

# EURALO NEWSLETTER

March 2023





# EURALO Chair and Secretary corner

The main event of March 2023 was the [ICANN76 forum](#). Cancun gathered community in a hybrid format. It was held from 11 till 16 March 2023. The opening ceremony of the forum and subsequent sessions (220) showed us that we meet not only structural changes, the Board in an updated composition, but also get a new acceleration in the work of the community.

Sally Costerton, Sr. Advisor to President and SVP, Global Stakeholder Engagement & Interim President and CEO,

noted that ICANN must continue to ensure the stability of the network so that in another quarter of a century we will have a working and secure Internet. "And we must defend a unique model of Internet governance where everyone is equal, and every voice can be heard"

Please read the Sally's [Looking Back at ICANN76](#)

The Chair of the ICANN Board, Tripti Sinha, recalled that the task of ICANN is to strengthen multistakeholder cooperation to ensure a constructive dialogue, without the threat of Internet fragmentation. The participation of new generation in ICANN community work streams, attention to the issues of Universal Acceptance were also in the focus of attention.

"The Board of Directors of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) [adopted](#) 98 recommendations contained in the [New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process Final Report](#) as set forth in Section A of the [Scorecard: Subsequent Procedures \(SubPro PDP\)](#). This sets in motion the start of the implementation process for the next round of new generic top-level domains (gTLDs)" <https://www.icann.org/>

The Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) issued the ICANN76 GAC Communiqué. It is available for review [here](#).

Links to the ALAC sessions, as well as summaries for some sessions, can be found [here and at the link https://community.icann.org/display/atlarge/At-Large+Session+Reports+from+ICANN76](#)

March 2023, was very busy, with the preparation of ICANN76, including the only one plenary session (see next page), with ICANN76 and our participation to various meetings. Particularly to the GA of LACRALO. We are happy to have open this type of session with all the RALO Chairs during EURALO GA last November in Brussels.

We end up the month with the now traditional ReadOut open to European representees from various stakeholder group.

But this time we also invited the new GAC Chair. Well done EURALO.



First meeting for both the ICANN Board Chair, Tripti Sinha and the Interim ICANN President and CEO, Sally Costerton. A real success. We were very impressed by the content of your interventions. Keep the momentum and you have EURALO full support.



# ICANN76 READOUT by EURALO

Interpretation: English, Español, Русский

## ICANN76 CANCÚN

# READOUT (by EURALO)

Tuesday, 28 March 2023 (19:00-21:00 CEST)

**Moderator**  
Sébastien Bachollet

**18:15-19:00 UTC**

- Intro part II - SBT (2')
- Universal Acceptance presentation by Maria Kolesnikova Chair of Communications WG at Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG) (6')
- Exchange with the participants (25')
- Conclusion by Xavier Calvez ICANN SVP, Planning and Chief Financial Officer (8')
- Next steps - SBT (4')

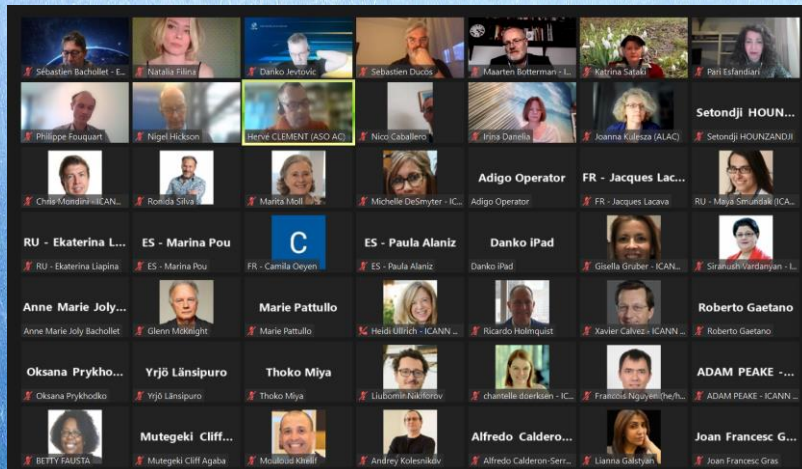
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ICANN76 Readout by EURALO was successfully held on 28 March 2023 in the pitch tour mode and collected various summaries and short reports from European representatives of various stakeholder groups, Advisory Committees and Supporting Organizations.

Speakers from the different constituencies provided an overview of the highlights and key takeaways. You may find the agenda and the recording [here](#)





# ICANN76 READOUT

## by ECO

EURALO members participated in ECO ICANN76 Readout on 28 March 2023  
<https://international.eco.de/event/icann76-readout-highlights-take-aways-from-the-community-forum/>

**ICANN76 Readout**  
**Highlights & Take-Aways from the Community Forum**

**28 March 2023**  
16:30pm CEST  
14:30pm UTC  
10:30am EDT

**Sebastien Ducos**  
Senior Client Service Manager, GoDaddy Registry

**Joanna Kulesza**  
Executive Director, Lodz Cyber Hub

**Rudy Nolde**  
Federal Ministry for Digital and Transport

**Philippe Fouquart**  
Senior Expert - Naming, Numbering and Addressing, Orange

**Maarten Simon**  
Legal & Policy Manager / Company Secretary, SIDN

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<b>16:30 pm CEST</b>	<p><b>Welcome &amp; Housekeeping</b></p> <p><b>Christopher Mondini</b> <i>Vice President, Stakeholder Engagement &amp; Managing Director, Europe ICANN Org</i></p> <p><b>Thomas Rickert</b> <i>Director Names &amp; Numbers, eco – Association of the Internet Industry</i></p>
<b>16:40 pm CEST</b>	<p><b>Reports from the Constituencies</b></p> <p><b>Sebastien Ducos</b> <i>RySG, Chair of the GNSO Council</i></p> <p><b>Philippe Fouquart</b> <i>ISPCP/CSG, Chair of the ISPCP</i></p> <p><b>Joanna Kulesza</b> <i>ALAC Vice Chair, At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) Leadership Team Member Poland, EURALO</i></p> <p><b>Rudy Nolde</b> <i>GAC Representative Germany</i></p> <p><b>Tatiana Tropina</b> <i>ccNSO, Nominating Committee Appointee</i></p> <p><b>Michael Bauland</b> <i>Senior Systems Architect</i></p>
<b>18:00 pm CEST</b>	<p><b>End of Meeting</b></p>



Judging by numbers, ICANN76 was indeed very popular and successful. But judging by the content, ICANN76 signaled change.

The welcome ceremony was delivered by two women in leading roles – Tripti Sinha as chairwoman and Sally Costerton as the interim president and chief executive officer. Their presence gave a strong message on equality and diversity.

Tripti's welcoming talk set the tone for the entire event. It was indeed refreshing to see finally ICANN is taking a proactive stance and not shying away from geopolitics, which has been the practice in the past. She argued that "ICANN is on the threshold of another inflection point in its evolution". She explained that powerful forces questioning ICANN's legitimacy and pushing for nation-states leadership in the internet governance. She warned against internet fragmentation and its consequences for the ICANN's mission and for the internet-based world order. Finally, she called for action by stating "this is a time for ICANN to strengthen partnership and collaboration with other organizations in the Internet ecosystem".

Her talk was followed by the interim CEO who followed suit by stating that we must show the world that our multi-stakeholder model works. She referred to the WSIS+20 plenary session as an "opportunity for us as a community to come together and think about, how can we use that process to reaffirm support for the multistakeholder Internet governance to the wider world".

The Plenary session on the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS+20) that took place on Wednesday March 15<sup>th</sup>, echoed the same message. It was introduced by Nigel Hickson from GAC-UK and was moderated successfully by Sebastien Bachollet who posed intriguing questions to speakers. It emphasized the importance of the WSIS+20 taking place in 2025 as shaping the governance of the Internet. Nigel explained that the WSIS+20 review process will consider the outcomes of the past two summits which codified the role of different stakeholders, recommended to set up the UN Internet Governance Forum (IGF), and set out targets for development and for inclusion within the Internet ecosystem. He called for action by pointing out that as part of the global Internet governance ecosystem, we have a voice, and we should use it. Sebastian set the agenda for the session, which unfolded in 3 parts with Q/A in between. The three parts were: historical landscape of World summit for Information Society, discussion of the WSIS+20 review process, and stakeholder views.





Part one began by Carlos Alberto Afonso; who covered the developments starting with ITU meeting (1998) to WSIS in Geneva (2003) and in Tunis (2005) and establishment of multistakeholder model and IGF as well as the evolution of ICANN's position on multistakeholder model. Next, Wolfgang pointed out the battles after the Tunis agenda among the stakeholders, and also between multilateral and multistakeholder, with the latter arguing that multilateralism is already embedded in multistakeholder model. He further explained that these arguments are now shifted to a tension between autocratic and democratic version of the governance of the Internet in one hand, and between the one world, one Internet philosophy of internet's core architecture and its application layer which is subject to 193 \_\_some democratic and some autocratic\_\_ national jurisdictions.

Wolfgang call for action was to be very active and innovative in creating new models of enhanced collaboration, pointing out that the successful outcome of the WSIS at Geneva was to some extent due to an organizational platform created by the technical community. He pledged to the technical community to do the same. Anriette Esterhuysen in response to Sebastien's question "what is the value of WSIS+20?" pointed out to the concepts of digital inclusion and people-centered development. Explaining that if we don't have digital equality we will not achieve commercial or social goals. She further argued that WSIS+20 reflects the voices of the global south and serves as an opportunity to go back to basics and see if and how we are doing with digital equality, inclusion, and opportunity for disenfranchised.

Whether the multistakeholder model and its principles of participation is working?

Responding to Sebastien's question "how to improve the multi-stakeholder participation?" Desiree Miloshevic pointed out that the key question in Internet or in any kind of governance has actually been slowly reshaped, moving from who decides to who has been consulted along the way. Explaining that some of the past achievements will be challenged because the world is in poly-crisis mode in many aspects. She asked the community to participate, engage, and be involved in all the preparatory processes leading to WSIS+20.

The second part of the discussion began with Emily Taylor, responding to Sebastien's question "what are the opportunities and risks for multistakeholder model of governance going into WISIS+ 20?". She reflected on the successes of the last 20 years and pointed to IANA transition as the best success story for ICANN. Arguing that it happened in a very aggressive timeframe and proved that multistakeholder governance can solve complex and contentious issues in a timely way. Another good example of leadership, stated by her was NetMundial (2014) which was a quick response to the Snowden revelations. However, she was concerned that most of the entrepreneurship and leadership in solving emerging internet governance issues did not come from the multistakeholder community. While, UN has been particularly active and entrepreneurial, examples are establishment and renewal of the





Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG) on responsible state behavior in cyberspace, or establishment of the AD Hoc Committee on Global Cyber Crime Treaty, as well as other multilateral processes, from the extension of the Budapest Convention to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) principles relating to cross-border data flows. This should be a call to action for all to think about the emerging issues that demand multi stakeholder solutions and show leadership. ICANN as a “poster child of successful multistakeholder coordination should focus on good enough rather than perfection, less on bureaucratic processes and more on outcomes that are balanced and timely”. She urged the community to put forward solid outcomes on difficult issues between now and 2025 WSIS+ 20.

Raúl Echeberría was faced with question of “what are risks associated with IGF?” posed by Sebastien. He thought a negative outcome of the WSIS+ 20 could be not to renew the IGF mandate resulting in many discussions to move to forums where the multistakeholder participation is difficult or impossible. To avoid this scenario, IGF should become innovative and produce valuable outcomes and connect discussions and international forums with policymakers. Olga Cavalry pointing out to ICANN’s existing large structure which is distributed around the world and includes all stake holders, argued that ICANN has all the necessary conditions to be a relevant and must find new ways for enhance collaboration and be in a proactive mode. Jordan Carter message was also a call for action. He thought ICANN should lead discussions in the broader Internet and technology policy environment to solve the challenges that the Internet is presenting. His message was to develop position, advocate, engage, and broaden the dialogue. He finished by saying “the time to be active is now.” Lynn St Amour, explained that WSIS one and 2 succeeded because we shared knowledge and concerns through a collaborative process. “For the most part we weren’t focused on joint statements we used it to inform each other’s, positions.” He expressed concerns about a plethora of Internet governance efforts exist and they all introduce complexity and significant risks. It could lead to significantly less multistakeholder engagement, much more multilateral or UN centralized efforts. The third part of session was views from stakeholders, Barbara Warner emphasized preparation in the form of a one-page statements and talking points to be share with government official for Internet governance.

For Lori Schulman, a good outcome of the review process for ICANN would be reaffirmation of the multi-stakeholder model, mainly inclusion of technical expertise in policy making.

Marita Moll called for mobilizing the end user community, by informing them about how to participate. This call for action was further echoed during the Forum on Geopolitical, Legislative, and Regulatory Developments session on Thursday by Mandy Carver and other speakers. Overall, this was a very successful session with a clear call to action which I could only hope that the community takes to heart.



# EURALO Individuals' Association



EURALO Individuals' Association  
<https://individualusers.org/about/>

In March 2023 Roberto Gaetano announced the result of the 2023 elections for the leadership of the EURALO Individual Members Association.

**We congratulate Ricardo Holmquist who has been elected Chair of the Association.**

He is the official representative of the Association and the voting member in EURALO, replaced Roberto Gaetano.

The following members have been elected to the Board of the Association,

**We congratulate:**

**Amali De Silva – Mitchell**

**Roberto Gaetano**

**Mouloud Khalifa**

**Footjob Kosta**

**Liubomir Nikiforov**



We appreciate Roberto Gaetano for years of successful and productive leading of Association, thank the former Board members for their services.

**We wish success and prospective future of Association, building the capacity and growing the presence in all activities of EURALO and At-Large.**





# Election



This Spring the elections in EURALO will take place for the following positions: Chair, Secretary, Board members, ALAC member and NomCom member. Be ready to be a candidate.

## Timeline of the ALAC Selection for 2023

<https://community.icann.org/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=186781605>

### **ALAC Voting Delegates to the NomCom ALAC member (by EURALO)**

**17 April 2023** - Announcement of call for nominations and Nominee's Statement

**17 April – 28 April 2023** - Nomination period (nominations accepted for 10 working days).

**5 May 2023** - Deadline for nomination acceptances

**9 May 2023 - 12 May 2023**- Calls with the candidates if desired by the RALOs.

**15 May - 19 May 2023** - Elections (If required, elections will begin no later than one week after the deadline for nomination acceptances and end no later than two weeks after that deadline).

**2023 AGM [ICANN78]** - Newly elected ALAC Members and RALOs Leaders shall be seated at the end of the 2023 AGM following the close of the Board Meeting on 26 September 2023

# Universal Acceptance Day



Universal Acceptance (UA) Day  
#Internet4All  
28 March 2023

At ICANN76 was announced the Universal Acceptance Day, which was organized on March 28 by the ICANN and UASG.

The At-Large UA Day workspace also includes the UASG UA Day site and information on activities organized in various RALOs (<https://community.icann.org/display/CRALO/At-Large+Activities+at+the+2023+Universal+Acceptance+Day>).

There were nearly 50 events in more than 40 countries.

But, of course, the list of events is not limited to this set of events. During the **ICANN76 Readout by EURALO** we had the inclusion and report on the UA events from EURALO ALS [BiKLab](#) presented by Betty Fausta.



Maria Kolesnikova (individual member of EURALO) is a Chair, of Universal Acceptance Steering Group Local Initiative, provided a special message for the Readout.



The WSIS Forum 2023 was held from 13–17 March 2023 at the International Conference Centre Geneva (CICG) in Geneva, with remote participation. Virtual sessions will continue in April & May. The theme of the WSIS Forum 2023 is WSIS Action Lines for building back better and accelerating the achievement of the SDGs.

**ICANN Plenary:  
Looking Towards WSIS+20: How Can We Improve the  
Multistakeholder Participation in Internet Governance?  
(Community Plenary session proposed by the GAC)**

The ICANN 76 Plenary session on the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS+20) was held on March 15th was moderated successfully by EURALO Chair Sebastien Bachollet. This plenary session was dedicated the future of multistakeholder participation in the Internet Governance processes and how our input may help to encourage participants and how IG community ready to solve gaps and issues faced us now.



**The call to submit session proposals for IGF2023 is now open.**

Last date to submit is 19 May 2023, 23:59 UTC.

<https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/igf%C2%A02023-call-for-session-proposals>

## IGF 2023

The 18th annual meeting of the Internet Governance Forum will be hosted by the **Government of Japan in Kyoto** from **8 to 12 October 2023**. The Forum's overarching theme is: **The Internet We Want - Empowering All People**.

Building on the results of the call for thematic issues the MAG decided that the 18th annual IGF programme will develop around the following sub-themes:

- AI & Emerging Technologies
- Avoiding Internet Fragmentation
- Cybersecurity, Cybercrime and Online Safety
- Data Governance and Trust
- Digital Divides and Inclusion
- Global Digital Governance and Cooperation
- Human Rights and Freedoms
- Sustainability & Environment



The Call for session proposals is under planning and expected to open in early April 2023.

**Please Register for EuroDIG 2023**

EuroDIG 2023 will be held as a hybrid meeting from 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> June. Online registration is mandatory for everyone! Participants planning to join us in Tampere in person should register latest until **14<sup>th</sup> of June 2023**. Registration for online participants will be possible throughout the meeting.

<https://www.eurodig.org/>



**NEW DATE:  
19 – 21 June 2023  
Tampere, Finland**

Dear EURALO members, we encourage you to participate in IG activities and share the information about local activities, provide us the feedback:

**[ICANN Training Series - Nordic Region: An overview of the DNS privacy landscape at ICANN](#)**

05 April 2023 Virtual

**[RUSSIAN IGF](#)**

6 – 7 April 2023, Moscow, Hybrid

**[Moldova IGF 2023](#)**

27 – 28 April 2023 Chisinau, Moldova / Hybrid

**[ICANN Training Series - Central European & Baltic Region: Quantum Computing and Cryptography on the Internet](#)**

27 April 2023 Zoom

**[ICANN Training Series - Nordic Region: What does ICANN do regarding threats and anti-abuse?](#)**

17 May 2023 Virtual Meeting

**<https://ripe86.ripe.net/>**

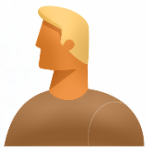
22 - 26 May 2023, Rotterdam, hybrid

**[ICANN Training Series - Central European & Baltic Region: DNS Security Best Practices: An Overview of Being KIND](#)**

25 May 2023  
Virtual Meeting



# Join the workstream!



## **USEFUL** At-Large Policy Resources

[At-Large and DNS Abuse](#) | [At-Large and Universal](#)

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[Consolidated Policy Working Group \(CPWG\)](#)

## EPDP Resources

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If you're looking for Empowered Community Correspondence, [click here](#).

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An interregional policy development page for the entire At-Large community.

<https://community.icann.org/display/alacpolicydev/At-Large+Policy+Advice+Development+Page>

This page is intended to help the At-Large community contribute to the At-Large/ALAC policy recommendations that are currently being developed. Please add comments by clicking the "Add comment" button at the bottom of the page. Don't forget to add your name and affiliation to your comment and use additional links to get information

Please note that translations of the ALAC Advice to the ICANN Board on Subsequent Procedures in Spanish, French, Arabic, Russian, and Chinese, in addition to English, are now available on the [At-Large website](#) and [workspace](#).

**And we kindly remind about the opportunity to find your seat in [At-Large Working Groups](#)**

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