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Looking Ahead to ICANN63 in Barcelona
Jean-Jacques Sahel, Vice President, Global Stakeholder Engagement in Europe, ICANN

I'd like to thank everyone in the ICANN community who made ICANN62 a success. Policy Forums give stakeholders in our Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees the important opportunity to work closer together for four intensive days of policy work and outreach.

From 20-25 October, we return to Europe to the wonderful city of Barcelona for the ICANN63 Annual General Meeting. This year's meeting is particularly important, as the first two days will coincide with the High-Level Government Meeting (HLGM) hosted by the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC).

Read more...

ICANN63 Meeting Website Is Live
Barcelona, Spain, 20-25 October 2018

It's time to start making plans to attend the Annual General Meeting in Barcelona. Visit the ICANN63 Meetings website and bookmark these helpful links. We'll be updating the site frequently, so keep checking back to get the latest information:

- **ICANN63 registration**
- **ICANN63 Meetings website**
- **Hotel bookings**

We hope to see you in Barcelona!

ICANN63 Registration Is Now Open
Click here to register.

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Julie Talfournier Van Gelder holds the 2018 Multistakeholder Ethos Award that she accepted on behalf of her late husband Stéphane Van Gelder on Monday morning at ICANN62.

2018 Multistakeholder Ethos Award Honors Stéphane Van Gelder

On 25 June, ICANN presented the 2018 Multistakeholder Ethos Award at ICANN62 in Panama City. This year, the community selection panel posthumously recognized a long-time member of the ICANN community: Stéphane Van Gelder. The award was presented to Stéphane Van Gelder's wife Julie Talfournier Van Gelder. **Read the full announcement.**

Chair's Blog: ICANN62 Meeting and Board Workshop

Cherine Chalaby, Chair, ICANN Board of Directors, reflects on the highlights of ICANN62 in a recent blog. He talks about the Board workshop that preceded the meeting, hot topics at the meeting, and the accomplishments of this year's Policy Forum.

Read Cherine Chalaby's blog.

Governmental Advisory Committee Issues ICANN62 Communiqué

The Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) Communiqué from ICANN62 is available for review **here**. ICANN receives input from governments through the GAC. The GAC's key role is to give advice to ICANN on issues of public policy, especially where there may be an interaction between ICANN activities or policies and national laws or international agreements. The GAC meets three times a year at ICANN Public Meetings, where it

ICANN62 GAC Communiqué is now available. Click here to view.

discusses issues with the ICANN Board of Directors, Supporting Organizations, Advisory Committees, and other groups.

Proposed Governance Model for DNS Root Server System

On 15 June, the Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC) published two documents.

RSSAC037 presents a governance model for the Domain Name System (DNS) Root Server System (RSS) and its Root Server Operators. This model is the result of three years of extensive deliberations by the RSSAC to address the issues of accountability, financial stability, and sustainability of the RSS.

RSSAC038 is a companion document to RSSAC037 and contains three recommendations to further develop and implement the model presented in RSSAC037.

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New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP Initial Report

The New Generic Top-Level Domain (gTLD) Subsequent Procedure Policy Development Process (PDP) Working Group is seeking community input on its Initial Report, which was published for Public Comment following ICANN62. The Initial Report includes preliminary recommendations as well as a series of questions for community feedback. Provide your **Public Comment submission** by 5 September!

Co-Chairs Statement from CCWG-Accountability Meeting in Panama City

On 24 June 2018, the Cross Community Working Group on Enhancing ICANN Accountability (CCWG-Accountability) held a face-to-face meeting in Panama City, Panama to complete its discussions on Work Stream 2. Sixty-one members and participants attended in-person and remotely using the virtual meeting room.

Co-Chairs Thomas Rickert, León Sánchez, and Jordan Carter issued a statement. **Read it here.**

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Register for 2018 North America Internet Governance Forum (IGF-USA)

e The 2018 IGF-USA takes place in Washington, DC, on 27 July. For more information and to register, click **here**.

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Join Us for APAC Space on 17 July 2018,

**03:00 Coordinated Universal TIme (UTC) |
11:00 Singapore Time (SGT)**

Don't forget to join the APAC Space web conference tomorrow for a debrief on ICANN62, focusing on the Expedited Policy Development Process on Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data.

Read more **here**.

An Important Month for the Latin American and Caribbean Region

LAC Internet pioneers have attracted and engaged new voices to these policy discussions - both in the region and around the world. In June, the Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) region was at the epicenter of the Internet community's policy development processes. Events such as the LAC-i-Roadshow and the celebration of 20 years of the Latin American and Caribbean Country Code Top-Level Domain Association (LACTLD) proved that this region is actively participating in ICANN's processes. June came to a close at ICANN62 in Panama City, the first Policy Forum held in the LAC region.

A Review of the Middle East DNS Forum: Five Years and Counting

When the **Middle East Domain Name System (DNS) Forum** reached its five-year milestone, a community survey was sent to previous participants, as well as the broader Middle East community, on 23 May 2018. The survey is aimed at assessing whether the forum has succeeded in addressing the concerns laid out by the ICANN's regional strategy, which was published back in 2013.

Read more in Baher Esmat's blog **here**.

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2020 ICANN Public Meeting Locations Announced
On 25 June, ICANN announced the locations for the 2020 ICANN Public Meetings:

- ICANN67 Community Forum, 7-12 March 2020, Cancun, Mexico
- ICANN68 Policy Forum, 22-25 June 2020, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- ICANN69 Annual General Meeting, 17-22 October 2020, Hamburg, Germany

Read the full announcement.

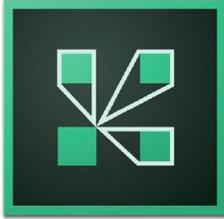## Proposal for Generation Panel for Myanmar Script Label Generation Ruleset for the Root Zone
On 28 June, ICANN announced the formation of the Generation Panel to develop root zone Label Generation Rules (LGR) for the Myanmar script.

Read the full announcement.

Update to Short-Term and Long-Term Options to Adjust the Timeline for Specific Reviews

On 27 June, ICANN announced an extension to both the Public Comments on Short-term Options to Adjust the Timeline for Specific Reviews and the Long-term Options to Adjust the Timeline of Reviews in response to community requests for additional time to prepare comments. The Public Comment periods on both the **Short-Term Options** and **Long-Term Options** remain open and we encourage all stakeholders to contribute. The Public Comment periods close on 31 July 2018 at 23:59 UTC.

Read the full announcement.

Important Changes to the Way You Use Adobe Connect

As you know, issues were reported with Adobe Connect (AC) during ICANN61 in Puerto Rico. The ICANN organization later restored service, but we have changed the way you access closed Adobe Connect sessions so that the rooms are more secure. Room administrators or meeting organizers applied these changes to the closed sessions at ICANN62.
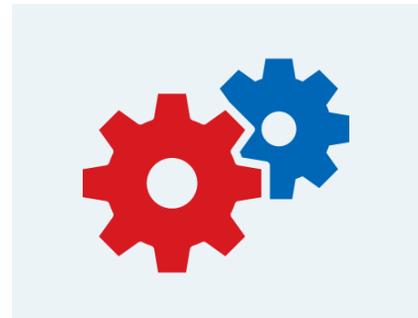
Read what you need to know in the **recent blog** by ICANN's Ashwin Rangan, Senior Vice President of Engineering and Chief Information Officer.

Office of the CTO Activities Brief: January to June 2018

Adiel Akplogan, Vice President of Technical Engagement, ICANN

The first half of 2018 has been busy for the ICANN organization's Office of the Chief Technology Officer (OCTO) team. We have been involved in endeavors around the globe to increase engagement with our peers and partners and improve knowledge of the Internet's system of unique identifiers per ICANN's mission. Some of our efforts includ

- Providing capabilities and support to key actors to maintain the security, stability, and resiliency of the Internet's system of unique identifiers.

- Providing technical analyses to support ICANN's positions.

- Collecting and analyzing data to prepare stakeholders for the upcoming root zone Key Signing Key (KSK) rollover.

- Studying and measuring components of the Domain Name System (DNS).

Click **here** to read more about OCTO's recent activities.

ICANN's Strategic Outlook Program Helps Identify Trends to Meet Challenges and Opportunities Ahead

Theresa Swinehart, Senior VP, Multistakeholder Strategy and Strategic Initiatives, ICANN

As ICANN62 gets underway, I wanted to share a quick updatewith you on the progress being made in ICANN's StrategicOutlook Program, a key part of developing the next ICANNstrategic plan. As you may have heard Göran Marby andCherine Chalaby mention before, long-term strategic planning isimportant for ICANN to navigate its way moving into the future.The Strategic Outlook Program is a key tool designed to help in this effort. **Read more…**

How the ITI Technical Infrastructure Works

Ashwin Rangan, Senior VP, Engineering, and Chief Information Officer (CIO)

We've blogged previously that the Information Transparency Initiative (ITI) is a foundational project that aims to **establish content governance and rebuild our underlying technical infrastructure**. These key foundational deliverables will improve how we manage all of our content. ICANN's new technical infrastructure will eventually power our internal and external content platforms, including **https://icann.org** and the Supporting Organization and Advisory Committee (SO/AC) websites.

There is a lot of behind-the-curtain engineering effort that goes into achieving these goals. To help you better understand the planning and implementation that goes into a project of this size, I'd like to provide you with a peek behind that technical curtain. **Read more...**

Multilingual Help with ICANN Acronyms and Terms

The ICANN organization recently launched improvements to the ICANN Acronyms and Terms feature on **https://icann.org**. You can now search for terms in the six U.N. languages using an acronym, term, or Unicode characters. The terms also have links to related terms and relevant web content. These changes are a part of the Information Transparency Initiative's commitment to increasing the findability of ICANN's public content.

Begin your search.

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Watch the ICANN62 Videos

We have posted 18 new videos, including interviews with community leaders on a variety of topics:

- Multistakeholder Ethos Award speeches
- GNSO Council and the GDPR
- LACRALO (in English and Spanish)
- At-Large Review implementation and next steps
- New gTLD Subsequent Procedures
- 2018 Nominating Committee
- SSAC Advisory Regarding Access to Domain Name Registration Data
- Challenges Ahead for the ccTLD Community
- Introductions to various Stakeholder Groups and Constituencies within the Generic Names

Supporting Organization (GNSO)

Click here to watch the videos.
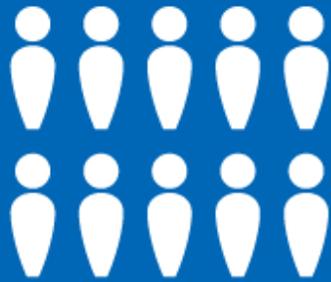
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1,912
Tweets about #ICANN62

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