following the review of Public Comment on the Work Track 5 Supplemental Initial Report. In the third session, the Working Group met with representatives of the ICANN org Global Domains Division (GDD). GDD presented a series of draft assumptions for use in preliminary planning work for subsequent procedures of the New gTLD Program. Working group members and session participants had an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback on this list of assumptions. During the Tuesday session, the working group considered Public Comment submissions on the draft Initial Report and discussed areas of broad agreement emerging from the feedback it reviewed.

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Review of All Rights Protection Mechanisms in All gTLDs PDP
From December 2018 to March 2019, two subteams of the Review of All Rights Protection Mechanisms (RPMs) in All gTLDs PDP Working Group were tasked to analyze all Sunrise and Trademark Claims related data. Since ICANN64, the subteams have been developing preliminary recommendations based on their review and analysis of the data. In parallel, the subteams conducted the initial vetting of proposals submitted by working group members, with a goal of recommending to the full working group whether to include them in the Initial Report.

At ICANN65, the working group held four sessions (**session 1**, **session 2**, **session 3**, and **session 4**). The subteams used three and half of the four sessions to finalize their development of preliminary recommendations related to Sunrise and Trademark Claims RPMs. In the second half of the last session, one subteam presented its status report to the working group. Following ICANN65, the subteams will conduct a final approval of their deliverables and submit their preliminary recommendations to the working group.

New gTLD Auction Proceeds Cross-Community Working Group
The New gTLD Auction Proceeds Cross-Community Working Group (CCWG-AP) is tasked with developing a proposal for eventual consideration by the ICANN Board on one or more potential mechanisms to allocate the new gTLD auction proceeds from the 2012 new gTLD application round. The CCWG-AP recently completed its review of Public Comment submissions received on its Initial Report.

The CCWG-AP held a **session** on Wednesday, 26 June and discussed final outstanding questions that it must address prior to publication of the Final Report, as well as the timeline for resolving these items and completing the Final Report. The CCWG-AP reviewed potential mechanisms for fund allocation that were prioritized in the Initial Report and considered whether it would be possible to further refine recommendations on this topic for the Final Report. The CCWG-AP discussed the potential role of the ICANN community in the operation of the selected mechanism. It also reviewed language on the recommended objectives of fund allocation taking into account input received through Public Comment. Next, the CCWG-AP will consider additional outstanding items and finish revisions of the draft Final Report, taking into account agreements reached during the session.

GNSO Bylaws Implementation Drafting Team
The drafting team to further develop guidelines on the roles and obligations of the GNSO as a Decisional Participant in the Empowered Community provided a status report to the GNSO Council prior to ICANN65. By October 2019, the drafting team expects to provide to the GNSO Council the proposed guidelines and possible recommendations for changes to the GNSO Operating Procedures in order to enable effective GNSO participation as a Decisional Participant. The GNSO Council must approve any such new or proposed modifications to existing procedures following the applicable process.

Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO)

GNSO Council Meeting

The GNSO Council held its **public meeting** on Wednesday, 26 June. The GNSO Council discussed items, including:

- Repopulating the Independent Review Process (IRP) Implementation Oversight Team and GNSO input to the Independent Review Process Standing Panel.
- Next steps in relation to International Governmental Organization-International Non-Governmental Organization (IGO-INGO) access to curative rights protection mechanisms.
- Next steps in relation to Variant TLD Recommendations and the International Domain Name (IDN) Guidelines 4.0 and the proper mechanism to resolve any policy implications.
- Next steps in relation to ICANN Board consultation on the EPDP on the Temporary Specification Phase 1.
- Updates from PDPs and whether follow-up or GNSO Council action is needed;
- Competition, Consumer Trust & Consumer Choice Review Team (CCT-RT) Recommendations passed to the GNSO by the ICANN Board.
- Progress made for the implementation of PDP 3.0 recommendations.

GNSO Council Wrap-Up Session

During the GNSO Council **wrap-up session** on Thursday, 27 June, the GNSO Council discussed:

- GNSO Council review of ICANN65 GAC Advice.
- Next steps for replacement of Erica Varlese on the third Accountability and Transparency Review Team (ATRT3).
- Volunteers and next steps for small team activities, including input on the IRP Standing Panel, IDNs, CCT-RT Recommendations, and charter drafting related to IGO-INGO access to curative rights protection mechanisms.
- Correspondence and proposed next steps for:
- The request for clarification on data accuracy and EPDP Phase 2.
- ICANN org's preparation toward implementation of subsequent procedures of new gTLDs.
- ICANN66 planning.
- GNSO Council liaison replacement for the Protections for Certain Red Cross Names in All gTLDs Implementation Review Team (IRT).

Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO)

Additional Activities

The GNSO Council had a productive **working session** on Monday, 24 June. The GNSO Council received status updates on processes and initiatives including:

- Implementation Review Teams, including the EPDP Phase 1 IRT.
- PDP 3.0.
- EPDP Phase 2.
- ATRT3.
- CCT-RT Recommendations.

The GNSO Council also discussed the possible next step in relation to the consultation process with the ICANN Board which was triggered following the non-adoption of parts of some EPDP Phase 1 recommendations.

The remainder of the working sessions focused on preparation for meetings that took place later in the week.

The GNSO Council and ICANN Board had a joint meeting focused on the following:

- Next steps regarding IGO-INGO access to curative rights protection mechanisms.
- EPDP Phase 1 consultation next steps and ongoing work in the EPDP Phase 2.
- IDNs.
- The New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP.
- Review recommendations: prioritization and budgeting.

The GNSO met with the GAC and discussed:

- EPDP Phase 2.
- Report on Global Legislative and Regulatory Developments.

The GNSO met with the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) and discussed:

- Progress of the CCWG-AP.
- Approval of the full slate of candidates in the Customer Standing Committee (CSC) and procedures pertaining to Special IANA Function Review.
- How to structure joint policy development efforts regarding confusing similarity and IDN TLD variant management.
- Mutual concerns regarding the evolution of the multistakeholder model.

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 ICANN66.

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

Decisions and Outcomes

Members of At-Large participated in 23 formal At-Large sessions as well as numerous informal sessions.

- The **At-Large Review Implementation Working Group (ARIWG) Interim Report 1** was submitted to the ICANN Board Organizational Effectiveness Committee (OEC) in early June, and endorsed by the ALAC during ICANN65.
- The ATLAS III Selection Committee reviewed applicants for the third At-Large Summit (ATLAS III), to be held during ICANN66. Successful candidates were announced soon after ICANN65.
- The At-Large community discussed the recently submitted **ALAC statement on Evolving ICANN's Multistakeholder Model**, and attended the High Interest Topic session with Brian Cute on the topic.
- **At-Large Consolidated Policy Working Group (CPWG)** Co-Chair Jonathan Zuck moderated an At-Large Policy Workshop on the topic of **Geographic Names**, with a presentation on At-Large issues in Work Track 5 (WT5).
- The At-Large community participated in policy discussions related to Universal Acceptance, General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Phase 2 of the Generic Names Supporting Organization Expedited Policy Development Process on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data as well as the Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP).
- **At-Large Capacity Building Working Group** Co-Chair Joanna Kulesza moderated capacity building workshops on **Cybersecurity** and **Consumer Safeguards**, and ALAC Vice Chair John Laprise organized an **At-Large Universal Acceptance Kickoff**.
- CBWG Co-Chair Joanna Kulesza and CPWG Co-Chair Jonathan Zuck presented an updated **At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) Hot Policy Topics Document** to the community. The Regional At-Large Organization (RALO) Leaders also discussed latest updates to their RALO Hot Policy Topics documents.
- Members of the African Regional At-Large Organization (AFRALO) organized several activities, including hosting 35 university students from Rabat, Morocco; a well-attended AFRALO Networking Event; and a Joint AFRALO/AfrICANN meeting where they presented the **AFRALO Hot Policy Topics** document as well as a statement on the ICANN Multistakeholder Governance Model.

Please reference the full list of **ALAC/At-Large action items** from the ICANN65 for more details on At-Large decisions and outcomes. In addition, the At-Large community utilized **ALAC/At-Large ICANN65 Talking Points**.

At-Large leadership also held joint meetings with other stakeholders, including the Governmental Advisory Committee, the Security and Stability Advisory Committee, and the third Accountability and Transparency Review Team (ATRT3).

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

Additional Activities

A **Joint Non-Commercial Users Constituency (NCUC) and At-Large Outreach Event on the topic of "Policy at ICANN Demystified"** was held, allowing NCUC and At-Large community members, as well as the general ICANN65 participants, the opportunity to exchange ideas, learn more about their respective communities, and how they participate uniquely in ICANN policy development.

A **Joint AFRALO-AfrICANN Meeting** discussed a statement on "Evolving the ICANN Multistakeholder Model," which AFRALO approved. An **At-Large Regional Leaders Meeting** took place for RALO Leaders to finalize their respective outreach and engagement strategic plans for fiscal year 2020, discuss RALO Hot Policy Topics in coordination with ALAC Hot Policy Topics, and finalize plans for the RALO General Assemblies scheduled between fiscal years 2021 and 2024.

During ICANN65, the At-Large community received updates on pre-ATLAS III activities, the ATLAS III schedule and programming, and selection of the 60 candidates who will attend ATLAS III. **Learn more about ATLAS III**.

ICANN Policy Development Support team members and spoke with **AFRALO Chair Mohamed El Bashir and AFRALO Vice Chair Fatimata Seye-Sylla** and conducted an interview in French with **Aziz Hilali, AFRALO Delegate to the ICANN Nominating Committee**.

Finally, the At-Large community participated in a lively discussion with ICANN President and CEO Göran Marby, ICANN Board Chair Cherine Chalaby, and ICANN Board Director selected by At-Large Leon Sanchez regarding the future of ICANN and the mission of At-Large.

Next Steps

At-Large Review Implementation

The ARIWG has completed most of the work required as directed by the ICANN Board and plans to finish related activity by early 2020.

ALAC/GAC Capacity Building Focus

An ALAC/Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) Capacity Building Focus Group met to discuss capacity building initiatives between the two advisory committees, with **a new plan to potentially have an additional half-day** before or after ICANN Public Meetings as well as webinars.

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

Resource Materials

At-Large Sessions during ICANN65

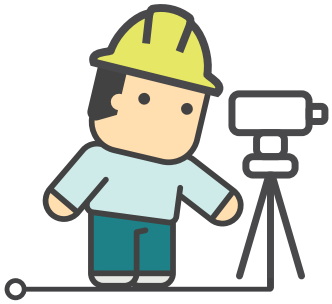
- Policy Discussions: Policy Development at ICANN | Cybersecurity | Universal Acceptance
- Joint Meetings: GAC | SSAC | NCUC | Consumer Safeguards | ATRT3
- Meetings with ICANN org teams: Finance | Consumer Safeguards
- ATLAS III Planning

Other ICANN65 Reference Materials

- One-stop shop for the agendas, presentations, recordings, and transcripts of all At-Large sessions during ICANN65
- Sights and Sounds of the AFRALO Networking events
- Joint NCUC/At-Large Outreach Event: Policy at ICANN Demystified
- Tweets from At-Large sessions and activities

At-Large Policy Reference Materials

- ICANN Public Comment At-Large workspace
- At-Large Policy Comments and Advice
- Executive Summaries: ALAC Policy Comments & Advice
- Draft At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) Hot Policy Topics Document
- At-Large Community Hot Policy Topics: Why End Users Should Care (2016)
- African Regional At-Large Organization (AFRALO) Hot Policy Topics
- Asian, Australasian and Pacific Islands At-Large Organization (APRALO) Hot Policy Topics
- European Regional At-Large Organization (EURALO) Hot Policy Topics



Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC)

Decisions and Outcomes

With its largest member turnout since the 2018 High Level Governmental Meeting, participants representing 71 Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) members and six observers attended GAC meetings at ICANN65. Another six GAC members attended remotely. Among its 22 sessions and over 24 hours of meetings, the GAC fully leveraged the Policy Forum format and devoted time to a variety of timely policy issues as well as interconstituency activities, community engagement, and internal operational matters.

The GAC issued the **ICANN65 Marrakech Communiqué** and provided the ICANN Board with follow-up on previous advice regarding the .AMAZON applications, two-character country codes as second level domain names and WHOIS, and data protection. The ICANN65 Marrakech Communiqué also provided statements on issues of importance to GAC members including international governmental organization (IGO) protections and WHOIS, and data protection.

Additional Activities

At every ICANN Public Meeting the GAC organizes its schedule into several main work categories. For ICANN65, the GAC schedule was arranged in scheduling "blocks" to help participants combine discussions into topics of similar interest. The main topic categories in included new generic top-level domain (gTLD) subsequent procedures, two-character country codes, IGO protections, .AMAZON applications, Domain Name System (DNS) abuse mitigation, ICANN reviews, communiqué drafting, GAC working group meetings, bilateral sessions with various member groups of the multistakeholder community, and internal operational matters.

Public Policy Matters

New gTLDs Policy

The GAC devoted substantial time during the week to discussions of matters related to new gTLD policies with focused interactions regarding geographic names and subsequent procedures for potential next round of new gTLDs. In addition to three GAC plenary sessions, the new GAC Focal Group on Subsequent Rounds of New gTLDs (formed following ICANN64 to consider government policy input into discussions of subsequent rounds of new gTLDs) met for the first time. A number of GAC participants have volunteered to participate in this new group effort which will serve to brief the GAC on its deliberations and discussions on the breadth of matters related to the potential next round of new gTLDs. The focal group will prioritize its work based on the "Preliminary GAC Scorecard: Status of Substantive Areas of Interest to the GAC on the Subsequent Procedures of New gTLDs."

WHOIS/Data Registration Policy

The GAC conducted discussions on data registration policy matters in plenary, cross-community and intercommunity formats. In its ICANN65 Marrakech Communiqué, the GAC recalled its ICANN64 Kobe Communiqué advice and noted that it welcomes the actions being taken on the second phase of the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data. The GAC further stated elsewhere in the ICANN65 Marrakech Communiqué that members of the GAC have volunteered to provide indicative lists of public authorities and other relevant parties requiring non-public registration data, in response to the request included in the "Draft Framework for a Possible Unified Access Model" published last year, and the GAC intends to keep supporting and monitoring the progress of the GNSO EPDP and to assess again this progress by ICANN66.

Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC)

DNS Abuse Mitigation
ICANN65 gave the GAC an opportunity to reexamine committee interest in matters that could help mitigate instances of DNS abuse. The GAC agreed to engage with the ICANN community on a more effective approach to abuse mitigation with a goal of adopting effective abuse mitigation policies for subsequent rounds of new gTLDs.

Other Areas of Interest
ICANN65 gave GAC members a forum in which to express their concerns about recent and past developments regarding the .AMAZON applications and the use of two-character country codes as second level domains. Concerned countries expressed their views to the GAC, the community, and the ICANN Board. The discussions resulted in language contributions to the ICANN65 Marrakech Communiqué. ICANN org members also provided an overview of the recently developed tool designed to help GAC members monitor the assignment of country codes at the second level.

Interconstituency Engagement

The GAC held its traditional bilateral meetings with the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) and the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) and GNSO leadership teams. GAC members also interacted with representatives from the Global Commission on the Stability of Cyberspace and the Universal Acceptance Steering Group.

Additionally, the GAC met in plenary session with members of the GAC Work Party of the Third Accountability and Transparency Review Team (ATRT3). The GAC Work Party presented several questions regarding the GAC and its relationships with the ICANN Board and other ICANN constituencies. GAC members were invited to volunteer for future interviews with the work party.

GAC-ICANN Board Matters
The GAC held its traditional meetings with the ICANN Board and members of the ICANN Board-GAC Interaction Group (BGIG). During those exchanges, issues such as the protection of IGOs, further developments regarding the .AMAZON applications, and the use of two-character country codes at the second level resulted in language contributions to the ICANN65 Marrakech Communiqué. GAC members also shared with the ICANN Board views regarding support for future capacity building efforts of the GAC and interest in the ongoing Public Comment proceeding regarding the evolution of the ICANN multistakeholder model.

GAC Elections and Other Operational Matters

ICANN65 marked the beginning of the 2019 GAC leadership election cycle. This year, five vice chair positions are open for election, and the nomination period for those positions was initiated on the last day of ICANN65.

Increased GAC responsibilities with and engagement among the rest of the ICANN community have prompted a number of internal committee operational initiatives to make the GAC more effective and efficient. GAC members received updates on considerations regarding human rights in both ICANN and GAC processes and learned more about improved communications capabilities and work flows, including further work of the GAC Operating Principle Working Group and reports on additional tools to regularize and streamline consideration and development of Public Comment opportunities. The Underserved Regions Working Group briefed the GAC about further improvements to the GAC travel support guidelines and follow-up on plans for future capacity building workshops in the coming fiscal year.

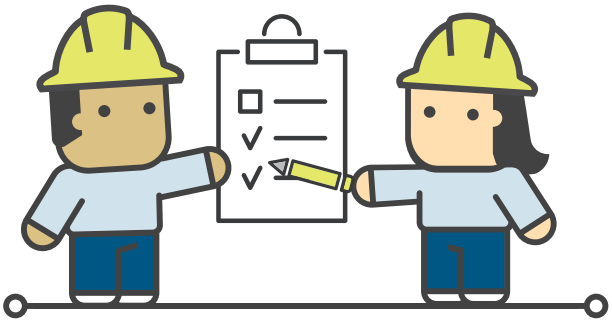
Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC)

Next Steps

In late July or early August, the GAC and ICANN Board will have their traditional post-ICANN Public Meeting teleconference to review and clarify any aspects of the GAC advice from the ICANN65 Marrakech Communiqué. In parallel, the GNSO will also likely be providing to the ICANN Board its review of the ICANN65 Marrakech Communiqué. As usual, the GAC leadership will compile and track the various action items and follow-up expectations that will keep the GAC busy until ICANN66.

Resource Materials

More details regarding specific GAC sessions from ICANN65 and other sessions of interest can be found on the **ICANN65 schedule website** and the **GAC schedule webpages** where all recordings, presentations, and briefings are posted.



Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC)

Decisions and Outcomes

The Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC) had seven work sessions throughout the week, including its input to the Public Comment proceeding on "Evolving the Governance of the Root Server System." In addition, the RSSAC conducted its monthly meeting and decided to have an online vote to select its liaison to the ICANN Nominating Committee.

Additional Activities

The RSSAC Co-Chairs continued to raise awareness about recent RSSAC **publications**, namely: "RSSAC042: RSSAC Statement on Root Server Operator Independence" and "RSSAC043: Report from the RSSAC April 2019 Workshop."

The two ongoing work parties in the RSSAC Caucus, Modern Resolver Behavior and Root Server System (RSS) Metrics, made progress on their work during the work sessions on Wednesday, 26 June.

Next Steps

In 2014, the RSSAC launched the **RSSAC Caucus**. The RSSAC Caucus is comprised of Domain Name System (DNS) experts who have an interest in the Root Server System, broadening the base of diverse, technical expertise to take on 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 appoints RSSAC Caucus members through the RSSAC Caucus Membership Committee. In addition, all RSSAC members are members of the RSSAC Caucus. Currently, there are over 100 members of the RSSAC Caucus from more than 20 countries.

There are currently two active **work parties** in the RSSAC Caucus. The RSS Metrics work party will meet at IETF 105 in Montréal, Canada from 20 to 26 July 2019. The next RSSAC Caucus meeting will be during ICANN66. The RSSAC will continue to advance work items during a workshop later this year.

Resource Materials

All RSSAC work sessions and the RSSAC monthly meeting were open to observation:

- RSSAC Work Sessions: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7
- **RSSAC Meeting**

For more information, including meeting minutes and publications library, please visit the **RSSAC webpage**.

Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)

Activities

The SSAC held its regular Domain Name System Security Extensions (DNSSEC) Workshop at ICANN65. This session was a public presentation and discussion with those actively engaged in DNSSEC deployment. The presentation and discussion of the deployment experience was targeted at registries, registrars, Internet service providers (ISP), and others who plan to deploy DNSSEC services. Anyone with an interest in the deployment of DNSSEC – particularly registry, registrar, and ISP employees with technical, operational, and strategic planning roles – may want to 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 attendees to meet, present, and discuss current and future DNSSEC deployments.

The DNSSEC workshop included presentations on:

- DNSSEC signing adoption statistics.
- DANE for SMTP usage statistics.
- The DNS Transparency Project.
- SMTP Security Options.
- Reviewing the last KSK Roll.

In addition, the SSAC and the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) co-hosted a High Interest Topic session on Policy Aspects of DNS over HTTPS (DoH), DNS over TLS (DoT), and Related Issues. This session was well-attended and fostered a great deal of discussion and information sharing.

The SSAC also gave their regular "Emerging Security" presentation at Tech Day. The topic was the recent SSAC report, "SAC105: The DNS and the Internet of Things: Opportunities, Risks, and Challenges." SSAC member Cristian Hesselman participated in a video interview about the report.

The SSAC held extensive internal meetings, advancing work on several topics. This included the Name Collisions Analysis Project (NCAP), DoH/DoT, the ongoing work of the Expedited Policy Development Process on Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data, comments on recent Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC) publications, strategic planning, membership, and several other topics.

The SSAC also held several bilateral meetings with key community groups to collaborate on various issues important to the ICANN community. Dedicated meetings were held with RSSAC, At-Large Advisory Committee, Non-Commercial Stakeholder Group, the third Accountability and Transparency Review Team, the Public Safety Working Group of the Governmental Advisory Committee, the Registries Stakeholder Group, and the Global Commission on the Stability of Cyberspace. The SSAC also had a productive working session with the ICANN Board Technical Committee.

Next Steps

The DNSSEC Workshop Program Committee will shortly begin planning the DNSSEC Workshop to be held at ICANN66.

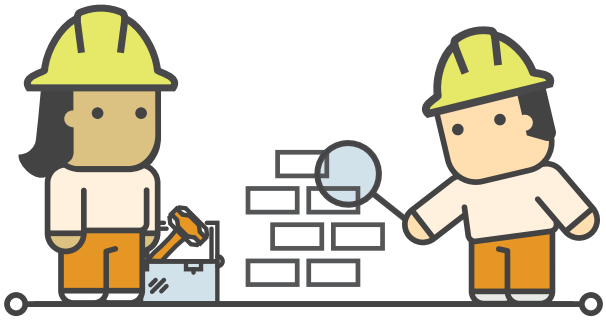
The SSAC will develop further materials, in addition to the video interview, to support community discussion and feedback on "SAC105: The DNS and the Internet of Things: Opportunities, Risks, and Challenges."

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 ICANN66.

Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)

Resource Materials

- DNSSEC Workshop materials: **Part 1** and **Part 2**
- **SSAC Emerging Security talk on the Internet of Things and the DNS**
- **SAC105: The DNS and the Internet of Things: Opportunities, Risks, and Challenges**
- **DNS and the Internet of Things: ICANN's Andrew McConachie and Cristian Hesselman of SSAC**
- **Policy Aspects of DNS over HTTPS (DoH), DNS over TLS (DoT) and Related Issues**

Information about the SSAC and how to participate:

- **SSAC Operational Procedures**
- **SSAC Introduction**
- **SSAC website**
- **SSAC publications**