EDITORIAL

Happy New Year!

We are excited to be starting a new year together. 2018 promises to be special with the fifth anniversary of the regional strategy ICANN's meetings coming back to the region with ICANN62 in Panama.

A good way to start a new year is by reviewing what we did together last year. It's a chance to think about what new things we could be doing and what we could do better. Be sure to watch for our 2017 LAC Year in Review report, which we will launch soon. This report will highlight our work in Latin America and the Caribbean during the past year. In the meantime, in this newsletter we're sharing two infographics that give you a glimpse of our regional activities in 2017 - looking at communications efforts and the LAC-i-Roadshows, part of our LAC Strategy.

2018 is a new opportunity for you to get involved or deepen your engagement in the community and to stay informed on our collective activities. If you're unsure how, contact a member of our regional team. We are here to support you!

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SPOTLIGHT

Internet Community Gathers at 2017 IGF in Geneva

More than 2,000 participants from 142 countries attended this year's Internet Governance Forum (IGF), which was held in Geneva, Switzerland, from 18 to 21 December. Members of the global Internet community came together to discuss some of the most pressing issues impacting the Internet, such as cybersecurity, data protection, privacy, surveillance, and encryption. ICANN held three workshops and participated in the Open Forum, which gave us an opportunity to touch on key topics, including the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and its effect on the ICANN community. The IGF continues to be one of the most important venues for discussing critical Internet-related matters.

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Update on the Root KSK Rollover Project
Matt Larson, VP of Research, Office of Chief Technology Officer

The ICANN organization will not roll the root zone key signing key (KSK) in the first quarter of 2018.

We have decided that we do not yet have enough information to set a specific date for the rollover. We want to make clear, however, that the ICANN org is committed to rolling the root zone KSK and we will continue to discuss this important process with the community, gather their feedback, and give all interested parties advance notice of at least one calendar quarter when we set the date for the rollover. **Read more...**

Register Today!

Get Ready for ICANN61
Register now for ICANN61! The Community Forum will take place from 10-15 March 2018 in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Come and network with your peers, engage in face-to-face discussions, ask questions, and help develop and implement Internet policies.

Before booking your travel, check the travel and visa requirements for Puerto Rico. Foreign nationals generally need a visa to enter the United States. U.S. citizens do not need a passport to enter Puerto Rico, but starting in January 2018 must present a driver's license that complies with the REAL ID Act. **Find out more.**

Nomination Period Opens for ICANN Multistakeholder Ethos Award

Award Targeted for ICANN62 | Nominations Close 19 March 2018

ICANN has opened the nomination period for ICANN's Multistakeholder Ethos Award, which will be presented at ICANN62. The award recognizes ICANN participants who have invested deeply in consensus-based solutions, acknowledged the importance of ICANN's multistakeholder model of Internet governance, and contributed substantively to the ICANN organization and community.

Read the full announcement.

Kim Davies Appointed VP, IANA Functions, and President, PTI

In this role, Davies will be ensuring that the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) functions are performed in a secure, stable, and efficient manner with a commitment to operational excellence. As VP of IANA Services, he will report to Akram Atallah, President of ICANN's Global Domains Division,. As President of PTI, Davies will also serve as one of the five directors on the Public Technical Identifiers (PTI) Board.
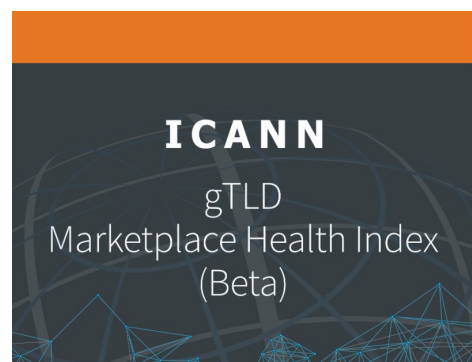
Read the full announcement.

ICANN60 By the Numbers Now Available

ICANN has published the ICANN60 By the Numbers report, which includes technical, demographic, and attendance statistics of the recent Annual General Meeting in Abu Dhabi. This report is part of ICANN's commitment to transparency and to improving your meeting experience.

Download **ICANN60 By the Numbers**.

ICANN Publishes Updated gTLD Marketplace Index

Produced twice annually since July 2016, the gTLD Marketplace Health Index (Beta) presents statistics related to generic top-level domains (gTLDs). These statistics track progress against the goal of supporting the evolution of the domain name marketplace to be robust, stable and trusted. View the Health Index to learn more, see the worldwide regional distribution data and graphical representations for each category.

Data Protection/Privacy Activities

In December, we published details on how to submit a proposed model for providing registration directory services and meeting other data retention requirements while remaining compliant with the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). The most recent legal analysis from law firm Hamilton is also available - visit **ICANN's data protection/privacy page** regularly to stay up to date.

Follow the Latest Progress of the Nominating Committee (NomCom) Review

The assessment report of the NomCom Review was published on 8 January 2018. See "Key News and Updates" on the **NomCom wiki page**.The Analysis Group, which is conducting the review, will hold a webinar in mid-January. Find out how you **participate or access the recording**.

For the current status and links to additional information about all Specific and Organizational Reviews, see: **https://icann.org/resources/reviews**.

LAC ACTIVITIES & HIGHLIGHTS

Now Open: Call for Proposals for the Hosting of LACIGF 11

The Group of Organizers of the Latin American and Caribbean Preparatory Meeting for the Internet Governance Forum (LACIGF) announced the call for proposals for the hosting of the LACIGF 11, to be held in July 2018. **Learn more here.**

LAC STRATEGIC PLAN NEWS

Recapping Our 2017 LAC-i-Roadshows

The LAC-i-Roadshow, a project of the **LAC Strategy**, travels across the region to do outreach on key topics related to the critical infrastructure of the Domain Name System (DNS). The regional ICANN community holds four roadshows per year for each of the following subregions: the Caribbean, the Andean Region, South America, and Mexico/Central America.

Download our infographic for a quick overview of our 2017 LAC-i-Roadshows.

Our Communications in the LAC Region During 2017

For the third year in a row, as the year comes to an end, our LAC team is happy to share our accomplishments with our regional Internet community. Read **our blog** detailing our progress and milestones or visualize them by downloading our **2017 LAC Communications infographic**.

Encountering Issues Transferring Your Domain Name?

Read Part III of our Domain Name Registrant educational series, "Do You Have a Domain Name? Here's What You Need to Know." This blog offers detailed information about why you might be having issues transferring your domain name and what you can do to resolve them.

Read more...

Transferring your domain name?

No New gTLDs Were Delegated in December 2017

See the full list here.

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ccNSO Council Elections

At its 7 December meeting, the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) Council adopted the **Council Election Report FY 2018**. The Council decision took effect seven days later. These ccNSO Councilors will begin their three-year terms after ICANN61:

- Abdalla Omari (Africa)
- Young-Eum Lee (Asia-Pacific)
- Katrina Sataki (Europe)
- Margarita Valdes (Latin America/Caribbean)
- Byron Holland (North America)

GNSO Council Updates

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- The GNSO (Generic Names Supporting Organization) Council submitted its **review** of the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) ICANN60 Communiqué to the ICANN Board. The review covers topics such as intergovernmental organization protections, enhancing participation in ICANN, General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), and applications for .amazon and related strings.
- The Council **directed** the Privacy and Proxy Services Accreditation Issues Implementation Review Team (PPSAI IRT) to consider the issue of privacy/proxy registration and the implementation of Inter-Registrar Transfer Policy (IRTP) Part C. The Council has concerns about whether the addition or removal of a privacy/proxy service potentially triggers the 60-day inter-registrar transfer lock. The IRTP recommendations did not address this issue, and the potential harms were not brought to the attention of the ICANN organization. Registrars and other affected parties are encouraged to work with PPSAI IRT to put forward recommendations.
- Heather Forrest, the GNSO Chair, was confirmed as the GNSO representative on the Empowered Community Administration until the end of ICANN63. She had been fulfilling this role on a temporary

ccNSO Looks to ICANN61

ccNSO sessions will be limited to five days at ICANN61 and will start on 11 March. The full schedule for ICANN61 will be posted on 19 February. In the meantime, you can consult the **draft ccNSO Members Meeting agenda**.

At-Large Activity at Internet Governance Forum (IGF) 2017

IGF 2017 in Geneva, Switzerland, marked the first time the At-Large community held a community-wide approach to workshop and outreach activity. For a number of years, through At-Large, the end-user community has been represented at the IGF. New this year were community-organized At-Large/ICANN-specific workshops, roundtables, and "lightning talks" focusing on end-user issues. They also introduced an **At-Large Booth**, where community volunteers answered questions and recruited newcomers. **Learn More**.

New At-Large Working Group Activity

The At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) has renewed its focus on its nearly 20 working groups with the aim of streamlining the policy, process, and outreach activities of the At-Large community. Examples of these efforts are verifying that the At-Large **wiki workspace** and **website** are complete and up to date. Also, to ensure a more cohesive approach to At-Large policy development, several existing policy working groups were merged. The goal of merging these working groups was to improve the effectiveness of new and continuing At-Large activities - including At-Large Review Implementation, At-Large Structures Criteria and Expectations, and ICANN policy issues.

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR ICANN COMMUNITY

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Martinez is a member of the Security and Stability Advisory Committee (**SSAC**) within ICANN. He has been involved with the technical aspects of the Internet since 1997 and specializes in Security, **Internet Protocol version 6 (IPv6)**, and **DNS Security Extensions (DNSSEC)**.

Martinez has attended five ICANN meetings, starting in 1999 in Santiago de Chile, where the creation of LACNIC was announced.

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