

Zoom chat: Monday, 14 June 2021 - At-Large Leadership Session: Welcome to ICANN71 & Policy Talking Points

00:59:31 Harold Arcos: my pleasure @Holly

00:59:37 Heidi Ullrich: Welcome to the At-Large ICANN71 Welcome Session!

00:59:55 Claudia Ruiz ICANN Org: Hello, my name is Claudia Ruiz and I will be monitoring this chat room and the Q&A pod. In this role, I am the voice for remote participants. Please note that questions or comments will only be read aloud if submitted in English within the Q&A pod. I will read them aloud during the time set by the Chair or Moderator of this session. Questions and comments placed in chat will be considered as part of the "chat" and will not be read out loud on the microphone.

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01:02:34 Herb Waye Ombuds: Greetings from the ICANN Office of the Ombuds. Our virtual Office is open for drop-in visits during ICANN71. Details are posted in the discussion forum on the main ICANN71 page. Anyone wishing to speak with the Ombuds team of Herb & Barb can also reach us at ombudsm@icann.org

Stay safe and be kind.

01:03:24 Abdeldjalil Bachar Bong: Hello All from Chad, happy to e-see you again here .

01:03:37 Dave Kissoondoyal - ALAC: Hello everyone.. sorry for being late

01:03:44 Holly Raiche: I'd LOVE to be there

01:07:44 Heidi Ullrich, ICANN Org Staff: G7 Carbis Bay Communique - <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2021cornwall/210613-communique.html>

01:07:55 Roberto: A bit of self-promotion - talking about outer space, EuroDIG will feature a session on Delay-Tolerant Networking, of which the Interplanetary Internet is a part of

01:16:52 Heidi Ullrich, ICANN Org Staff: A tour of Delft and even a glimpse of The Hague will be shown during the social event .

01:18:32 Sébastien Bachollet: Please come to the EURALO Social event with something round and white (like a plate) and blue paint and a brush for one of the activities organised by Natalia

01:20:15 Heidi Ullrich, ICANN Org Staff: Contracted Party House - CPH

01:22:01 Heidi Ullrich, ICANN Org Staff: At-Large ICANN71 workspace: <https://community.icann.org/display/atlarge/ICANN71+-+June+2021%3A+Virtual+Policy+Forum>

01:22:38 Martin Sutton: BRG is also running a session about the next round that ALAC may like to attend - details here <https://brandregistrygroup.org/brg-connect/>

01:23:15 Cheryl Langdon-Orr: Noted @Martin

01:23:29 AKay Oloyede: In the same shoes with Jonathan. 3 am in the morning

01:23:30 Harold Arcos: thanks @Martin,,

01:24:34 Erhan Kiraner-ICANN Org: HU

01:24:51 Holly Raiche: Finally, the Sydney time is fine - 5.30pm

01:25:14 Cheryl Langdon-Orr: Yes @Holly but NOT for most of the meeting ;-)

01:25:51 Maxim Alzoba: it used to be open

01:25:56 Cheryl Langdon-Orr: We will have our turn

01:27:03 Joanna Kulesza: Please note that both: GDPR and what will likely become the new WHOIS will be discussed in the plenary later today on regulatory developments.

01:27:10 Maxim Alzoba: but that was not ok with the EU law even in the past (GDPR changed fines part , which now are quite high and able to instakill almost any registrar or most registries)

01:34:51 Maxim Alzoba: we should not forget that for GEO tlds , they also have obligations before the local relevant authorities (and if something is added into voluntary obligations , most probably it is approved by the local authorities , and it is in the best interest of the registry to closely follow it's obligations). GEOs are somewhere in the middle of the ccTLD -> gTLD scale , and in addition to the ICANN contract have to follow the local laws + agreements with the relevant local authorities

01:37:05 Holly Raiche: CPWG - Consolidated Policy Working Group

01:37:57 Jonathan Zuck: @Maxim, there's nothing to stop an application for a geo name, from outside the jurisdiction of relevant governments.

01:38:03 Holly Raiche: End User Participaiton

01:38:43 John McCormac - [HosterStats.com](https://hosterstats.com): @JZ But the government/local government could object?

01:39:34 Maxim Alzoba: @Jonathan, formally there is also a technical part of the application, which could be messed. the Local Authorities may chose which applicant is the best in their opinion, and if they do not agree to one - the applicant is done -> dev/null

01:39:42 Jonathan Zuck: @John, yes. That's why we're supporting a broader notification system.

01:40:14 Jonathan Zuck: @Maxim, I THINK that only applies to capital cities

01:40:24 Maarten Botterman: Was a pleasure, as always. Guessing the "little town"... curious

01:41:10 Holly Raiche: @ JZ - I think you're right - only applies to capital cities - but not sure

01:41:55 Heidi Ullrich, ICANN Org Staff: Plenary Session: Governmental Regulatory Developments, WHOIS, Data Protection, and Cybersecurity - 10:30-12:00 UTC

01:41:58 Maxim Alzoba: and the last round it was a kind of rule, if there are few applications for the same city name - the one which is a capital wins. but if someone applied for citi_somewhere and has a mayor's office letter of support (and understanding that the process is extremely costly, and the same for the annual expenses) - it was possible to have that small city TLD.

01:42:19 John McCormac - [HosterStats.com](https://hosterstats.com): @Maxim @JZ In terms of development and getting registrations, geo names are a very special class and require more marketing than generic/gTLDs. Getting the local government onside is very important.

01:42:40 Maxim Alzoba: it is not just very important - it is a must

01:43:11 Maxim Alzoba: like with ccTLDs, without the local authorities support - it just does not happen

01:43:34 Jonathan Zuck: @John, part of our concern is investors going after geo names, in hopes of selling them to relevant parties later, at a premium

01:43:46 John McCormac - [HosterStats.com](https://hosterstats.com): True. Geonames have to position themselves so that they are not seen as a threat to the local ccTLDs.

01:44:32 John McCormac - [HosterStats.com](https://hosterstats.com): @JZ The dynamics of speculation in ccTLDs and geonames, apart from a handful of very high value doms, are very different to those of gTLDs.

01:44:33 Mark Datysgeld: GeoNames have been reasonably regulated on the previous round though, haven't they... Even ".bar" had to address a dispute with the small city of Bar.

01:44:38 Maxim Alzoba: @Jonathan, with GEOs, most probably a lot of names are reserved for the needs of the local city office (like schools.city, police.city e.t.c.)

01:44:38 Heidi Ullrich, ICANN Org Staff: Tuesday: ICANN and the Internet Governance Ecosystem - 12:30-14:00 UTC

01:45:23 Heidi Ullrich, ICANN Org Staff: Today - At-Large Policy Session 1: End User Participation in ICANN PDPs and their Role within the ICANN ecosystem - 08:30-10:00 UTC

01:45:34 Gisella Gruber: Next At-Large session at 08:30 UTC: At-Large Policy Session 1: End User Participation in ICANN PDPs and their Role within the ICANN ecosystem

01:45:35 Jonathan Zuck: We know that .AMAZON was a bit of a debacle. There are plenty of brands that make use of the Nile, for example, which would not be a reserved name.

01:45:44 Maxim Alzoba: and most had special periods for registration for the needs of the local authorities, so public services, monuments, important names go there

01:46:07 Olivier Crépin-Leblond: Quick note: this session about ICANN PDPs should really avoid having an acronym in its title?

01:46:09 John McCormac - [HosterStats.com](https://hosterstats.com): One of the things that I see with some ccTLDs is that domains that are reasonably high value in .COM tend to be registered and then dropped repeatedly because they don't sell. It is the hopeful and naïve application of .COM values to ccTLDs markets.

01:46:21 Mark Datysgeld: In certain cases that became problems, it was that governments did not act rather than that there were no safeguards.

01:46:37 Olivier Crépin-Leblond: sure: briefly!

01:47:27 Maxim Alzoba: if the GEO applicant thinks well in advance - the government is well informed and aware of the potential benefits for the city/region

01:48:09 Mark Datysgeld: Ideally they would make a partnership plan with whoever is seeking the domain, but... politics.

01:48:17 John McCormac - [HosterStats.com](https://hosterstats.com): The classic example of .COM rules being applied to a ccTLD would have been the .EU landrush. That went badly for most of those involved and portfolios were being dumped within a year or two. (Multilanguage market targeted with primarily English language keyword registrations.

01:48:17 Mark Datysgeld: * the TLD

01:48:51 John McCormac - [HosterStats.com](https://hosterstats.com): @Mark There's also the problem of pushback from the ccTLDs in those markets.

01:49:06 Maxim Alzoba: but the authorities in all countries are not fast, annual cycles of everything, and any change on ICANN side can push plans -> next year due to the need of approval

01:49:08 Mark Datysgeld: @John True.

01:50:41 Mark Datysgeld: As a small reminder as the IDNs geek: for .eu, we have . as an option. :)

01:51:20 Cheryl Langdon-Orr - ALAC Liaison to GNSO Council: :-) @Mark from an APAC IDN Geek

01:51:42 Shreedeeep Rayamajhi: so true Olivia

01:51:45 Mark Datysgeld: Great to see you here, Cheryl.

01:52:01 Chokri Ben Romdhane: Great issues Olivier

01:52:02 Cheryl Langdon-Orr - ALAC Liaison to GNSO Council: I still serve ALAC and At-Large ;-)

01:52:02 John McCormac - [HosterStats.com](https://hosterstats.com): In terms of development, if a geoname has not got a sufficient market and brand awareness in the first three years, it will run into trouble by year 4/year 5 of operation. It can take about 10 years for some of the initial speculation to wash out of a new TLD.

01:52:33 Maxim Alzoba: GEOs have mostly local relevance

01:52:33 hadia Elminiawi: sorry old hand

01:52:36 Mark Datysgeld: @John that's very interesting insight.

01:52:46 alberto soto: Tanks, bye bye!!

01:52:50 Seun S. Ojedeji: thanks and bye

01:52:51 Maxim Alzoba: thanks all

01:53:01 Cheryl Langdon-Orr - ALAC Liaison to GNSO Council: Whetted our appetites for the week to come nicely thanks presenters!

01:53:03 John McCormac - [HosterStats.com](https://hosterstats.com): @Mark Eurid has done a lot of very good work in promoting .EU and should be a textbook case for geonames.

01:53:09 Amrita Choudhury: Thanks and see you in the next session :)

01:53:09 Chokri Ben Romdhane: thank you

01:53:12 Gisella Gruber: Next At-Large session at 08:30 UTC: At-Large Policy Session 1: End User Participation in ICANN PDPs and their Role within the ICANN ecosystem

01:53:22 Jonathan Zuck: .EU has done a LOT right

01:53:22 Roberto: see you soon at another session...

01:53:22 Satish Babu (APRALO): Bye for now...See you at the next session!

01:53:31 Dave Kissoondoyal - ALAC: Thanks and bye to all

01:53:37 Cheryl Langdon-Orr - ALAC Liaison to GNSO Council: Next is Flka

01:53:38 Holly Raiche: Bye Bye

01:53:38 Heidi Ullrich, ICANN Org Staff: Thank you for joining! Thanks also to all those who were involved in organising meetings.

01:53:46 Jonathan Zuck: Thanks everyone!

01:53:57 Harold Arcos: thanks everyone,,,

01:54:00 Herb Waye Ombuds: Take care everyone... have a great ICANN71 stay safe and be kind

01:54:04 Abdeldjalil Bachar Bong: Merci à tous

01:54:06 hadia Elminiawi: bye for now - see you in half an hour

01:54:06 Silvia Vivanco ICANN org: Thank you all ! See you at the sessions