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TOP STORY



Increasing global civil society engagement and participation

The Multistakeholder Approach in Action: ICANN Community Collaborates to Increase Global Civil Society Engagement

In July 2015, we began a new approach to how civil society engages with ICANN.

While civil society is already firmly anchored within the ICANN community, this new initiative recognizes the need to strengthen and broaden the participation and role of global civil society in ICANN's processes and discussions.

The strategy acknowledges the valuable contributions of the current civil society community, aims to make their work easier and more rewarding while encouraging new participants to join and support the work already underway. This will be achieved, in part, by making information more accessible through community-led development of new tailored content and communications, and through capacity building and skills development.

The strategy is currently being developed in consultation with civil society organizations and ICANN's

multistakeholder community.

Within ICANN, the regional Global Stakeholder Engagement teams and staff supporting the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) will promote the various initiatives aimed at bolstering civil society participation. We encourage you to get involved and reach out to them to learn more. Your region's local contact is provided below:

- [Yaovi Atohoun](#) (Africa)
- [Fahd Batayneh](#) (Middle-East)
- [Joe Catapano](#) (North America)
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- [Jean-Jacques Sahel](#) (Global lead / Europe)

The current draft strategy is available [here](#). Information about calls and webinars regarding this new strategy will also be available on the Non-Commercial Stakeholder Group (NCSG) [site](#) and [ALAC mailing lists](#). The initial phase will be finalized by the end of 2015, but the strategy will continue to evolve and respond to developments within ICANN and to the changing needs of the global civil society community.

Tomohiro Fujisaki, Chair of Internet Society Japan Chapter (ISOC-JP):

"I understand that this plan includes engagement of Internet end-users, which for Japan means almost 100% of the population. This is why we need to pay attention to the discussions at global platforms such as ICANN, as they affect all Internet users. To this end, ISOC-JP is constantly looking for ways to help raise awareness of these global discussions, and we look forward to materials that will be useful to our community."



APAC ACTIVITIES & HIGHLIGHTS

Engaging Computer Emergency Response Teams

Computer Emergency Response Teams or CERTs are a very important entity when it comes to cyber security issues and incident handling. Globally, many countries have started forming national CERTs. Many companies also have their own organizational CERTs to handle incidents relevant to their organizations (eg. financial or defense related institutions).

From ICANN's Security Stability and Resiliency (SSR) perspective, CERTs are an important stakeholder that can be involved in the Public Safety Working Group. It is also important that Law Enforcement stakeholders collaborate closely with CERTs.

In early November, Champika Wijayatunga, Regional SSR Engagement Manager, was invited to participate in Sri Lanka's Annual Cyber Security Conference. Organized by Sri Lanka's CERT, it was attended by close to 200 participants. Champ was a panelist at the "Managing Legal Liabilities in a Data Breach" session. He shared information about cybercrime issues from a technological and operational



Champika in a Panel Session

aspect with regard to Internet identifiers and the best current practices in handling abuses and misuse. Together with Asia Pacific Network Information Centre (APNIC), Champ also helped to deliver the Internet Abuse Handling Workshop and Network Security Workshops.



ITU-CoE PITA Telecoms Strategy Study Workshop

ITU-CoE / PITA - Five-year Telecom Strategy for Pacific

As the telecom / information and communications technology (ICT) sectors undergo rapid transformation, Pacific Island service providers are looking at integrating ICTs into mainstream socio-economic sectors to boost growth and improve the lives of citizens.

In response, the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Centre of Excellence (CoE) recently partnered with Pacific Islands Telecommunications Association (PITA) to lead a discussion on the five-year strategy for the region. About 50 participants from 11 countries attended the event. The discussions covered threats and opportunities in the ICT sector, collaboration/partnerships in disaster management, as well as calls for greater regulatory collaboration.

Savé Vocea, Vice President of Global Stakeholder Engagement for Australasia and Pacific Islands attended the event and emphasized the need for secure services as well as Domain Name System Security Extensions (DNSSEC) and IPv6 implementations in the islands, beginning with the country-code Top-Level Domains in the sub-region.

Cyber3 Conference

In early November, Kuek Yu-Chuang, Vice President and Managing Director of ICANN Asia Pacific attended the Cyber3 Conference in Okinawa jointly organized by the Japanese Government's Cabinet Office and the World Economic Forum.



Panel discussion at Cyber3 Conference

He spoke on the "Vision for Internet of Things" panel, delivering these key messages: (i) it is important to pay attention to IPv6 issues, without it, we may never realize the vision of Internet of Things; (ii) how technologies like DNSSEC can help us make the current and future Internet more secure; and (iii) the need to guard against fragmentation of the Internet in any form.



Participants at the Myanmar Network Operators Group Conference

Myanmar Network Operators Group Workshop

On behalf of ICANN, Champika Wijayatunga, Regional SSR Engagement Manager, supported and attended the first Myanmar Network Operators Group Conference (MMNOG1) by providing training and capacity building resources. In a panel discussion focusing on Myanmar's Internet development activities, Champ discussed how Myanmar can enhance Internet development (with a focus on responsible use of the Internet's unique identifiers) and reach out globally to share knowledge and capacity, including participating in ICANN processes.



Kuek at the Panel Session

Asian Society of International Law Conference

Kuek Yu-Chuang, Vice President and Managing Director of ICANN Asia Pacific, attended the Asian Society of International Law conference in Bangkok in late November.

Invited by our Memorandum of Understanding partner, Electronic Transactions Development Agency (ETDA), he spoke at the keynote session on the "Future of the Internet"

with a specific report on the IANA Stewardship Transition. It was a good opportunity to engage with the Asian International Law community and Thai stakeholders.



POLICY UPDATE

ALAC Activities at ICANN54

The ALAC unanimously passed statements on the [Use of Country and Territory Names as Top-Level Domains](#) on the [New gTLD Auction Proceeds Discussion Paper](#) for communication to the relevant parties. The ALAC also held a successful first [Development Session](#) on 23 October 2015 to welcome new members.



ALAC Activities at ICANN54

GNSO Council Adopts Data and Metrics for Policymaking Working Group Recommendations

The GNSO Council unanimously approved the Data and Metrics for Policymaking Working Group's consensus recommendations. The Working Group developed final recommendations and submitted them to the GNSO Council for its consideration, which are documented in its [Final Report](#) after a review of [public comments](#). Support staff has begun implementation of the adopted recommendations and implementation status can be viewed on the [Projects List](#).

GAC Public Safety Working Group

Upcoming priorities for the [Public Safety Working Group \(PSWG\)](#) include contributing to the new gTLD Competition, Consumer Choice and Consumer Trust Review as well as to the GNSO Policy Development Process on Next-Generation gTLD Registration Directory Services.

The PSWG actively encourages participation from more countries, notably developing countries, and from additional experts on data protection, consumer protection, and other relevant specialties, to represent a full range of governmental public safety actors worldwide.

SSAC Publishes Advisory on Registrant Protection

The SSAC recently published [SAC074](#), *SSAC Advisory on Registrant Protection: Best Practices for Preserving Security and Stability in the Credential Management Lifecycle*. The advisory provides specific best practice guidelines that will help registrars and registries enhance the security of domain names and the systems that support them.



PUBLIC COMMENT

Issues Currently Open for Public Comment

Several public comment proceedings are currently open on issues of interest to the ICANN community.

[Guidelines for Developing Reference Label Generation Rules \(LGRs\) for the Second Level](#)

To facilitate and improve consistency of testing and stability of registry operations of new gTLDs, ICANN is developing reference Internationalized Domain Name (IDN) tables in machine readable format, called Label Generation Rulesets (LGRs) for the second level, for use in Pre-Delegation Testing (PDT) and the Registry Service Evaluation Process (RSEP).

Public Comment Period Closes: 15 December 2015, 23:59 UTC

[Proposed Implementation of GNSO Policy Development Process Recommendations on Inter-Registrar Transfer Policy \(IRTP\) Part D](#)

The public comment proceeding seeks to obtain community input on the proposed implementation of the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Policy Development Process (PDP) recommendations on the Inter-Registrar Transfer Policy (IRTP) Part D.

Public Comment Period Closes: 21 December 2015, 23:59 UTC

[gTLD Marketplace Health Index Proposal: Call for Comments and Volunteers](#)

ICANN seeks community input to facilitate the creation of a gTLD Marketplace Health Index. This Index will analyze the overall health and diversity of the global gTLD marketplace.

At any time, the full list of issues open for public comment plus recently closed and archived public comment proceedings can be found on the [Public Comment web page](#).

ICANN staff also populates a web page to help preview potential upcoming public comment proceedings. The [Upcoming Public Comment](#) page provides information about potential future public comment opportunities. The page is updated after every ICANN public meeting to help individuals and the community set priorities and plan future workloads.



GETTING TO KNOW YOUR ICANN COMMUNITY



Valerie Tan

Valerie Tan Hsu Phen

Valerie was recently appointed by the NomCom to the ICANN [GNSO Council](#) (2015-2017). A Singaporean, she is fluent in diverse languages including English, Mandarin, Malay and speaks some French.

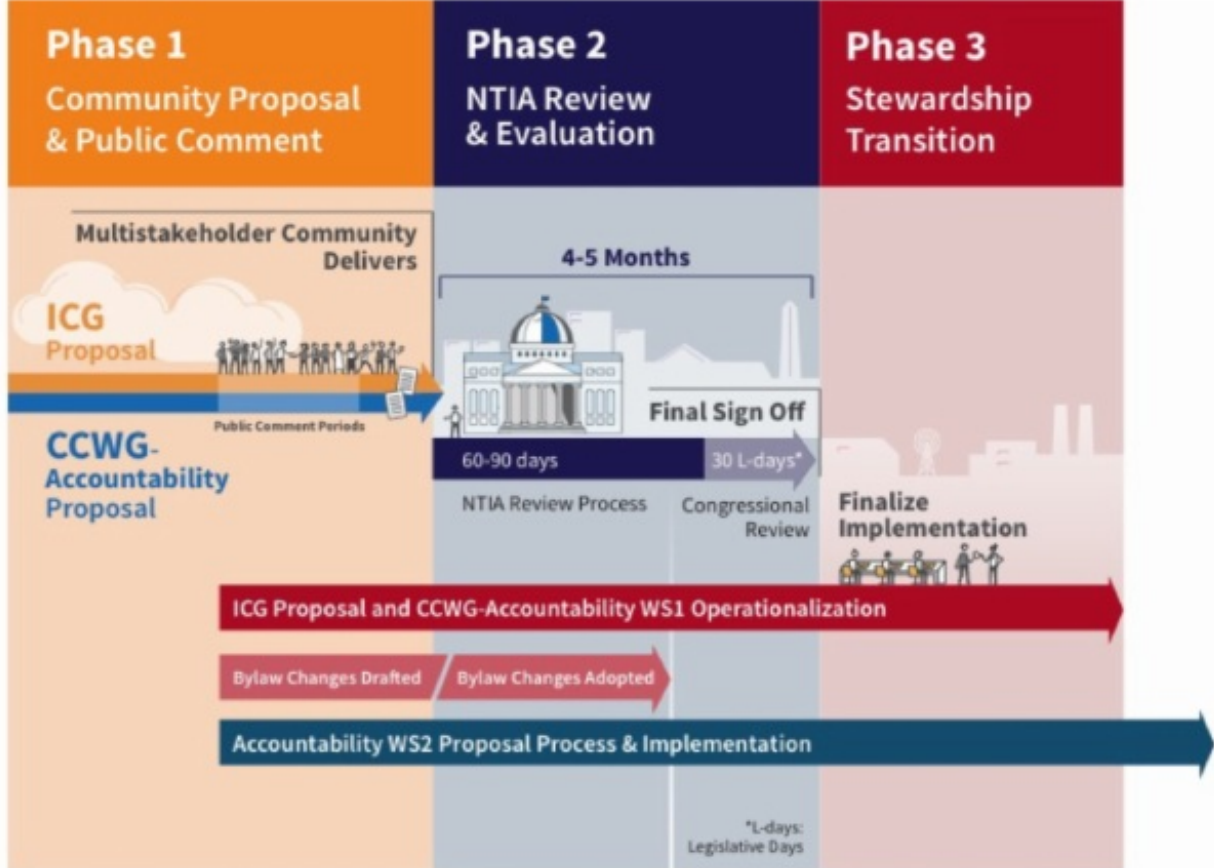
Valerie was first acquainted with ICANN when she was a law student and had been fascinated by issues such as the UDRP and WHOIS. With the establishment of the ICANN APAC Hub, Valerie's engagement with ICANN deepened as a business stakeholder. Click [here](#) to watch a video on Valerie's views on the importance of diversity in the GNSO and for why it is important for Asia to participate in ICANN policy making.

Valerie spent over 15 years as a government affairs, public policy and regulatory professional in the international telecoms, technology and Internet industries. She joined the private sector at the advent of telecoms liberalization and competition, where she was an active participant in the revolutionary changes in the digital landscape.

Valerie was a co-founder and board director of the Asia Pacific Carriers Coalition and Asia Internet Coalition. She has served as a board member of the European Chambers of Commerce and presided over discussions that led to the EU-Singapore Free Trade Agreement as chair of the ICT committee.



IANA STEWARDSHIP NEWS



IANA Stewardship Transition Timeline

Update on the IANA Stewardship Transition and Enhancing ICANN Accountability Processes

The ICG and CCWG-Accountability met in Dublin during [ICANN54](#) to continue work on their proposals in wake of the feedback received during the two public comment periods that ended in September. The ICG was successful in completing its [Consolidated IANA Stewardship Proposal](#) and is now awaiting the finalization of the CCWG-Accountability's Work Stream 1 Recommendations.

The CCWG-Accountability [Third Draft Proposal on Work Stream 1 Recommendations](#) was posted for a 21-day public comment from 30 November to 21 December 2015. Further to detailing 11 recommendations to enhance ICANN's accountability, the proposal also outlines how the community arrived at the recommendations and the options considered, and ultimately rejected, in development of the proposal.

It is expected that in addition to public comment, the CCWG-Accountability will gather insightful feedback and consideration from its 6 Chartering Organizations. Pending no major concerns by the Chartering Organizations, the group anticipates delivery of its recommendations to the ICANN Board in mid-late January. Once the CCWG-Accountability finalizes its Work Stream 1 recommendations and the CWG-Stewardship confirms that the recommendations meet its requirements, the ICG can consider its proposal complete and begin the process of submitting it to the NTIA.





Learn and Get Involved about Universal Acceptance

Universal Acceptance is a foundational requirement for a truly multilingual Internet, one in which users around the world can navigate entirely in local languages. It is also the key to unlocking the potential of new generic top-level domains (gTLDs) to foster competition, consumer choice and innovation in the domain name industry.

To achieve Universal Acceptance, Internet applications and systems must treat all TLDs in a consistent manner, including new gTLDs and internationalized TLDs.

The Universal Acceptance Steering Group is a community-based team working to share this vision for the Internet of the future with those who construct this space: coders. The group's primary objective is to help system owners and independent coders understand how Universal Acceptance will enable the next billion users to interact and build their own spaces online.

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DELEGATED NEW GTLDS

Twenty-five new gTLDs delegated in November

sfr	lamborghini	fairwinds	cityeats	grainger
vip	bostik	tab	ferrero	beats
audi	boehringer	lifestyle	playstation	aarp
verisign	broadway	vana	rocher	xn--mgbtx2b
bugatti	comsec	creditunion	xn--qxam	apple



UPCOMING EVENTS

World Internet Conference Wuzhen Forum | 16 - 18 December 2015

This event is part of China's effort to host a global forum for Internet Governance discussion. Fadi Chehadé, President and CEO of ICANN has been invited to be an advisory committee member of the forum. He is also expected to speak at the forum.

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