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For our monthly NARALO newsletters, please send us information about your ALS, your work as an Unaffiliated Member, NARALO, ICANN or other Internet Governance-related resources or analyses.

Please contact **Glenn McKnight** and **Eduardo Diaz** if you're able to help by the 20th of each month, in a brief format.

You can find all past NARALO newsletters at the **NARALO Newsletter Archives**.

At-Large/ALAC Public Comments & Advice

All of NARALO and the At-Large community are invited to contribute to **ICANN public comment** proceedings. For more information, please visit the **At-Large Policy Advice Development Page** or contact **At-Large staff**.

The following public comments were announced in September:

- **Next Steps on Reviews**
- **Registration Directory Service (RDS-WHOIS2) Review Team Draft Report of Recommendations**
- **Proposals for Malayalam and Tamil Scripts'Â Root Zone Label Generation Rules**
- **Draft PTI and IANA FY20 Operating Plan and Budgets**

Have your say! To contribute to ALAC public comment, please comment on the wiki space or volunteer as penholder.

The At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) ratified 3 Policy Advice Statements in September:

Recommendations for Managing IDN Variant Top-Level Domains
The ALAC believes the main challenge while integrating IDN variant top-level domains is to balance positive user experience while ensuring the security, stability and manageability of the DNS. The ALAC provided advice on (4) questions posed by ICANN regarding the issue, and in general believes strict adherence to the Root Zone LGRs are the most appropriate way of arriving at IDN variant labels.

IPC/BC Accreditation & Access Model for Non-Public Data v1.7 Note: Not a formal ICANN Public Comment.
The ALAC understands that tiered access is the most probable solution to ensuring compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), yet it has serious concerns as to the structure of this proposed model. The ALAC recommends a three-dimensional access model of accreditation: 1) identity of the petitioner; 2) determining the petitioner's purpose; and 3) requesting information on how they will use that data. The ALAC feels these considerations towards the access model will propel the ICANN community further towards a reliable and trusted domain name system (DNS).

Draft ICANN Africa Strategic Plan 2016-2020 Version 3.0

The ALAC recommended (1) an increased number of African ICANN staff to be seriously considered in the Draft Africa Strategic Plan; (2) involving more African participation in strategy planning and implementation; (3) local capacity building; (4) increased representation of African stakeholders in the SOs and ACs in addition to the ALAC and GAC. The ALAC also noted criteria for implementation should be further developed, and offered collaboration with the African community in At-Large.

See: **[At-Large Website Policy Comments & Advice](#)**

EPDP Update

Last week, ICANN's Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) Team made important progress on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data during their meeting in Los Angeles.

The ALAC representatives to the EPDP are Hadia Elminiawi, ALAC Member of AFRALO, and Alan Greenberg, Outgoing ALAC Chair, NARALO.

Read the team's blog and learn about the EPDP's latest updates and next steps **[here](#)**.

ATLAS III

Plans for the third At-Large Summit (ATLAS III) at ICANN66 are moving forward following the ICANN Board **[providing ICANN org with the authority](#)** to contract for meeting. ATLAS III will be a smaller summit focused on the At-Large Review Improvements. An initial logistical plan has been developed. Activity related to ATLAS III planning will continue during ICANN63.

ICANN63 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

- The **[ICANN63 Schedule](#)** has been posted. Please see the **[At-Large ICANN63 Workspace](#)** for agenda details (soon to be finalized).
- The ICANN Policy Development Support will hold a Pre-

Upcoming KSK Rollover

Please share **ICANN At-Large's Tweet** on the KSK Rollover.

As the ICANN Organization prepares, for the first time ever, to change the cryptographic keys that help protect the Internet's Domain Name System (DNS), the organization has published a guide to let people know what to expect.

The changing of the keys, known as the "Root Key Signing Key (KSK) Rollover", is currently scheduled for 11 October 2018. The new ICANN guide is intended for those with all levels of technical expertise. It will help everyone prepare for the rollover by detailing what to expect. It is part of the ICANN Organization's ongoing efforts to raise awareness of the rollover and will also afford details about the rollover process.

The guide can be accessed **here [PDF, 107 KB]**. Those who will find the guide most useful are operators of validating resolvers seeking clear direction on what to look for once the rollover occurs; non-technical journalists, bloggers and others who intend to write about the rollover before, during, and after the event will also benefit. Additionally, the document can be of value researchers who will be monitoring the DNS for indications of resolver failure after the rollover occurs.

While ICANN org expects user impact from the root KSK rollover **to be minimal**, a small percentage of Internet users are expected to see problems in resolving domain names, which in lay terms means they will have problems reaching their online destination. There are currently a small number of Domain Name System Security Extensions (DNSSEC) validating recursive resolvers that are misconfigured, and some of the users relying upon these resolvers may experience problems. This document describes which users are most likely to see problems, and among those - what types of issues they will face at various times.

To summarize:

Those who <u>will not</u> be affected:

- **Users who rely on a resolver that has the new KSK**
- **Users who rely on a resolver that does not perform DNSSEC validation**

Those who <u>will be</u> affected, and how:

- If all of a users' resolvers do not have the new KSK in their trust anchor configuration, the user will start seeing name resolution failures (typically "server failure" or SERVFAIL errors) at some point within 48 hours of the rollover.

NOTE: It is impossible to predict when the operators of affected resolvers will notice that validation is failing for them.

Data analysis suggests that more than 99% of users whose resolvers are validating will be unaffected by the KSK rollover. Users who use at least one resolver that is ready for the rollover will see no change in their use of the DNS or the Internet in general after the rollover. (The same is true for users whose resolvers do not perform DNSSEC validation at all. Current estimates are that about two-thirds of users are behind resolvers that do not yet perform DNSSEC validation.)

Lastly, while the rollover is currently planned to take place on 11 October 2018, this date is pending ratification by the ICANN Board.

To keep informed about KSK Rollover developments, please visit the related **ICANN resources page**.

ALAC Update

- The **ALAC Monthly Call** held discussions related to ALAC Policy Development activities, as well as updates on the At-Large Review Implementation Working Group (ARIWG), At-Large Social Media Working Group (SMWG) as well as a 2018 NomCom update.
- The At-Large Review Implementation Working Group (ARIWG) implemented Team Leads for the Priorities and Dependencies of the Review Implementation Proposal, created related workspaces and will prepare templates in advance of ICANN63 for discussion.
- The **ICANN63 Schedule** has been posted. Please see the **At-Large ICANN63 Workspace** for agenda details (soon to be finalized).
- The Capacity Building Working Group organized a webinar on "**Protection of Global Public Interest in Contractual Compliance, Consumer Rights**".

New NARALO Individual Member

Joey Doyle

I am a student lawyer in Vancouver, BC, currently in criminal defence but with a strong interest in technology and digital policy. I joined NARALO in order to begin to learn how ICANN operates. I also hope to better understand how ICANN's governance and policy decisions affect end-users of the Internet.

Once I have learned more about these basic functions, I hope to contribute to ensuring that such governance and policy is in the public interest. I am also interested in the fellowship program, but would like a better understanding of the organization before applying.
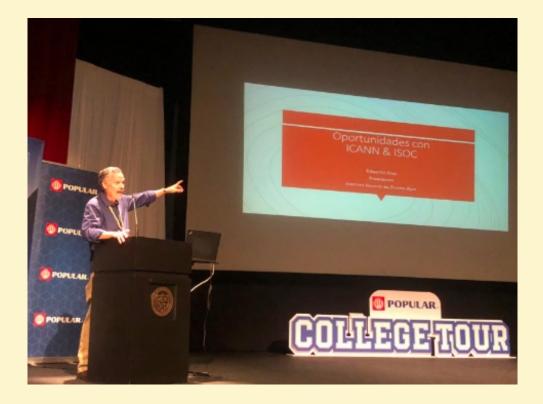
ICANN NomCom Update

On 16 September 2018, the ICANN 2018 Nominating Committee (NomCom) made an important announcement to update the recently selected list of ICANN Board of Directors.

Danko Jevtovic will begin a three-year term with the ICANN Board of Directors at the conclusion of ICANN63.

Please visit the ICANN NomCom website for the **detailed announcement**.

- Leah Symekher, 2018 ICANN NomCom Delegate

Full house at 5th HETS Students Leadership Showcase: NARALO, ICANN & ISOC

Eduardo Diaz, NARALO Chair.

More than 700 university students participated of the 5th Hispanic Educational Technology Services (HETS) Leadership Showcase held 14 September 2018, at Interamerican University Metro Campus.

Eduardo Díaz, Chair of NARALO and ISOC-PR president spoke to the audience of the opportunities in ICANN and ISOC to collaborate to innovate, make Internet stable and secure, connect the next billion users, and Fellowships available for those willing to volunteer.

(L-R): Alfredo Calderon with Eduardo Diaz, NARALO Chair.

ALS Update: SF Bay ISOC

<u>Elections</u>
The SF Bay Area Internet Society Chapter is preparing for Board elections which will take place at the end of the year. Details will be on the website shortly but if you know anyone in the Bay Area who has Board experience and has knowledge of the Internet industry and would like to join a group of diverse and committed people, please get in touch at sfbayisoc@gmail.com.

<u>Learning Center</u>
The Chapter has implemented a new Learning Center on its website. In the recent chapter survey, our members told us they wanted to know more about online learning resources so we're now listing online courses and webinars that may be of interest to them.

If you would like to list a relevant course, please get in touch with us at <u>sfbayisoc@gmail.com</u>. The new section is pending some design tweaks but can be found <u>here</u>.

NARALO ALS Spotlight:
Telecommunities Canada (TC)

Telecommunities Canada (TC) was formed at a meeting in Ottawa, Canada in the summer of 1994. What began as a group of Free-Nets has evolved into a loose alliance of community networks and other organizations as well as individuals acting together as a community of practice for sharing and advocating the experience of community online. TC is a registered

non-profit community organization whose mandate is:

- To ensure that all Canadians are able to participate in community-based communications and electronic information services by promoting and supporting local community network initiatives.

- To represent and promote the Canadian community networking movement at the national and international level.

At the national level, TC has intervened in many legislative and regulatory initiatives over the years -- sometimes submitting comments, sometimes supporting member initiatives, always supporting positions derived from end user needs and perspectives.

On the international front, TC representatives helped establish NARALO which was the last of five global regions to form, thus completing ICANN's intended international infrastructure for an At Large Advisory Committee (ALAC). NARALO officially became part of ICANN at a signing ceremony in San Juan Puerto Rico on June 28, 2007. Former TC Board member, Darlene Thompson was a member of the NARALO Secretariat. Then TC President, Gareth Shearman, held one of the two formal NARALO positions on ALAC. Current TC president, Marita Moll, will take on this responsibility in the upcoming meeting in Barcelona.

TC has also intervened in American Registry for Internet Numbers (ARIN) policy development process regarding the introduction of IPv6 and the impact of this process on community networks, recently contributing to a definition of community networks at ARIN.

In our statement, "[Beyond the Information Society](#)" presented at a 2005 civil society conference seeking Canadian input for WSIS II, TC argued for a world which enables communities to access and use the resources they need, including electronic resources, to improve their condition and position in a globalized context. This includes sustained financial and program resources that support community-based digital initiatives.
In a very short period new technologies have changed how we work and how we play. Unfortunately, policy and practice have not always moved in lock step. We continue to seek opportunities to help reconnect the two.

For more information see [here](#).

- Marita Moll, Incoming NARALO ALAC Member

IGF Paris Update

The annual Internet Governance Forum will be held at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris this year, 11-15 from November 2018. The theme is

'Internet of Trust'. To learn more about the IGF, please visit **this link**.

The full schedule is **here**.

See **At-Large Outreach Activities at IGF 2018 Paris.**

This table summarizes the workshops to be held at the IGF by At-Large members. I will be participating in the two Blockchain sessions and the DC3 Community Networking sessions.

NARALO will also have a booth at the IGF Village shared with ISOC Blockchain SIG.

For those who can't attend in person, many of the sessions will be live streamed.

- Glenn McKnight, NARALO Secretariat

ICANN63 Annual General Meeting

We will be having an At-Large booth in the ICANN Village at the ICANN meeting 18-24 October 2018 in Barcelona, Spain.

Please sign up if interested in volunteering via the **Booth Sign Up Sheet**.

The lead RALO is EURALO and all the participants are encouraged to volunteer for some time at the booth. All the RALOs will have literature at the booth. NARALO has brochures in English and Spanish. We are also requesting a volunteer to translate the English brochure to French.

CROP Trips

Unfortunately, the trip to the American Registry for Internet Numbers (ARIN) meeting for early October was not approved due to delays in the process. We will be replacing this trip with a relevant ICANN related event in North America in consultation with staff.

Don't forget to apply soon for upcoming CROP trips in the Spring:

ARIN Meeting: April 7-10, 2019 in Bridgetown, Barbados

Open to one NARALO traveler.
Details **here**.
Apply **here**.

Applications due 10 January 10 2019 at 11:59 pm PST.

Please note that the GSE has approved our out of region trip to this location as a one time approval. An independent committee will evaluate the applications and select the recipient. If Canadian or American you will need an up-to-date passport. Open to any ALS member or unaffiliated member.

Digital Inclusion Conference

Hosted by the National Digital Inclusion Alliance.
Open to one NARALO traveler.
Details **here**.
Apply **here**.

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The Implications of Digitizing Government Services without Universal Access

The National Digital Inclusion Alliance has just released a story revealing that **according to the Henry J Kaiser Family Foundation**, as of August 2018, 11 states have applied for federal approval to implement work requirements for Medicaid beneficiaries.

Proposals from four of these states, Kentucky, Arkansas, Indiana, and New Hampshire have been approved and are in various stages of implementation. Arkansas and Kentucky's plans are in the most advanced stages, and both officially include a requirement that work or community engagement hours, such as volunteer service, must be reported online. It seems likely that other states will follow this example in an attempt to modernize Medicaid determination processes.

However, in all four of the states with approved work requirements, at least one in five households do not have access to home internet service.

Read the whole story **here**.

RALO Discretionary Funding

Through the FY19 Additional Budget Request process, each of the five RALOs has been granted $4,000 for targeted local discretionary funds toward RALO outreach and engagement activities such as ALS read-out sessions, promotional displays and graphics and regional travel.

For more information, including the application form and criteria, please see the **related workspace.**

Next NARALO Monthly Meeting:
08 October 2018 @ 19:00 UTC

The agenda and call details can be found **here**.

If you can't attend, please alert your ALS alternate or send your regrets to **Yesim Nazlar, Staff**.

NARALO Secretariat Report

Another way to **stay on top of events** across the region!

New Newsletter Editor Needed

Want a chance to learn more about ICANN processes and your fellow NARALO members? We're looking for a newsletter editor!

I started this past Spring super keen to dig into all things ICANN and internet governance but unfortunately, personal issues have come up that mean I can't continue. It's been good so far, but I was looking forward to adding more content. That's where you come in!

It's not an enormous time commitment but would benefit from someone with solid writing who is ready to do outreach to NARALO members to submit briefs and shape content around regional activities, ICANN updates, deeper dives into pressing policy issues, and more.

Please contact **Glenn McKnight** and **Eduardo Diaz** if you're able to help.

- Shelley Robinson, Outgoing NARALO Newsletter Editor