Pre-ICANN67 Policy Report

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Welcome to **ICANN67**

Welcome to Cancún! I am pleased to present the Pre-ICANN67 Policy Report written by the Policy Development Support function. This report provides a high-level overview of the planned work and activities of the Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees at ICANN67.

ICANN67 is a Community Forum: A gathering of the ICANN community, ICANN Board, and ICANN organization (org). This meeting will feature two Public Forum sessions, two plenary sessions, and outreach and engagement activities.

Tuesday will be dedicated to meetings of the constituencies and stakeholder groups, in addition to joint meetings between various community groups and the ICANN Board. Thursday will feature a question and answer session with the ICANN org Executive Team, and a meeting of the ICANN Board. Throughout the week, there will be sessions on the fiscal year 2021 budget and operating plan, ongoing reviews, and more.

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 our generous hosts and 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 meeting.

Best regards,

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Policy Development Support

Address Supporting Organization (ASO)

What to Expect

The ASO Address Council (ASO AC) will have three open work sessions and its monthly meeting during ICANN67. The work sessions will focus on internal matters such as reviewing its operational procedures and the ASO Global Policy Development Process. The ASO AC will also co-host the ASO Information Session on Monday, 9 March, 13:30-15:00 with the Number Resource Organization (NRO) Executive Council and the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) team. This session will explore the role of the ASO AC and its current work, provide a status update of allocated Internet number resources from the IANA, and offer an operational update from the NRO. Additionally, the ASO will meet with the ICANN Board on Tuesday, 10 March, 09:45-10:45.

Background

The ASO is defined in a **2019 Memorandum of Understanding** (MoU), affirming the relationship between the names and numbers communities. The 2019 MoU replaces the 2004 MoU and addresses multiple recommendations from the 2017 organizational review of the ASO.

The purpose of the ASO is to review recommendations on global Internet Protocol (IP) address policy and to advise the ICANN Board. The ASO does not develop policies relating to Internet number resources but rather ensures that the policy development process has been correctly followed in each Regional Internet Registry (RIR) community: African Network Information Centre (AFRINIC), Asia Pacific Network Information Centre (APNIC), American Registry for Internet Numbers (ARIN), Latin American and Caribbean Internet Addresses Registry (LACNIC), and Réseaux IP Européens Network Coordination Centre (RIPE NCC).

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 IANA or any other external ICANN-related body in order to be implemented." The **ASO Address Council** (ASO AC) coordinates the global policy development work of the Internet number community and appoints members to the ICANN Board of Directors, the Nominating Committee, and other ICANN groups.

The ASO AC consists of 15 members, three from each RIR. For 2020, Aftab Siddiqui serves as chair; Kevin Blumberg and Jorge Villa serve as vice chairs. They represent the APNIC, ARIN, and LACNIC regions, respectively. All ASO AC teleconferences are now open to observers in line with **Recommendation 15** from the 2017 ASO Organizational Review. ASO AC teleconferences take place at 12:00 UTC on the first Wednesday of every month. For more information, including the teleconference schedule, observer privileges, and remote participation details, read **here**.

Session Details

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ASO Information Session
Monday, 9 March | 13:30-15:00 | Costa Maya 5

ASO AC Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, 10 March | 17:00-18:30 | Costa Maya 5

ASO AC Work Sessions
Tuesday, 10 March | 15:15-16:45 | Costa Maya 5
Wednesday, 11 March | 10:30-12:00 | Costa Maya 5
Wednesday, 11 March | 13:30-15:00 | Costa Maya 5

Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO)

What to Expect

The Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) program begins on Saturday, 7 March, with a meeting of the Guidelines Review Committee (GRC), Internet Governance Liaison Committee (IGLC), and a three-hour meeting of the third ccNSO Policy Development Process (PDP) working group.

On Sunday, 8 March, the ccNSO Council will hold a three-hour workshop, followed by a preparatory meeting where the ccNSO will plan for their joint meetings with the ICANN Board, the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC), the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC), and the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council. The Strategic and Operational Planning Committee (SOPC), and the Top-Level Domain Operations (TLD-OPS) Standing Committee will also hold meetings on Sunday.

Tech Day, a workshop open to all community members with an interest in technical, operational, and security topics is scheduled for Monday, 9 March.

Tuesday,10 March and Wednesday, 11 March are dedicated to the **ccNSO Members Meeting**, where 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. This includes a discussion on the rules of the ccNSO, and sessions on Domain Name System (DNS) abuse, governance models for ccTLD managers, the ccNSO PDP on the Retirement of ccTLDs (ccPDP3), as well as information related to the Internationalized Domain Names (IDN) policy. The ccNSO program on Wednesday closes with the ccNSO Council meeting.

The ccNSO program ends on Thursday, 12 March with a meeting by the Meetings Program Committee (MPC). The detailed ccNSO schedule, including a summary of the topics covered and remote participation details for ICANN67, will be published on the **ccNSO ICANN67 workspace**, closer to the meeting.

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 to the ICANN Board, such as the retirement of ccTLDs. The ccNSO provides a global platform to discuss topics and issues of concern, build consensus and technical cooperation, and facilitate the development of voluntary best practices for ccTLD managers. Membership in the ccNSO is open to all ccTLD managers.

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**.

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**.

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Tech Day
Monday, 9 March | 10:30-12:00 and 13:30-18:30 | Auditorio

Since 2006, **Tech Day** has been part of ICANN Public Meetings. It provides a forum for both experienced people and newcomers to meet and to present and discuss technical and operational registry topics, security, and other Domain Name System (DNS)-related work. Tech Day typically features presentations on topics such as DNS abuse, DNS over Transmission Control Protocol (TCP), DNS over Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure (HTTPS), Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs), or Domain Name System Security Extensions (DNSSEC).

ccNSO Members Meeting
Tuesday, 10 March and Wednesday, 11 March | All Day | Auditorio

Session times during the ccNSO Members Meeting are subject to change. Please refer to the **ccNSO Members Meeting workspace** for the most current information, including detailed agendas, a summary of the topics covered, and remote participation details.

Day 1 | TLD-OPS Session
Tuesday, 10 March | 10:00-10:15 | Auditorio

At ICANN66, the ccNSO **Top-Level Domain Operations (TLD-OPS) Standing Committee** held a workshop to test its draft disaster recovery and business continuity playbook, which serves as a basic business continuity implementation guide for small ccTLD operators. During this session in Cancún, you may expect a status update of the playbook and general TLD-OPS issues.

Day 1 | Policy Session
Tuesday, 10 March | 10:30-11:00 | Auditorio

Retirement of ccTLDs PDP Working Group (ccPDP3)
The ccNSO continues its PDP related to the retirement of ccTLDs. This third ever ccNSO PDP aims to develop policy recommendations for the ICANN Board, which will include a review mechanism pertaining to decision on the delegation, transfer, revocation, and retirement of ccTLDs. Phase 1 of the PDP will seek input and feedback from the ccTLD community on its results to date. Phase 2 of the PDP will aim to develop the review mechanism. The working group's **charter**, work plan, and other relevant documents are available on its **webpage** and **workspace**.

IDN ccTLD Policy Update (ccPDP4)
The ccNSO recently initiated a PDP on Internationalized Domain Name (IDN) ccTLD strings. This PDP will address a limited set of issues related to the selection of IDN ccTLD strings and review the proposal to amend Article 10 of the ICANN Bylaws, which would enable IDN ccTLDs to become members of the ccNSO.

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Day 1 | **ccTLD News**
Tuesday, 10 March | 14:30-15:00 and 15:15-16:15 | Auditorio

The ccTLD news session is a session for and by ccTLD managers. Stay informed about the latest news in the ccTLD landscape, and join us for updates on the following topics:

- Preliminary study for .py: IDN domain delegation with Cyrillic characters.

- How .cl is running a ccTLD in crisis mode.

- Rights protection mechanisms for .rs and .cp6.

- Conclusion of the .uk second level release process.

- Importance of digital economy growth in Kenya.

- An example of regional collaboration: LACTLD Anycast Cloud.

Day 2 | **Overview**
Wednesday, 11 March | 09:00-16:45 | Auditorio

Day 2 of the ccNSO Members meeting covers a variety of topics, including:

- Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) naming functions session with contributions from Public Technical Identifiers (PTI), including a PTI Board update, the Customer Standing Committee (CSC), and the IANA Functions Review Team.

- An opportunity for the ccTLD community to have a discussion on the governance models for ccTLD managers.

- An extensive session on DNS abuse.

  Part 1 | Introduction: 11:00-12:00

  Part 2 | Interviews and regional break-out session: 13:30-15:00

- A session with the ccNSO-appointed ICANN Board members.

ccNSO Council Meetings
Wednesday, 11 March | 17:00-18:30 | Costa Maya 4

At the ICANN67 ccNSO Council meeting, the ccNSO Council will elect the ccNSO chair and vice chairs. Other 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 Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) is the policymaking body responsible for generic top-level domains (gTLDs). Its members include representatives from gTLD registries, ICANN-accredited registrars, intellectual property interests, Internet service and connectivity providers, business, and noncommercial interests. The GNSO brings together these different stakeholders, as well as other parts of the ICANN community, to develop gTLD policy recommendations using a bottom-up, multistakeholder process driven by working groups and teams consisting of community volunteers.

One important area of ongoing work for the GNSO and the broader ICANN community is the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data. In February 2020, the EPDP Team published its Phase 2 Initial Report for Public Comment, featuring the building blocks and associated policy recommendations for the System for Standardized Access/Disclosure (SSAD) to Non-public gTLD Registration Data. In Cancún, the EPDP Team is expected to focus on the discussion of Priority 2 items while the Public Comment proceeding is ongoing.

Other GNSO policy development processes (PDP) working groups will also hold sessions to advance their efforts. The New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP Working Group will continue reviewing its draft final recommendations and seek resolution for outstanding topics. The Review of All Rights Protection Mechanisms (RPMs) in All gTLDs PDP Working Group will aim to complete the review of its draft Initial Report with the goal of publishing it for Public Comment shortly after ICANN67.

ICANN67 also provides an opportunity for the GNSO to review the implementation of GNSO PDP 3.0, an important initiative focusing on enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of the GNSO PDPs. Prior to Cancún, the GNSO Council is expected to receive all work products related to the 14 improvements, including a revised PDP working group charter template and a draft Consensus Playbook. As a next step, the GNSO Council is expected to deploy these improvements based on their respective time frames.

Furthermore, the GNSO Council held its third Strategic Planning Session (SPS) in Los Angeles from 22-24 January 2020. The Council focused on learning how to use the guidance developed by its drafting team to carry out its responsibilities as a Decisional Participant in the Empowered Community, as well as implement some of the PDP 3.0 work products to effectively execute its role as a PDP manager. Continuing the SPS effort of developing a strategic work plan for the upcoming year, the GNSO councilors will work with their respective stakeholder groups and constituencies to rank a number of future work items for the GNSO to prioritize collectively. The outcome of this exercise is expected to be discussed in ICANN67.

In Cancún, the GNSO will engage with the ICANN Board, the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC), and the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) to discuss topics of common interest in joint sessions. All ICANN community members are welcome to attend and observe the different PDP working group sessions, as well as the GNSO Council and the GNSO community sessions.

Background

EPDP on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data

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's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). The adoption of the Temporary Specification triggered the requirement for the GNSO to complete a consensus PDP within a one-year period.

Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO)

On 19 July 2018, the GNSO Council initiated the EPDP on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data. The EPDP is being conducted in two phases. Phase 1 aimed to confirm, or not, the Temporary Specification by 25 May 2019. Phase 2 discusses, amongst other elements, a standardized access model to nonpublic registration data. The EPDP Team consists of appointed representatives and liaisons from the GNSO, the broader ICANN community, the ICANN Board, and ICANN staff.

Phase 1 of the EPDP concluded last year. On 15 May 2019, the ICANN Board **adopted** most of the EPDP Phase 1 policy recommendations in its **Final Report**. The ICANN Board did not adopt parts of two recommendations but completed a consultation process with the GNSO Council. At the same time, an **Implementation Review Team** (IRT), consisting of ICANN staff and members of the ICANN community, is tasked with implementing the ICANN Board-approved Phase 1 policy recommendations.

Since April 2019 the EPDP Team has been busy conducting its Phase 2 work. The **scope** includes: 1) deliberation on the SSAD, 2) issues noted in the **Annex to the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data**, and 3) issues deferred from Phase 1.

The EPDP Team began its Phase 2 work by discussing a wide array of real-world use cases to understand the needs and requirements when non-public registration data is requested. Following the review of the use cases, the EPDP Team distilled common themes for the use cases to develop building blocks and policy principles of the SSAD, including accreditation of requestors, categorization of users, query policy, and acceptable use policy. After ICANN66, the EPDP Team focused on reviewing its draft Initial Report, which includes descriptions of the building blocks and the draft policy recommendations. They also met in ICANN org's Los Angeles headquarters in January 2020 to complete their Initial Report.

In February 2020, the EPDP Team published its **Phase 2 Initial Report**. Since the Public Comment proceeding will be ongoing during the ICANN67 meeting, the EPDP Team plans to use its four sessions in Cancún to discuss Priority 2 items, including the redaction of city field and the use of pseudonymized vs. anonymized email addresses.

In addition, those interested in the implementation of the EPDP Phase 1 recommendations are welcome to attend the sessions of the IRT as it continues to discuss the draft gTLD Registration Data Policy.

New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP

The New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP Working Group started its work on 22 February 2016. After completing deliberations on a set of six overarching and foundational subjects, the working group established five separate work tracks to address the remaining subjects identified in its charter.

Work Tracks 1-4 completed their preliminary discussions and considered input received through public consultations. On 3 July 2018, the working group published its **Initial Report** for Public Comment. In October 2018, the PDP working group published a **Supplemental Initial Report**, which considers topics additional to those found in its Initial Report. The working group completed the process of reviewing and considering public input for both its Initial Report and Supplemental Initial Report and is developing its final recommendations, integrating that input where applicable.

Work Track 5, devoted solely to the issue of geographic names at the top-level, delivered its **Final Report** to the full working group in October of 2019, after completing its review of Public Comment for its Supplemental Initial Report.

At ICANN67, the working group will meet on Saturday, 7 March and Monday, 9 March. Members are expected to continue reviewing draft final recommendations for inclusion in the final report, and seek resolution on topics where open issues remain, such as closed generics, string contention resolution mechanisms, and a predictability framework.

Review of All RPMs in All gTLDs PDP

The GNSO Council initiated the Review of All RPMs in All gTLDs PDP on 18 February 2016 and chartered the working group in March 2016. This PDP is being conducted in two phases. Phase 1 covers all the RPMs applicable to gTLDs launched under the 2012 New gTLD Program.

In late 2016, the working group completed its review of the Trademark Post-Delegation Dispute Resolution Procedure (TM-PDDRP). By the end of ICANN63, the working group completed its initial review of the Uniform Rapid Suspension (URS) dispute resolution procedure. Following the ICANN65 meeting in June 2019, the working group completed its review of Sunrise and Trademark Claims services offered through the Trademark Clearinghouse (TMCH) by endorsing a list of **preliminary recommendations and questions for community input** developed by its subteams.

Prior to the ICANN66 meeting in October 2019, the working group completed its review of the structure and scope of the TMCH and decided on the **proposals** to publish in the Initial Report seeking community input. During and after the ICANN66 meeting, the working group focused on finalizing all preliminary recommendations for inclusion in the Initial Report for the URS and the Sunrise and Trademark Claims services.

In January 2020, the working group narrowed down the list of **URS proposals** submitted by individual working group members for inclusion in the Initial Report. These URS individual proposals did not rise to the level of working group preliminary recommendations. In the meantime, the working group began the review of its draft Phase 1 Initial Report, which is expected to be published shortly after the ICANN67 meeting.

In Cancún, the working group will hold four working sessions on Saturday, 7 March; Sunday, 8 March; and Monday, 8 March. It is expected to focus on completing the review of the draft Phase 1 Initial Report.

IGO-INGO Access to Curative Rights Protection Mechanisms

In April 2019, the GNSO Council **voted** to approve recommendations 1-4 in the **Final Report** of the International Governmental Organization and International Non-Governmental Organization (IGO-INGO) Access to Curative Rights Protection Mechanisms PDP Working Group. The GNSO Council also resolved to not approve Recommendation 5 and directed the Review of All RPMs in All gTLDs PDP to consider whether an appropriate policy solution can be developed that is generally consistent with Recommendations 1-4. After engaging in dialogue with the GAC and INGOs, the GNSO Council adopted an **addendum** to the charter of the Review of All RPMs in All gTLDs PDP to initiate a separate work track focusing solely on the deliberation of IGO issues. The initiation of the work track will require issuing a call for members and observers and conducting an Expressions of Interest process to identify a single work track chair.

PDP 3.0

The PDP 3.0 initiative started in 2018, when over the course of several discussions, the GNSO Council identified a number of challenges and possible improvements related to GNSO PDP working groups.

On 24 October 2018, the GNSO Council **resolved** to provide full support to 14 improvements to GNSO PDPs, concerning consensus building, project management, and expectations for working group leaders and members. The GNSO Council also agreed to trial some of the improvements in the EPDP Team in advance of other GNSO PDP working groups.

In January 2019, the GNSO Council formed a **small team** of councilors to support the implementation efforts based on an **implementation plan**. The small team met regularly between April 2019 and February 2020. Designated small team leads worked with policy support staff to tackle each improvement, and delivered to the GNSO Council the proposed documents, processes, and tools in an incremental manner. As part of the implementation efforts, the ICANN org also

contracted an external vendor to develop a Consensus Playbook, which aims to provide the community with practical tools and best practices for building consensus, bridging differences, and breaking deadlocks within ICANN processes.

By the end of February 2020, the GNSO Council is expected to receive the **Final Report** of the PDP 3.0 implementation, which incorporates feedback received from the ICANN community. The Final Report will include all work products associated with the 14 improvements, as well as additional proposals such as a revised PDP working group charter template and suggested updates to the GNSO Operating Procedures.

As the next steps, the GNSO Council plans to deploy all improvements based on their respective time frames, commence chartering for upcoming PDP efforts by using the work products, and consider potential updates to the GNSO Operating Procedures as a result of the PDP 3.0 implementation. The outcomes of the PDP 3.0 project may inform the ICANN community's continuing discussion over the Evolution of the Multistakeholder Model, which included a series of facilitated conversations held in 2019.

Policy Scoping and Other Projects

In January 2020, the GNSO Council completed the initial scoping work for potential GNSO policy efforts related to the Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs). The scoping team **recommended** two separate but interconnected work tracks: 1) a contracted parties team working directly with the ICANN org, focused on IDN Implementation Guidelines 4.0 operational issues; and 2) a PDP or EPDP team focused on the policy development of the definition and management of IDN variant TLDs.

Furthermore, the GNSO Council also engaged in scoping initiatives related to the Transfer Policy review. The scoping team is tasked with recommending a mechanism to conduct future work on the Transfer Policy. The GNSO Council is expected to receive recommendations from the scoping team prior to ICANN67.

The GNSO Council has been conducting a variety of additional projects and activities, including responding to ICANN org letter regarding EPDP Phase 1 Recommendation 28, providing input to the Nominating Committee Review Implementation Working Group, and proposing a mentor for the ICANN Fellowship Program. **Learn more**.

More Information

To help you prepare for ICANN67, read the **GNSO Policy Briefing**. This document provides you detailed information about GNSO PDP working groups and other GNSO policy-related activities, including GNSO co-chartered cross-community working groups and PDP implementation review teams.

Furthermore, do not forget to attend the GNSO Policy Webinar on Wednesday, 19 February at 21:00-22:30 UTC to have an in-depth review of major GNSO PDPs.
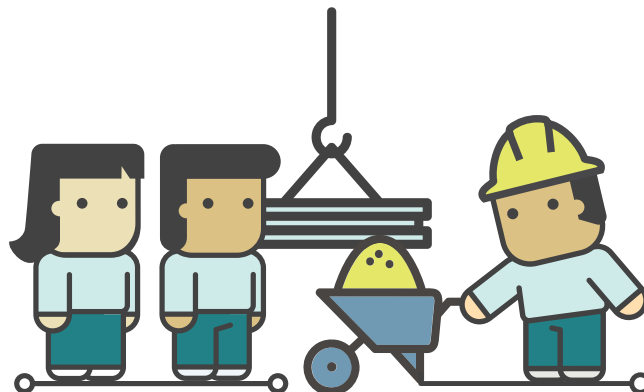
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PDP Working Group Meetings

EPDP on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data Phase 2
Saturday, 7 March | 08:30-18:30 | Cobá
Sunday, 8 March | 17:00-18:30 | Gran Cancún 2
Monday, 9 March | 10:30-12:00 | Gran Cancún 2
Thursday, 12 March | 13:30-15:00 | Gran Cancún 2

New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP
Saturday, 7 March | 15:15-16:45 | Gran Cancún 2
Saturday, 7 March | 17:00-18:30 | Gran Cancún 2
Monday, 9 March | 10:30-12:00 | Gran Cancún 1

Review of All RPMs in All gTLDs PDP
Saturday, 7 March | 12:15-13:15 | Gran Cancún 2
Saturday, 7 March | 13:30-15:00 | Gran Cancún 2
Sunday, 8 March | 17:00-18:30 | Cozumel 2
Monday, 9 March | 13:30-15:00 | Gran Cancún 2

GNSO Council Meetings

GNSO Council Working Session
Sunday, 8 March | 09:00-15:00 | Gran Cancún 2

GNSO Council Public Session
Wednesday, 11 March | 13:00-15:00 | Gran Cancún 2

GNSO Wrap-Up Session
Thursday, 12 March | 12:15-13:15 | Gran Cancún 2

Joint Meetings

Meeting with the ICANN Board
Sunday, 8 March | 12:15-13:15 | Gran Cancún 2

Meeting with the GAC
Sunday, 8 March | 15:45-16:45 | Cozumel 3-5

Meeting with the ccNSO
Monday, 9 March | 12:15-13:15 | Gran Cancún 2

At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)

What to Expect

At ICANN67, the At-Large community, including At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) members and Regional At-Large Organization (RALO) leaders and liaisons, will hold 34 sessions. The focus of their sessions includes:

- **Policy Discussions -** At-Large will hold three policy workshops related to Domain Name System (DNS) abuse: DNS Abuse and the At-Large Mantra, Tools for Holistic Contract Compliance, and a cross-community roundtable on DNS abuse and cybersecurity. In addition, At-Large will hold a policy workshop looking at current threats and challenges related to DNS over HTTPs (DoH) and DNS over TLS (DoT).

- **Projects Updates -** Updates on At-Large projects include the At-Large review implementation, and post-third At-Large Summit (ATLAS III) activities.

- **Regional At-Large Organization (RALO) Activities -** There will be several activities for the RALOs, including a Latin American and Caribbean Islands Regional At-Large Organization (LACRALO) Board meeting and the Joint African Regional At-Large Organization (AFRALO)-AfrICANN meeting.

- **Stakeholder Meetings -** The ALAC will hold meetings with the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC), the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO), the Noncommercial Users Constituency (NCUC), and the Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC). At-Large will also meet with members of the Public Technical Identifiers (PTI) Board and the ICANN Board.

Background

At-Large Policy Workshops and Discussions

Prior to ICANN67, the ALAC submitted eight policy statements as well as **ALAC Advice to the ICANN Board on DNS Abuse** and the **ISOC and PIR Issue**.

ALAC and At-Large Policy Advice

DNS Abuse Policy Advice

The development of ALAC advice on DNS abuse began prior to ICANN66. At-Large and other community groups within ICANN identified the issue and released several reports on the topic of DNS abuse. In October 2019, the At-Large Consolidated Policy Working Group (CPWG) discussed DNS abuse research and how DNS abuse impacts the Internet end user community, including the erosion of trust and security. During ICANN66, At-Large organized a panel session on end user concerns related to DNS abuse. Jonathan Zuck and Joanna Kulesza moderated the session and summarized how At-Large can enhance Internet end user protections. The ALAC began drafting its advice on DNS abuse and submitted it to the ICANN Board on 24 December 2019.

The ALAC's advice on DNS abuse included a series of eight recommendations, which emphasized that community dialogue cannot delay or defer ICANN's commitments or operations related to DNS abuse. Their recommendations speak to the insufficiency of the status quo and stressed their recommendations that no new round of new gTLDs will be approved without substantial changes in the area of DNS abuse. Read the full advice **here**.

Two At-Large policy workshops related to DNS abuse are planned for ICANN67. **"DNS Abuse and the At-Large Mantra"** will provide a detailed At-Large perspective on DNS abuse and specific challenges faced by individual end users. At-Large will further discuss their strategy to lead on this issue and how they will engage on the issue. A second session, **"Tools**

for Holistic Contract Compliance," will look specifically at the tools ICANN Contractual Compliance has for the holistic evaluation of contracted parties, as opposed to purely complaint-driven processes. In this session, At-Large will explore themes related to how the audit function could be used more aggressively, and how setting thresholds of abuse could more easily precipitate a breach finding.

Cybersecurity and Geopolitics in a Multistakeholder Environment
In addition, a cross-community roundtable titled **"One World. One Internet?" Cybersecurity and Geopolitics in a Multistakeholder Environment,"** will be led by Joanna Kulesza. This roundtable session seeks to explore the modern-day rationale for "One World. One Internet." During a time when the risk of the fragmentation of the Internet is increasing, states are taking more measures to ensure their jurisdiction over what they consider to be "their'' part of cyberspace. It is in this context that ICANN's global stewardship role has grown more significant than ever. This session seeks to explore how to best justify ICANN policies in the face of global disruptive trends and to identify and present to the ICANN community a coherent, comprehensive narrative on why "One World. One Internet" remains valid, and how to best communicate it to the different stakeholders outside ICANN. This At-Large roundtable will feature speakers from across the community.

Discussions on Policy Development Processes
Finally, the At-Large will hold policy discussions related to the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data, the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP, and the **At-Large Policy Platform**.

For more information regarding At-Large policy comments and advice, please visit the **At-Large website Policy Summary**, **ALAC Executive Summaries**, and the workspace of the **At-Large Consolidated Policy Working Group (CPWG)**.

Projects

At-Large Review Implementation
The At-Large Review Working Group (ARIWG) sent the second status report of At-Large review implementation to the ICANN Board Organizational Effectiveness Committee (OEC) on 23 December 2019. Two of the eight issue areas have been fully completed. The majority of the other issue areas are nearing completion. An At-Large Structure (ALS) Mobilization Working Party, focusing on Issue 2 of increased effectiveness of ALSes and individuals in At-Large policy advice development, began its implementation in January 2020. On 4 February 2019, the OEC sent a **response** to the ARIWG noting that the status report met all the requirements of the OEC.

During ICANN67, At-Large will review a draft document that will finalize the activities of Issue 2 of At-Large review implementation. The ARIWG aims to submit the final report to the Organizational Effectiveness Committee (OEC) in May 2020.

Post-ATLAS III Activities
The **ATLAS III** was an assembly of future policy and outreach ambassadors who gathered from 4-7 November 2019 during ICANN66. The summit consisted of a series of plenary sessions and six breakout groups which provided training and interactive, hands-on practice of key skills. A case study on Phase 1 of the EPDP on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data served as the focus for the training.

At-Large participants were presented with the **At-Large Ambassador Journey**, a pathway for greater participation within the At-Large community going forward. The journey incorporates activities ranging from At-Large communications to policy advice development, with a focus on capacity building and policy engagement.

At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)

The four areas of **post-ATLAS III activities** include policy, capacity building, outreach and engagement, and communications. The implementation of these areas is the focus of the At-Large 2020 Vision and will be discussed during ICANN67. Sessions on policy, the Capacity Building Working Group, and the Sub-Committee on Outreach and Engagement will all address progress on their post-ATLAS III activities. A draft At-Large communication strategy will also be presented for discussion.

Organizational Issues
At-Large leaders will receive updates on several key organizational issues at ICANN67. These will include a discussion with the ICANN Finance team on FY21 planning and Additional Budget Requests (ABRs) as well as an update on the Five-Year Strategic Plan.

Regional At-Large Organization (RALO) Activities

The At-Large community consists of over 241 ALSes and 128 individuals in the five RALOs. During ICANN67, RALO leaders will participate in regional leadership activities to focus on key policy topics and outreach and engagement activities. They will discuss cross-regional issues in the context of post-ATLAS III activities and receive updates on the implementation of regional strategic outreach and engagement plans. Finally, At-Large leaders will have the opportunity to meet with the ICANN Global Stakeholder Engagement regional vice presidents.

The LACRALO Board will hold a meeting on Monday, 9 March and Tuesday, 10 March. New LACRALO Board members will meet to discuss institutional issues and to draft a strategy for the next five years. The agenda includes a "Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats" (SWOT) analysis and review of draft LACRALO Rules of Procedure.

As is customary, the African community will hold their Joint AFRALO-AfrICANN meeting to discuss regional issues and a joint draft statement on DNS Abuse. The meeting will be the twenty-second Joint AFRALO-AfrICANN meeting since 2010.

Stakeholder Meetings

At-Large leaders will meet to discuss policy issues with other stakeholders, including the GAC, ccNSO, NCUC, and SSAC. At-Large will have a discussion with members of the PTI Board and also meet with the ICANN Board to discuss a series of questions related to ALAC policy priorities.

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At-Large Leadership Working Sessions

DNS Abuse and the At-Large Mantra
Saturday, 7 March | 13:30-15:00 | Costa Maya 1/2

At-Large Leadership Session: DoH/DOT - Threats and Challenges
Sunday, 8 March | 08:30-09:30 | Costa Maya 1/2

Tools for Holistic Contract Compliance
Sunday, 8 March | 10:30-12:00 | Costa Maya 1/2

"One World. One Internet?" Cybersecurity and Geopolitics in a Multistakeholder Environment
Wednesday, 11 March | 13:30-15:00 | Costa Maya 1/2

Stakeholder Meetings

ALAC and SSAC
Sunday, 8 March | 09:30-10:15 | Costa Maya 1/2

ALAC and ccNSO
Sunday, 8 March | 17:00-18:30 | Costa Maya 1/2

ALAC and GAC
Tuesday, 10 March | 16:00-16:45 | Cozumel 3/5

ALAC and ICANN Board
Wednesday, 11 March | 08:30-09:30 | Gran Cancún 3-5

Regional and Outreach Sessions

LACRALO Board Meeting
Monday, 9 March | 10:30-13:15 and 15:15-18:30 | Costa Maya 1/2
Tuesday, 10 March | 12:15-13:15 and 15:15-16:45 | Costa Maya 1/2

Joint NCUC – At-Large ICANN67 Outreach Session
Monday, 9 March | 10:30-12:00 | Gran Cancún 3-5

At-Large and Latin American and the Caribbean Networking Session
Tuesday, 10 March | 18:00-19:00 | Costa Maya 1/2

Joint AFRALO-AFRICANN Meeting
Wednesday, 11 March | 15:15-18:30 | Costa Maya 1/2

Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC)

What to Expect

Over the course of 20 separate sessions on substantive policy, operational, technical and engagement topics scheduled in Cancún, attendees of the GAC program at ICANN67 will devote themselves to almost 30 hours of topical discussions over six days.

For the past couple of years, the GAC has been moving to develop its internal capacities to more quickly and effectively address Domain Name System (DNS) policy issues of importance to governments. In 2020, the GAC leadership and membership have identified a number of key priority topics that demand particular attention. These topics include subsequent procedures for potential new rounds of generic top-level domains, WHOIS and data protection policy considerations including the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data, DNS abuse mitigation measures, and rights protection mechanisms for intergovernmental organizations (IGOs).

For the first time, the GAC has decided to avoid scheduling GAC plenary sessions during key community sessions on some of those priority topics. This allows GAC members to focus their specific attention on these matters by physically attending cross-community sessions to observe or participate as appropriate. This agenda innovation to create non-conflicting time slots for GAC members is intended to give GAC members the ability to join GNSO working group discussions on new gTLD subsequent procedures, EPDP, and sessions on rights protection mechanisms.

Recognizing that many new GAC participants have not previously been exposed to some of these issues, the GAC is devoting a pre-ICANN67 capacity building workshop specifically to the topic of subsequent procedures for potential rounds of new gTLDs. The four-hour workshop scheduled for the morning of Saturday, 7 March will enable experienced GAC members to share information about top government priority issues regarding new gTLD processes and to provide a unique case study to familiarize GAC participants with GNSO policy development process and procedures.

The Regular GAC Agenda

In addition to the substantial focus on subsequent procedures for new gTLDs, the regular GAC agenda in Cancún features a number of other substantive topics including developments regarding auction proceeds from the first round of new gTLD applications and implementation of the Workstream 2 recommendations of the Cross-Community Working Group on Enhancing ICANN Accountability recently approved by the ICANN Board.

Utilizing the Community Forum format, GAC participants will devote substantial time to cross-community dialogue. The GAC is planning to hold meetings with the ICANN Board, the leadership teams of the GNSO Council, the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC), and the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO). These meetings are important to help maintain effective channels of information and communication between the GAC and other ICANN community groups.

Several GAC Working Groups (Public Safety, Human Rights and International Law, Underserved Regions, Operating Principles, and Universal Acceptance) are also scheduled to conduct working sessions, most of which will take place with the whole GAC in plenary settings.

At ICANN64, the GAC committed to exploring a longer-term approach to government consideration of new gTLD policy development topics and formed a targeted focal group to explore those issues and build capacity on those issues among GAC members. That focal group will be integral to many of the internal capacity building and strategy sessions taking place in Cancún.

A GAC plenary session in Cancún will also focus on operational matters, including exploring ways to improve internal processes for assessing ICANN Board responses to the GAC Communiqué and exercising the powers as a Decisional Participant in the Empowered Community.

Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC)

Background

The GAC provides advice on the public policy aspects of ICANN's responsibilities with regard to the DNS. The GAC is not strictly a decision-making body but advises ICANN on issues that are within its scope. GAC consensus advice has a particular status under the ICANN Bylaws. Such advice must be duly taken into account by the ICANN Board of Directors, and if the Board proposes actions that would be inconsistent with GAC consensus advice, it must provide reasons and attempt to reach a mutually acceptable solution.

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. This includes the United Nations (UN) agencies with a direct interest in global Internet governance such as the International Telecommunication Union (ITU); UN Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO); and World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). There are currently 178 GAC members and 38 GAC observer organizations. Almost 15 GAC "first timers" are expected to attend ICANN67. Further information about the GAC and its work efforts is available on the **GAC website**.

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Formal GAC plenary sessions will start on Saturday, 7 March and could continue to Thursday, 12 March. All GAC plenary sessions are open to the entire ICANN community and feature remote participation and simultaneous interpretation in the six UN languages plus Portuguese. This principle of openness will also be evident during the GAC Communiqué drafting sessions scheduled for Tuesday, 10 March and Wednesday, 11 March.

The GAC will take an active part in plenary sessions scheduled during ICANN67 and has worked to integrate its agenda with those plenary sessions as much as possible. More details regarding particular GAC plenary sessions can be found on the **GAC ICANN67 schedule page** where all session briefing, materials, and presentations will be published.
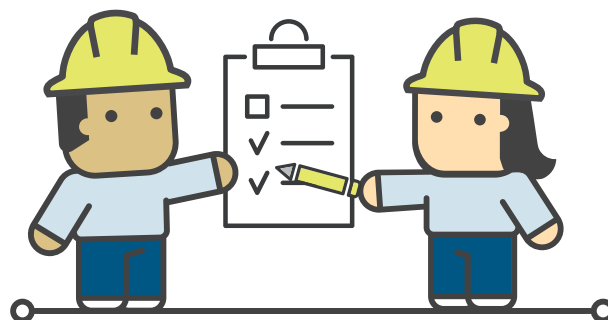
Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC)

What to Expect

The Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC) will conduct six work sessions throughout the week to advance its work and discuss various internal matters, including its statement to the Root Server System Governance Working Group (RSS GWG) on joining the Empowered Community. The RSSAC will also conduct its monthly meeting and will continue to raise awareness about its recent **publications**, namely "RSSAC045: RSSAC Statement on Threat Mitigation for the Root Server System" and "RSSAC046: RSSAC Statement on IANA's Proposal for Future Root Zone KSK Rollovers."

Background

The **RSSAC** advises the ICANN community and ICANN Board on matters relating to the operation, administration, security, and integrity of the RSS. The RSSAC consists of representatives from the Root Server Operator organizations and liaisons from the partner organizations involved in the technical and operational management of the Root Zone.

In 2014, the RSSAC launched the **RSSAC Caucus**. The RSSAC Caucus is comprised of DNS 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 one active **work party** in the RSSAC Caucus studying RSS metrics. Following a year of work, the RSS Metrics Work Party is completing its report. The RSSAC plans to vote on the report of this work party in its monthly meeting on Tuesday, 10 March and publish an advisory shortly after ICANN67.

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RSSAC Work Sessions
Sunday, 8 March | 09:00-10:15, 10:30-12:00, and 13:30-15:00 | Cozumel 2
Monday, 9 March | 10:30-12:00 | Cozumel 1
Tuesday, 10 March | 09:00-10:15 and 13:30-15:00 | Cozumel 2

How It Works Tutorial: Root Server Operations
Saturday, 7 March | 15:15-16:45 | Auditorio
Sunday, 8 March | 15:15-16:45 | Auditorio

RSSAC Meeting
Tuesday, 10 March | 15:15-16:45 | Cozumel 2

Joint Meeting: ICANN Board and RSSAC
Wednesday, 11 March | 09:45-10:45 | Gran Cancún 3-5

Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)

What to Expect

The SSAC will hold a workshop on DNS Security Extensions (DNSSEC) and Security during ICANN67. 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, come hear about what they are learning as they deploy and manage DNSSEC.

The SSAC recently published **"SAC107: SSAC Comment to NIST on Quantum Cryptography Algorithms"** and **"SAC108: SSAC Comments on the IANA Proposal for Future Root Zone KSK Rollovers."** In SAC107, the SSAC responded to the National Institute of Standards (NIST) request for feedback on its post-quantum cryptography second round candidate algorithms. In SAC108, the SSAC responded to the Public Comment proceeding on IANA's Proposal for Future Root Zone Key Signing Key (KSK) Rollovers. This comment specifically addresses concerns relating to future KSK rollovers and focuses on items in the proposal where the SSAC has concerns.

Background

What is the SSAC?

The SSAC advises the ICANN community and ICANN Board on matters relating to the security and integrity of the naming and address allocation systems of the Internet. This includes operational matters (e.g., matters pertaining to the correct and reliable operation of the Root Server System), administrative matters (e.g., matters pertaining to address allocation and Internet number assignment), and registration matters (e.g., matters pertaining to registry and registrar services such as WHOIS).

How does the SSAC operate?

The SSAC produces reports, advisories, and comments on a range of topics. Reports are longer, substantive documents, which usually take several months to develop. Advisories are shorter documents produced more quickly to provide timely advice to the community. Comments are responses to reports or other documents prepared by others (e.g. ICANN org, Supporting Organizations, other Advisory Committees, and other groups outside of ICANN). The SSAC considers matters pertaining to the correct and reliable operation of the Root Server System, to address allocation and Internet number assignment, and to registry and registrar services such as WHOIS. The SSAC also tracks and assesses threats and risks to the Internet naming and address allocation services. For more information visit the **SSAC website**.

How do I participate in the SSAC?

For information on how to participate in the SSAC, see the **SSAC Operational Procedures** and the **SSAC Introduction**.

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DNSSEC Workshop
Wednesday, 11 March | 09:00-12:00 | Gran Cancún 1

This session is a public presentation and discussion with those actively engaged in the deployment of DNSSEC. Registries, registrars, ISPs, and others who plan to deploy DNSSEC services will benefit from the presentation and discussion of the deployment experience. Anyone with an interest in the deployment of DNSSEC and these new topics, particularly registry, registrar, and ISP employees with technical, operational, and strategic planning roles may want to attend.

The original DNSSEC Workshop has been a part of ICANN Public Meetings for many years and has provided a forum for both experienced and new people to meet, present, and discuss current and future DNSSEC deployments. The new DNSSEC and Security Workshop has added a focus on security to address various emerging security-related issues such as DNS over TLS (DoT) and DNS over HTTPS (DoH) impacts and potential abuses, Resource Public Key Infrastructure (RPKI) deployment impacts, Border Gateway Protocol (BGP) hijacking and other Internet-related routing issues.