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## EDITORIAL



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### An Update on the DNSSEC Key Signing Key Rollover Project

This will be an exciting year for the Domain Name Security Extensions (DNSSEC) and Internet communities. For the first time since its inception in 2010, ICANN is planning to roll over the Key Signing Key (KSK) for the root zone. Over the past few years, a panel of experts and members of the community has reviewed the extensive research and plans ([available here](#)) to ensure the continuity of operations.

A new KSK (KSK-2017) was generated during a ceremony held on 27 October 2016 in the East Coast Key Management Facility. It was published after being successfully imported into the hardware security modules in the West Coast Key Management Facility during a ceremony held on 2 February 2017.

Starting 11 July 2017, the new key will be available (but not active) in the DNS root servers. We encourage operators of recursive servers enabled with DNSSEC to review, and if necessary, update their configurations to operate successfully with this new key on its activation date of 11 October 2017.

We invite the Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) community to learn more about this important process and to get prepared. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to email us at [ksk-rollover@icann.org](mailto:ksk-rollover@icann.org).

*Andrés Pavez*



## ICANN NEWS

### Contractual Compliance 2016 Annual Report Now Available

The Contractual Compliance team just published its 2016 annual report as part of ICANN's commitment to transparency. The narrative provides summaries on registrar and registry compliance, the audit program, a financial overview and the initiatives and performance measurements for the year.

Read the [Contractual Compliance 2016 Annual Report](#).



### Join the Next Quarterly Stakeholder Call on 15 February

In the second call in our new format, you'll hear how ICANN has implemented community policy and recent news from the ICANN Board. The regional focus for this call will be on Africa and the Middle East. Everyone is welcome. If you haven't already done



so, [register here](#).

**15 February 2017 at 15:00 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC)**

Live interpretation is offered in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish. The call will be recorded and posted in all languages on the [Quarterly Reports page](#). Read the [full announcement](#).

## Counting Down to ICANN58 in Copenhagen

ICANN58 is less than four weeks away - it takes place from 11-16 March 2017 in Copenhagen, Denmark. Come and network with your peers in the community, engage in face-to-face discussions, ask questions and help develop and implement Internet policies.

If you need to obtain a visa to enter Denmark, you needed to submit your application by 10 February 2017. But if you don't need a visa, there's still time to [register for ICANN58](#). Before booking your travel, review the [visa requirements](#) on the ICANN58 home page.



A draft of the [ICANN58 block schedule](#) is now available. To help you manage your meeting experience, you can use the online [ICANN58 meeting app](#) or download the mobile app, available in app stores.

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**The February 2017 Executive Team Board Report is now available!**

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## LAC ACTIVITIES & HIGHLIGHTS

**ICANN57 Readout Session in Dominica**

A successful ICANN57 readout session was held in Roseau, Dominica, on 19 January 2017. ICANN hosted the event in partnership with the National Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (NTRC) of Dominica. The local coordinators were Craig Nesty, a past ICANN Fellow, and Kiyana Edwards, who was selected as a Fellow for ICANN57, but was unable to attend because she didn't receive her Indian visa in time. The broad audience of about 50 participants included members of the information technology sector, students from Dominica State College, the country code top-level domain (ccTLD) manager for .dm, members of the ICT Association and others who were interested in forming an Internet Society chapter as an At-Large Structure.

Topics included:

- Overview of ICANN for newcomers
- Overview of the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC), its working groups and the ICANN57 GAC Communiqué
- Summary of what happened at ICANN57 and next steps for ICANN's Advisory Committees and Supporting Organizations
- Session called "DNSSEC for Everyone"
- Local, regional, and international Internet Governance Forums and outreach
- LAC DNS Marketplace Study, LAC DNS Entrepreneurship Center, and economic opportunities in the DNS industry
- Preparations for ICANN58 in Copenhagen, Denmark

## Other Events of Interest

Rodrigo de la Parra, our regional Vice President, participated in the following activities:

- Advisory Committee meeting at NIC.MX (the registry for the .mx domain) - Monterrey, Mexico, 11 January 2017
- Mediation exercise at the LAC Regional At-Large Organization (LACRALO) - Los Angeles, California, 30 January - 1 February 2017
- Presentation called "The Multistakeholder Model in the Management of Internet Unique Identifiers" at the University of Southern California - Los Angeles, California, 2 February 2017



LACRALO Assembly



## LAC STRATEGIC PLAN NEWS



*The LAC-i-Roadshows project is part of the LAC Strategy.*



## 2016 LAC Strategy Highlights

The LAC Strategy made good progress in 2016. Read our [blog post](#) to get a quick look at some of

## ICANN Extends Engagement in Brazil in 2016

Brazil is a vast country, where engagement means

the year's most noteworthy projects.

traveling long distances. In 2016 we crossed the country from north to south to engage with an impressive collection of current and potential stakeholders. [Read more.](#)



## POLICY UPDATE

### ASO Address Council Elects New Chair

[Filiz Yilmaz](#), community representative of the Réseaux IP Européens Network Coordination Centre (RIPE NCC), has been elected by the Address Supporting Organization Address Council (ASO AC) members as the new chair for 2017. Her appointment was confirmed during the ASO AC teleconference on 11 January 2017. ASO AC chair elections are held annually in January, and the term is for one year. The ASO AC also accepted the appointment of [Louie Lee](#), from the American Registry for Internet Numbers (ARIN) region, and [Ricardo Patara](#), from the Latin American and Caribbean Network Information Centre (LACNIC) region, as vice chairs of the ASO AC. The ASO AC also recognized Louie Lee for his nine years of service and leadership as ASO AC chair.

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### Initial Report on the IGO-INGO Access to Curative Rights Protection Mechanisms Published for Public Comment

In the domain name space, international governmental organizations (IGOs) and international non-governmental organizations (INGOs) may encounter difficulties to protect their names and acronyms against abuse. While the Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP) and the Uniform Rapid Suspension procedure (URS) are mechanisms to protect the marks of rights holders, not all IGOs and INGOs can use them due to the lack of trademarks or issues of jurisdictional immunity. Since June 2014, a policy development process working group in the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) has been tasked with developing policy recommendations that enable IGOs and INGOs to effectively access curative rights protection mechanisms. The working group has published an initial report with a set of preliminary recommendations and conclusions. [Read more](#) and participate in the public comment proceeding by 1 March 2017.

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### GAC Prepares for ICANN58

The leadership of the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) has been working to create an agenda in line with the topics raised by GAC members and with meeting requests from the ICANN community. In Copenhagen, the GAC plans to meet with the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO), the At-Large Advisory Council (ALAC) and the ICANN Board. Additionally, the GAC will also dedicate considerable time to discussing its implementation of the new ICANN Bylaws and to ongoing discussions on new generic top-level domains (gTLDs) and intergovernmental organization protections.

GAC internal matters will be tackled throughout the week as well. All GAC working groups will meet and update the GAC on their work in plenary sessions. Lastly, the GAC will lead two cross-community discussions: a session on domain name system (DNS) abuse mitigation, proposed by the GAC Public Safety Working Group, and a session on how to better engage in ICANN, proposed by the GAC Underserved Regions Working Group.

Within the next month, you will find the final GAC schedule on the [ICANN58 website](#).

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### GNSO Nominates Candidates for the Second Security, Stability and Resiliency Review Team

On 19 January 2017, the Council of the GNSO unanimously passed a motion to nominate James Gannon, Denise Michel and Emily Taylor as its primary three candidates for the second Security, Stability and Resiliency Review Team (SSR2-RT). Furthermore, the GNSO nominated Howard Eland, Scott McCormick, Rao Naveed bin Rais and Norm Ritchie as alternates. As part of the selection processes for the SSR2-RT, these seven candidates [requested](#) GNSO endorsement for their participation in the review team. The GNSO Council formed a small team to review the candidacies. Noting the lack of gender and geographic diversity of the applicants, the GNSO Council also encouraged ICANN staff to explore ways to promote

diversity in applications for future review teams.

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## ccNSO Drafting Team Begins Work

The Council of the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) appointed volunteers to draft the charters for two working groups in the ccNSO [policy development process](#) (PDP) on the development of a review mechanism for the decisions on delegation, revocation and retirement of country code top-level domains (ccTLDs). The focus will be on delineating and scoping the issues that need to be addressed through PDPs and on working methods. The drafting team's results will be included in an issue report. The report will be presented to the broader community at ICANN58, and then to the ccNSO Council for decision-making. The first meeting of the drafting team took place on 11 January 2017.

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## GNSO Council Mailing List Migrated to Mailman

In January 2017, the public mailing list of the GNSO Council was migrated to Mailman. This transition will allow anyone interested in GNSO Council activities to subscribe to the mailing list as an observer to receive emails, access the [archives](#) and follow GNSO Council discussions in real time. To join the mailing list as an observer (without posting rights), [send your request directly](#) or email [gnso-sec@icann.org](mailto:gnso-sec@icann.org). Meanwhile, you may access the [archive](#) of the mailing list, which contains all emails predating the migration.



## GDD UPDATE

### Results of IANA Functions Customer Survey Now Available

In January 2017, ICANN published the results of an annual survey that measures the perception of satisfaction among IANA functions customers regarding the services they receive. In the survey, which accounts for transactions completed between September 2015 and August 2016, 94 percent of respondents reported being "satisfied" or "very satisfied." Notably, 99 percent of respondents reported being satisfied with the accuracy of their transactions. Customers also identified accuracy as the most important measure of performance for the fourth consecutive year. [View the survey findings.](#)



### ATRT3 Call for Volunteers Announced

Apply to be considered for the third [Review of ICANN Accountability and Transparency](#) (ATRT3).

This review team will analyze and make recommendations to help ensure that ICANN is a transparent and accountable organization. To learn more about the ATRT3 Review and how to apply, click [here](#).

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## Request for Proposal: NomCom Review

ICANN is seeking a provider to conduct an independent assessment of its [Nominating Committee \(NomCom\)](#). The NomCom is an independent committee tasked with selecting members of the Board of Directors and other key positions within ICANN's structure.

This review will focus on the NomCom's purpose, operations, structures and accountability. [Click here to learn more](#). The deadline to apply is 17 February 2017.

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## At-Large Community Needs Your Input

The independent examiner ITEMS has published the initial report of the At-Large Review and seeks broad community input on its findings and recommendations. The report covers many areas, including the mandate and purpose of the At-Large community, its structure and effectiveness, regional and global meetings, funding issues and support staff. It proposes several recommendations that are based on quantitative and qualitative data collected through a global online survey, community interviews and secondary research. The [At-Large Review Working Party](#) played a critical role in the process by providing input, checking the accuracy of data and helping ITEMS develop targeted, concrete and implementable recommendations.

ITEMS will present its findings and recommendations during a webinar in early February and in an open session at ICANN58 - more details to follow. [View the report](#) findings and recommendations and [give your feedback](#).



## DELEGATED NEW GTLDS

### No New gTLDs Were Delegated in January

[See the full list here.](#)



## GETTING TO KNOW YOUR ICANN COMMUNITY



*Osvaldo Novoa (Uruguay)*

Osvaldo Novoa has more than 30 years of experience in the telecommunications industry, most of them at ANTEL, Uruguay's government-owned telecommunications company. Novoa is in charge of ANTEL's subsidiaries in Argentina, Brazil and the U.S.

Novoa has worked at several private companies as a telecommunications consultant and was for many years a professor at a university in Uruguay in the field of communication technologies.

Novoa graduated as a telecommunications engineer from the University of the Republic and holds a post-graduate degree in radio communications engineering, telecommunications planning and telecommunications administration. Novoa participated in introducing the first public Internet access service and in

important telecommunications development projects in Uruguay.

Since 2012, Novoa has participated in ICANN in the Internet Service Providers and Connectivity Providers Constituency (ISPCP). He is also currently serving on the Nominating Committee (NomCom). Previously, he held a position on the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council.

For several years, Novoa was the Vice President of the Latin American Association of Research Centres

and Telecommunications Companies (ASSET). Currently, he is the Coordinator of the International Telecommunications Organization of the Americas (OITA) and Secretary of the Latin American and Caribbean Federation for Internet and Electronic Commerce (eCOM-LAC).



## UPCOMING EVENTS

21 February	<u><a href="#">Regional Development Forum for the Americas</a></u>	Asunción, Paraguay
22-24 February	<u><a href="#">Regional Preparatory Meeting for WTDC-17</a></u>	Asunción, Paraguay
11-16 March	<u><a href="#">ICANN58</a></u>	Copenhagen, Denmark
16-17 March	<u><a href="#">iBusiness 2017 - Redetelesul</a></u>	Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil
22 March	<u><a href="#">LAC-i-Roadshow Mexico/Central America</a></u>	Guatemala City, Guatemala



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