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ICANN Update

- The German High Court [has ruled against](#) ICANN's plea to reconsider the Court's own decision. ICANN has been pursuing a preliminary injunction from the German Court to require EPAG, a Germany-based, ICANN-accredited registrar (that is part of the Tucows Group) to continue to collect elements of WHOIS data, as required under ICANN's Registrar Accreditation Agreement, which permits the registrar to sell domain name registrations for generic top-level domains.
- ICANN Board held a [public Board meeting](#) during the Board Workshop in Genval, Belgium, 14-16 September 2018.
- ICANN [appointed](#) Meridian Institute to conduct the second independent review of the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO).
- [ICANN conducted a Sunrise and Trademark Claims survey](#) to get individual feedback about the Rights Protection Mechanisms (RPMs).
- [ICANN invited proposals](#) to identify a provider to develop and maintain software for its affiliate Public Technical Identifiers (PTI) by 10 October.
- The ICANN 2018 Nominating Committee [announced that Danko Jevtovic](#) will begin a three-year term with the ICANN Board of Directors at the conclusion of ICANN63 in Barcelona, Spain.
- ICANN has scheduled a webinar to be held at two times, on 4 and 5 October 2018, regarding [Proposed Updates to Draft Operating Standards](#).
- The ICANN Policy Development Support will hold a Pre-ICANN63 Policy Open House on 11 October 2018. [Register now!](#)

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 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' 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](#)

APAC Space Update

- The APAC regional office [published a report](#) to commemorate its fifth anniversary, highlighting milestones, community participation in ICANN, engagement programs, as well as trainings conducted with regional community members and leaders.

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](#)".

APRALO Update

- During the [APRALO Monthly Call](#) on 20 September 2018, there was a discussion on the At-Large Review Implementation, discussion on policy updates and upcoming public comment requests, Social Media Working Group; and Nom Com update.

ALS Highlights

Fourth Edition of pkSIG

The ISOC Islamabad Chapter co-organized the fourth edition of the four-day Pakistan School on Internet Governance ([pkSIG](#)) in Karachi, Pakistan. Other sponsors of the event included Cybernet, Facebook, Asia Pacific Alliance for Schools and Academies for Internet Governance, E-Commerce Gateway Pakistan, Jafar Brothers, Pakistan Telecommunication Authority, Pakistan Higher Education Commission, and ICANN.

The event was attended by 48 participants, 13 of which were women. Over 15 national and international experts were present at pkSIG to enhance Internet end user understanding of issues related to Internet Governance (IG), and develop local capacities to lead IG discussions at national, regional and global levels.



Group photo from pkSIG 2018.

CCAOI Shares Civil Society Perspective at ITU APT Foundation of India

CCAOI participated in interactive discussions on ITU Plenipotentiary conference 2018 (PP-18), held by the ITU-APT Foundation of India (IAFI). The event was attended by members of the Indian Government delegation to PP-18, civil society, industry and academia.

During the meeting, CCAOI shared the Indian viewpoint of the civil society perspective, on issues ranging from cybersecurity, privacy, content, role of governments. These issues are expected to be discussed during PP-18 and emphasized the need for making the ITU process more open and transparent to other stakeholders.

Cyber Peace Launches Cyber Peace Portal

Cyber Peace Foundation launched the [Cyberpeace centre](#) portal, a community-driven open source collaborative platform for research and development related to Internet Governance and cyber security. The portal was launched by Alex Dunbar-Brooks from the International Cyber Policy Economist, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, United Kingdom.



Launch of Cyberpeace.centre portal.

ATLAS III Update



Group shot from ATLAS II in London.

In its September 2018 meeting, the Board approved the At-Large community hold ATLAS III during ICANN66, and provided a large, yet reduced budget for this event. This means that the ALAC has to look more carefully at how we might achieve the expectations of our new ATLAS within these budget constraints. What we know at the moment is that the number of regional invitees will be reduced to 60, and that the program will be focused on a more high level of involvement in policy issues. A set of criteria that aspiring participants must meet is being developed, as well as complementary metrics to assess participation in At-Large activities over the next nine months. In particular, activities related to the work that At-Large does within ICANN. Across At-Large, participation in policy and organisational concerns from our ALSes and individual members could be improved. But those who contribute actively, especially in policy, will get priority for selection. More information will be provided to our RALO members as the ATLAS III organizing team determines eligibility criteria.

- Maureen Hilyard, Incoming ALAC Chair

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](#).

Upcoming Events and Other Announcements

- The ICANN Policy Development Support will hold a Pre-ICANN63 Policy Open House on 11 October 2018. [Register now!](#)
- The [ICANN63 Annual General Meeting \(AGM\)](#) will be held in Barcelona, Spain from 20-25 October 2018.

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