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ICANN61 Update

ICANN61 was held in San Juan, Puerto Rico, from 10-16 March 2018 at the Puerto Rico Convention Centre. The conference was attended by 1,542 participants, including 525 newcomers, 63 Fellows and coaches, and 20 NextGen Fellows and Ambassadors. ICANN61 held a total of 271 public sessions, and over 21,000 visits were logged on the ICANN mobile app.

ICANN61 by the numbers

During the meeting, Advisory Committees (ACs) and Supporting Organizations (SOs) held several days of internal meetings (i.e. GNSO, ccNSO Council, ALAC) as well as cross-community meetings, in addition to meetings focused on specific topics (i.e. policy, operations, administrative budget-related discussions). For the At-Large community, the major concerns for ICANN61 included General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), the At-Large Review (currently moving towards the implementation phase) and the At-Large Summit III (ATLAS III), scheduled for FY20.

Several important topics were discussed during ICANN61, including GDPR, Next Generation Registration Directory Services (RDS), New gTLD Subsequent Procedures, Geographical Names, and the KSK Rollover. To comply with GDPR requirements, ICANN has proposed an Interim Model. To address the stalemate over the '.amazon' new gTLD application, various alternatives such as '.amazonas', '.amazonia' or '.amazonica' were proposed to the geographical communities as a compromise. However, the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) has not adopted a final position on the issue. On the issue of the KSK Rollover, a new date for the rollover has not been confirmed. Community members also had the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed

FY19 ICANN Budget.

by Satish Babu, Chair of APRALO

ICANN Update

In March, ICANN co-hosted the IETF 101 in London, completed [audits of the IANA Function](#) (1 October 2016 - 30 November 2017), and published its first [Complaints Office Semi-Annual Report](#) (15 March - 31 December 2017).

This month, ICANN [announced the release](#) of the third version of the [Maximal Starting Repertoire (MSR-3) for the Development of Label Generation Rules for the Root Zone](#). The list of 44 individuals from 34 countries have been selected as ICANN62 Fellows, along with 15 [newcomers from the Latin American and Caribbean region](#).

In addition, ICANN [requested](#) European Data Protection Authorities (DPAs) to provide specific guidance on the organization's [Proposed Interim Compliance Model.](#)

ICANN sought community input on:

- The proposed [Uniform Board Member Integrity Screening Process](#), regarding [due diligence on candidates](#) selected to serve on the ICANN Board, by 17 April 2018.
- [Draft Project Plan for the Proposed Name Collision Analysis Project (NCAP)](#), by 18 April 2018.
- The [ICANN Reserve Fund Replenishment Strategy](#), by 25 April 2018.
- The various sets of recommendations within the Cross Community Working Group on Enhancing ICANN Accountability (CCWG-Accountability), and the [final report](#) from its Work Stream 2 (WS2), by 11 May 2018.
- The [Independent Examiner's Draft Final Report](#) on the second Nominating Committee Organizational Review (NomCom2), by 7 May 2018.

ICANN is also soliciting proposals to identify a provider to supply an Open Data Platform in the form of [Software as a Service (SaaS)](#) by 18 April 2018, and issued a call for nominations for the [Community Onboarding Pilot (COP) Program at ICANN62](#), by 18 April 2018.

APAC News

- The [APAC Space Survey 2018](#) is currently underway, and responses from community members are requested by 20 April 2018.

- The APAC Space meeting and social was held during ICANN61 on 14 March 2018.

At-Large Highlights

- At-Large Community members nominated individuals for ALAC travel slots to ICANN62 in Panama City, Panama.

- The At-Large Community Advisory Committee (ALAC) ratified the following statements: [ALAC Statement on Plan to Restart the Root Key Signing Key (KSK) Rollover Process](#) (02 April 2018), the [Data Protection/Privacy Issues: ICANN-proposed Interim Model](#) (30 March 2018), and the [ICANN Fellowship Program Community Consultation](#) (30 March 2018).

- The [ALAC Monthly Call](#) was held on 27 March 2018.

APRALO Highlights

- The APRALO leadership team, including Satish Babu, Ali Al-Meshal, Maureen Hilyard, Holly Raiche and Kaili Kan, attended ICANN61.

- The [APRALO Monthly Call](#) was held on 29 March 2018.

APRALO Spotlight

- Lianna Galstyan, Vice Chair of APRALO, was appointed as a member of [IGF MAG](#).

Update from the APRALO Delegate to the NomCom

In order to create awareness and encourage stakeholders to apply for leadership positions within ICANN, the NomCom initiated a recruitment phase in January. The NomCom carried out various outreach activities, including circulating an invitation via social media platforms, email and news updates via professional networks. NomCom members presented at multiple events, reached out to potential candidates and encouraged them to apply. This effort was intensified during ICANN61. In parallel, an independent recruitment firm targeted candidates for Board positions.

At the end of the period for expressions of interest, the NomCom received 109 complete applications. Applicants applied from Africa (19), Asia Pacific (25), Europe (21), Latin America and the Carribbean (13), and North Africa (31). There were 33 female and 76 male applicants.

In terms of ICANN leadership position application numbers, there were (87) Board, (43) GNSO, (19) ALAC and (40) ccNSO.

Updates on the candidate assessment phase will follow shortly.

by Nadira Al-Araj, ALAC-APRALO delegate to the NomCom 2018

Update from First North American School on Internet Governance (NASIG 2018)

An important development for the NARALO community during ICANN61 was the North American School of Internet Governance (NASIG 2018) held prior to ICANN61, on 7-9 March 2018. NASIG 2018 hosted 29 participants from the US, Canada and Puerto Rico, as well as several ICANN61 Fellows. NASIG 2018 was a resounding success, and the next NASIG event is scheduled for ICANN66 in Montreal, in November 2019.

by Satish Babu, Chair of APRALO

Upcoming Events and Other Announcements

- Comments are invited from ALSes either on the Google Doc or by email on the ALS survey results regarding participation in the ALAC policy process. As per ICANN Bylaws, providing comments that contribute towards ICANN's work is one of the responsibilites of the RALOs and their ALSes.

- The ICANN63 Fellowship Application Round is open until 27 April 2018.

- The call for Workshops for APrIGF 2018 was extended to 06 April 2018.

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