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ICANN Update

- The Regional Court in Bonn, Germany [decided to refer to the injunction proceedings](#) ICANN initiated against EPAG, a Germany-based, ICANN-accredited registrar, to the Higher Regional Court in Cologne, Germany.
- The [ICANN Board of Directors](#) [submitted comments](#) regarding the NTIA's Notice of Inquiry on International Internet Policy Priorities.
- ICANN and APRALO community members participated in the 2018 Asian Pacific School of Internet Governance ([APSIG 2018](#)). See ALS Highlights for more info!
- ICANN published the [Domain Abuse Activity Reporting (DAAR) Methodology paper](#) and two reviews: [Marcus Ranum's review](#) and [John Bambenek's review,](#) of said methodology.
- ICANN published an [blog update on the KSK Rollover](#) and the [final report of the second Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC) Review,](#) conducted by Interisle Consulting Group, LLC.
- ICANN announced the 45 individuals from 39 countries who have been selected to participate in the [ICANN Fellowship Program at ICANN63](#).
- The Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) [Council initiated the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data.](#)
- [Expressions of Interest (EOI) were requested](#) by 13 July 2018 for the Chair of GNSO EPDP on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data Working Group.
- [The 2018 Nominating Committee (NomCom) announced the selection of all 2018 open ICANN leadership](#) positions (in early August 2018). Please see details under *APRALO NomCom Update*.

At-Large/ALAC Policy Comments & Advice

All of APRALO and the At-Large community are invited to contribute to ICANN public comment proceedings. For more, please visit the [At-Large Policy Advice Development Page](#) or contact [At-Large Staff](#).

The following public comments were announced in July:

- [Recommendations for Managing IDN Variant Top-Level Domains](#) closes 03 September 2018
- [Initial Report on the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process (Overarching Issues & Work Tracks 1-4)](#) closes 06 September 2018
- [Proposals for Devanagari, Gurmukhi, and Gujarati Scripts' Root Zone€¬ Label Generation Rules](#) closes 10 September 2018
- [Draft ICANN Africa Strategic Plan 2016-2020 Version 3.0](#) closes 10 September 2018

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 2 Policy Advice Statements in July:

- [Draft Community Travel Support Guidelines](#) *The ALAC submitted a detailed Statement representing the Internet end user community within ICANN. The ALAC noted At-Large is unique within the ICANN community in that most volunteers in At-Large activities do so as true volunteers. None travel in support of their employers, few are employed by what could be considered the domain name industry or in activities supporting it, and many are not even employed in jobs supporting the Internet.*
- [Draft Proposal of the New Fellowship Program Approach](#) *The ALAC provided extensive community comment on (4) issues related to the Draft Proposal of the New Fellowship Program Approach, including application and selection criteria of the Fellowship Program, as well as on-site recommendations and post-meeting requirements.*

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

APAC Space Update

- The APAC Space organised a web conference on [Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data.](#) The recording may be found [here.](#)
- The [APAC Space published the APAC Space Survey 2018 Results,](#) and a blogpost titled "[Improving APAC Space for a Maturing APAC Space Community](#)", which highlighted the survey results.

ALAC Update

- Held its [July Monthly Call](#).
- Ratified the [ALAC Statement on the Draft Community Travel Support Guidelines](#) and [Draft Proposal of the New Fellowship Program Approach](#).
- Invited applications for two ALAC travel slots to the [ICANN63 Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Barcelona, Spain from 20-25 October 2018.](#)
- Confirmed its two members and two alternates to the ICANN Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP). The two members are Alan Greenberg and Hadia Elminiawi; the two alternates are Holly Raiche (APRALO ALAC Member) and Seun Ojedeji.
- The 4 ALAC liaisons (GAC/SSAC/GNSO/ccNSO) will be reappointed for one more year (2018-2019), [as determined](#) on the July Monthly Call.

APRALO Update

- APRALO held its [July Monthly Call](#). Apart from discussion on ALAC membership and an

announcement on the ALAC Chair election, a brief overview was provided on the At-Large Review Implementation, and on the ALAC policy advice development process.

- Incoming ALAC Chair and current ALAC Vice-Chair, Maureen Hilyard, will be attending the Asia Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum (APrIGF) from 13-16 August, 2018.

APRALO NomCom Update

The Nominating Committee (NomCom) announced the selection of all eight ICANN open leadership positions. The leadership positions were finalized by the committee during ICANN62 in Panama City, Panama.

The selections for three ICANN Board positions were decided unanimously. The ICANN organization, on behalf of the NomCom, sent out communications to the successful candidates and any alternates, as well as to those who made it to the final round but were not selected this year.

The NomCom made a public announcement of the successful candidates in August 2018. The appointees are:

ICANN Board of Directors
Rafael "Lito" Ibarra, LAC
Tripti Sinha, North America
Lousewies van der Laan, Europe

At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)
Joanna Kulesza, Europe
Javier Rua-Jovet, North America

Council of the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO)
Laura Margolis, LAC, Three-year term
Ajay Data, Asia/Australia/Pacific Islands, Two-year term

Council of the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO)
Erika Mann, Europe

- Nadira Al-Araj, APRALO NomCom 2018 Delegate

ALS Highlights

APRALO @ APSIG 2018

The Asia Pacific School of Internet Governance (APSIG) 2018 took place from 07-12 July 2018 at the Asian Institute of Technology in Bangkok, Thailand.

Many APRALO representatives and individual ALS members, including the APRALO Chair, Satish Babu, participated in the event. Topics discussed this year included Cybersecurity Governance, AI Governance, AI at Google, and Blockchain Governance, to name a few.

The APSIG Best Alumni Award 2018 was awarded to Mubashir Sargana, from the ISOC Islamabad Chapter.

APRALO Chair, Satish Babu, and others @ APSIG 2018.

Cook Islands Internet Action Group (CIIAG)

Since 2012, Maureen Hilyard and Tracy Hackshaw from the ALSes CIIAG, PICISOC and ISOC Trinidad and Tobago, have participated in Global IGF sessions to raise awareness of internet development challenges of small islands developing states (SIDS).

Last month, the IGF MAG accepted their application to form a "Dynamic Coalition on SIDS in the Internet Economy", as well as a session proposal for the IGF 2018 in Paris. The Dynamic Coalition offers a great opportunity for a regular forum for small island states to voice their internet-related concerns and challenges among an international community. In the past, their session participants have included members of ALSes from the Pacific, Caribbean and AIMS (African, Indian Ocean and Mediterranean and South China Sea) regions, which offers further opportunity to raise awareness of the impacts of ICANN-related issues on SIDS communities.

Maureen and Tracy would be very interested to hear from any RALO SIDS members who plan to be in Paris to participate in their DC session.

YODET Conducts Capacity Building Session on ICANN

The Yemeni Organization for Development and Exchange Technology (YODET) convened an open day titled, "Introducing ICANN" at the Cornerstone Business Incubator, Sana'a, Yemen. Out of the 15 participants who attended the event, 40% were women.

The sessions were conducted by both Hilmi Ghalib and Amer Al-Subai, and covered a wide range of key aspects about ICANN, including its description, mission, society, Board of Directors, and accomplishments. There were also discussions regarding the Domain Names System, Internet Protocol, and ways to engage within ICANN. It was an interactive session.

In addition, Fahd Batayneh, ICANN Global Stakeholder Engagement (GSE) Manager for the Middle East, participated in discussions and responded to a set of questions concerning ICANN activity and the future of Arabic domain names and content online.

"Introducing ICANN" Event.

RALO Discretionary Funding

Given the significant success of the FY18 ABR request for RALO Discretionary Funding, for FY19, the ALAC requests that each of the five RALO's be given access up to $4,000 each for targeted local discretionary funds to permit the local travel, luncheons, displays, graphic and promotional Facebook/Twitter graphics.

For more information, including criteria, please see the related workspace.

Upcoming Events and Other Announcements

- The ICANN63 Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held in Barcelona, Spain from 20-25 October 2018.

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