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ICANN 51 Outlook

Next week, the ICANN community of stakeholders will gather in Los Angeles, California for ICANN 51, the final ICANN public meeting of this calendar year and also our annual general meeting.

As always, ICANN 51 will have a robust schedule of policy development working sessions and other events and activities related to ICANN's core work. Of course, the IANA Functions Stewardship Transition and ICANN Accountability discussions will continue throughout the week at ICANN 51.

The week begins with Monday's opening ceremony. President and CEO Fadi Chehadé will present his report on activities since ICANN 50 and a preview of things to come in the next few months. Later that day, the Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees have developed a high-interest topic

session focusing on the role of advisory committees in the policy development process as well as identifying and prioritizing matters of interest for the next round of new gTLDs.

Tuesday is an important day, when stakeholder and constituency groups have their internal, face-to-face meetings. Music Night returns at ICANN 51 that evening as well.

Wednesday, the GNSO Council and ccNSO Council will conduct open meetings, and the ASO Address Council will provide an update on its activities. The GAC will host an open forum and the RSSAC and SSAC will also have open sessions.

The week concludes on Thursday with the public forum—featuring remote hub participation from various At-Large structures worldwide—and the public meeting of the Board, which will include a community recognition program.

ICANN 51 promises to be another busy meeting. Please refer to the full schedule for specific details about session times, locations, and remote participation details. Safe travels and see you soon.

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Community Recognition at ICANN 51

At a Glance

The ICANN community will recognize the contributions of 24 volunteer leaders at ICANN 51.

Developments

Community-driven work is at the core of ICANN's policy development efforts. At ICANN 51, we will recognize 24 community leaders for their service across our Supporting Organizations, Advisory Committees, Stakeholder Groups, and Constituencies. We will also acknowledge the contributions of community members who participated actively in the important work of the Nominating Committee. The 24 leaders are:

- Foud Bajwa, APRALO Vice Chair
- Olivier Crépin-Leblond, ALAC Chair
- Alan Greenberg, ALAC Liaison to the GNSO
- Philip Johnson, AFRALO Secretariat
- Evan Leibovitch, ALAC Vice Chair

- Glenn McKnight, NARALO Secretariat
- Jean-Jacques Subrenat, ALAC Member
- Dev Anand Teelucksingh, ALAC Member
- Naresh Ajwani, ASO Address Council Member
- Keith Davidson, ccNSO Framework of Interpretation Working Group Chair
- Hong Xue, ccNSO Council Member
- John Berard, GNSO Council Member
- Ching Chiao, GNSO Council Member
- Jeffrey Eckhaus, Registrars Stakeholder Group Vice Chair
- Maria Farrell, GNSO Council Member
- Magaly Pazello, GNSO Council Member
- Klaus Stoll, GNSO Council Member
- Jennifer Wolfe, GNSO Council Member
- Ron Andruff, Nominating Committee Member
- Veronica Cretu, Nominating Committee Member
- Bill Manning, Nominating Committee Member
- John McElwaine, Nominating Committee Member
- Russ Mundy, Nominating Committee Member
- Vanda Scartezini, Nominating Committee Member

Next Steps

The community leaders will be recognized at the start of the Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, 16 October at 17:00 PDT.

More Information

- [Remote Participation Details](#) for the public meeting of the Board of Directors

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Over 20 New and Experienced Community Leaders to Participate in the 2014 Leadership Training Program

At a Glance

The ICANN Leadership Training Program will continue at ICANN 51in Los Angeles. This year's program will welcome over 20 new and experienced leaders of ICANN's Advisory Committees, Supporting Organizations and Stakeholder Groups (ACs, SOs and SGs). The program consists of several inter-related and interactive parts:

1. *Online Course on ICANN LEARN– Program participants have been asked to complete the "Beginners Guide to ICANN" course on ICANN LEARN.*

2. *Facilitation Skills and Orientation Training – The program is a mix of facilitation skills training, breakout sessions where participants will have the opportunity to practice their skills, and interactive orientation sessions on ICANN policies and processes.*

3. *Survey for Feedback – Participants will be asked to complete a short survey on their experiences following the completion of the program.*

4. *Feedback Session – A feedback session will take place on Wednesday, 15 October between 16:00-17:30 in the Encino Meeting Room. This session will serve as a feedback opportunity for all 2014 Leadership Training Program participants.*

Background

The concept of an ICANN Leadership Training Program was initiated by the At-Large Community and then expanded to include all AC/SO/SGs of the entire ICANN community.

A successful pilot Leadership Training Program was held in 2013 prior to the ICANN Meeting in Buenos Aries.

This leadership program has been designed to help AC/SO/SG leaders to more effectively manage inputs and contributions to ICANN's policy development efforts within their communities.

More Information

- 2014 Leadership Training Course Program
- ICANN Leadership Training Program 2013 Workspace
- Academy Working Group

Contacts

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Issues Currently Open for Public Comment

Several public comment periods are currently open on issues of interest to the ICANN community. Act now to share your views on the following topics:

> [Release of Country and Territory Names within the .NEUSTAR TLD](#). The [Registry Services Evaluation Policy](#) requires this proposal to be published for public comment. The proposal is to allow the registration of all country and territory names currently required to be reserved by Section 4 of Specification 5 of the Registry Agreement. Comment period ends 10 October; reply period ends 8 November.

> [Board Working Group Report on Nominating Committee](#). Recommendations include increasing number of appointees from ccNSO and ASO, and a reduction in the GNSO appointees. Comment period ends 21 October; reply period ends 13 November.

> [Introduction of Two-Character Domain Names for .JETZT, .GLOBAL, .NEUSTAR, .KIWI, .BERLIN](#). The [Registry Services Evaluation Policy](#) requires these proposals to be published for public comment. Reply period ends 24 October.

> [Proposed Changes to GNSO Operating Procedures](#). Recommendations to change the Council's ability to waive the deadline for submissions of motions for voting, and to vote outside a Council meeting. Reply period closes 30 October.

At any time, the full list of issues open for public comment, plus recently closed and archived public comment forums, can be found on the [Public Comment web page](#).

The staff also populates a web page to help preview potential "upcoming" public comment opportunities. This page – ["Public Comments - Upcoming" page](#) – provides information about potential future public comment opportunities. The page is updated after every ICANN Public Meeting to help individuals and the community to set priorities and plan their future workloads.

ASO

Regional Internet Registry Number Resource Policy Discussions

At a Glance

Each of the five Regional Internet Registries (RIRs) has a webpage that lists Internet number policy proposals that are under discussion in their respective geographic region. Internet number policy discussions take place on open policy mailing lists and at Public Policy Meetings (list and meeting information is provided).

This is a sample of some of the number policy and other discussions that took place on the RIR policy mailing lists this month.

AFRINIC
Proposal page: http://www.afrinic.net/en/library/policies

A new policy, "No Reverse Unless Assigned" (AFPUB-2012-DNS-001) has been implemented by AFRINIC after having gone successfully through the Policy Development Process. This policy limits AFRINIC (LIR) members from obtaining reverse delegation (rDNS) from AFRINIC unless the address space that the LIR has issued (assigned or sub-allocated) to its customers and/or own network infrastructure has been recorded in the AFRINIC whois Database by the LIR.

AFRINIC's Board of Directors announced on 17 September the departure of AFRINIC's founding CEO, Mr. Adiel A. Akplogan, who will be stepping down from his position on 31st January 2015.

APNIC
Proposal page: http://www.apnic.net/community/policy/proposals

Discussion continued regarding APNIC prop-111 (Request-based expansion of IPv6 default allocation size). The proposal would allow organizations that already have an IPv6 /32 to request their allocation be increased to an IPv6 /29 (a much larger network address).

APNIC piloted CONFER (CONsensus FEedback in Realtime), a prototype electronic consensus measurement aid, at the Open Policy Meeting at APNIC 38. CONFER is designed to make it easier for remote participants to respond to a Consensus Call during the APNIC Policy Special Interest Group (SIG). The APNIC Secretariat is currently evaluating the tool. Read more about CONFER here.

ARIN

Proposal page: https://www.arin.net/policy/proposals/

There was discussion about Draft Policy ARIN-2014-18: Simplifying Minimum Allocations and Assignments. This proposal would allow organizations to request and obtain the minimum assignment or allocation of IPv4 address space once every 12 months.

LACNIC

Proposal page: http://www.lacnic.net/en/web/lacnic/politicas

There was discussion of the IANA Stewardship Transition Process. LACNIC has more information available here. LACNIC also set up a mailing list for this topic with an archive and subscription information available here.

RIPE

Proposal page: http://www.ripe.net/ripe/policies/current-proposals/current-policy-proposals

There was discussion on the process for selecting Working Group Chairs. More information about this process, along with responsibilities and expectations, is available here.

Discussion continued on the policy proposal 2014-04, "Relaxing IPv6 Requirement for Receiving Space from the Final /8" which would allow members with an IPv6 assignment to receive an IPv4 /22 allocation from the last /8 without first having to swap their IPv6 assignment for an allocation. More information is available here.

It was announced that 2014-02, "Allow IPv4 PI Transfer," had reached consensus, which allows networks to transfer their Provider Independent (PI) assignments. More information is available here.

The discussion period for 2014-06, "Publication of Sponsoring LIR for Legacy Internet Resources Holders" ended, which aims to provide added transparency concerning the contractual relationships in cases where there is a sponsoring LIR. The RIPE NCC is now working on the draft document and impact analysis here.

Next Steps

AFRINIC 21 will be held in Mauritius 22-28 November 2014.
APNIC 39 and APRICOT 2015 wil be held in Fukuoka, Japan 24 February-6 March 2014.
ARIN 34 will be in Baltimore, Maryland 9-10 October 2014 (NANOG 62 is 6-8 October 2014).

LACNIC 22 will be in Santiago, Chile in October 2014.
RIPE 69 will be in London, United Kingdom 3-7 November 2014.

More Information

- AFRINIC (RPD)
- APNIC (Policy SIG)
- ARIN (PPML)
- LACNIC (politicas)
- RIPE (address-policy-wg)

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ASO and NRO Events at ICANN 51

At a Glance

Though the ASO Address Council (ASO AC) will not be conducting a formal meeting at ICANN 51, ASO AC members will be in attendance and participating actively in the week's activities. Additionally, the five members of the NRO Executive Council will be in Los Angeles.

Developments

Throughout the week, the ASO AC will conduct closed working sessions to discuss internal matters and number resource policy issues relevant to the five Regional Internet Registries. ASO AC members will also meet with the At-Large Advisory Committee.

The ASO AC and NRO EC will also have an open meeting with the ICANN Board of Directors on Wednesday, 15 October from 10:00 to 11:00 PDT in the Westwood meeting room. Finally, the ASO Information Session will take place on Wednesday, 15 October from 14:30 to 15:45 PDT in the Westwood meeting room.

Next Steps

The next ASO AC teleconference is scheduled for Wednesday, 5 November.

More Information

- Remote Participation Details for ASO AC/NRO EC Meeting with the Board of Directors
- Remote Participation Details for the ASO Information Session

- ASO Website

Staff Contact

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ccNSO

Feedback on Feedback London Meeting Published

At a Glance

The ccNSO's Programme Working Group has published its feedback on the meeting survey input received to the London meeting.

Recent Developments and Next Steps

The Programme Working Group has analyzed the feedback received in the meeting survey from the London meeting and has provided answers. Some of the suggestions are already being implemented.

Background

After every ccNSO Meeting, the Programme Working Group launches a survey, asking the participants to provide input on what they think went good or bad during the meeting. The survey is a very valuable tool to improve the quality of the ccNSO meetings and often brings good ideas on how to make things better.

In order to show that the Programme Working Group really listens to the respondents and takes the input seriously, the Working Group has started to provide a "Feedback on Feedback" paper, which directly addresses the input received – what measures that have been taken to implement the suggestion, or explanations why some things can't happen.

More Information

- Feedback on Feedback document
- Survey results, London meeting

Staff Contact

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ccNSO Opens Application Process for Travel Funding to Marrakech

At a Glance

The ccNSO Travel Funding Committee is now accepting applications to the ICANN meeting in Marrakech, Morocco 8 — 12 February 2015.

Recent Developments and Next Steps

Interested parties need to fill in and submit the travel funding application form by 24 October, 12:00 noon UTC.

Applications will be reviewed by the ccNSO Travel Funding Committee, which will make decisions by mid-November.

Background

The ccNSO has a limited number of seats which it can use for funding community members. Funding is made available to those who actively participate in the work of the ccNSO and make a special contribution to its projects and meetings.

The requirement to contribute to the work of the ccNSO is a key criteria. Applications, which do not clearly state any active contribution, are not eligible. Typical contributions can be an active engagement in a ccNSO working group, a presentation or other engagements that strengthen the activities of the ccNSO.

More Information

- Call for applications
- Travel Funding Guidelines
- General information
- Travel funding application form

Staff Contact

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Nomination Period for ccNSO Council and Board Seat 12 Closes

At a Glance

The Nomination period for the ccNSO Council and Board Seat 12 has ended.

Recent Developments and Next Steps

The ccNSO members recently ended their nominations to the ccNSO Council – and, in a separate nomination period – the nominations to fill seat 12 on the ICANN Board.

All nominees will need to attend a Q&A session at the ICANN Public Meeting in Los Angeles to explain their goals for the coming years. All community members are invited to ask questions.

Background

Every year, at the ccNSO Annual General Meeting (the AGM is the "first" ICANN meeting every year), the term of one Councilor from every region, ends. This means that five seats are up for nominations. Every Councilor can be re-nominated.

The following ccNSO Councilor's term are ending at the ccNSO AGM:

African Region: Vika Mpisane, .ZA
Asia-Pacific Region: Young-Eum Lee, .KR
European Region: Katrina Sataki, .LV
Latin American & Caribbean Region: Margarita Valdes, .CL
North American Region: Byron Holland, .CA

All listed Councilors were re-nominated, with no candidate standing against them, which means that no elections will be necessary in any of the regions.

At the same time, the term for Board Seat 12, held by Mike Silber, .ZA, is ending at ICANN's AGM at the end of 2015.

Mike Silber was eligible to re-stand for the seat for a final term and was nominated and seconded, with no other candidate standing against him. This means that no elections need to be conducted.

More Information

- ccNSO Councilors
- Call for Nominations to ccNSO Council
- ICANN Board Members
- Call for Nominations for a Director to the Board of ICANN
- Nominations Archive ccNSO Council
- Nominations Archive ICANN Board, seat 12

Staff Contact

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ccNSO Pre-Los Angeles Meeting Podcast posted

At a Glance

The ccNSO Secretariat team has recorded their second podcast – mainly focusing on the upcoming Los Angeles meeting.

Recent Developments and Next Steps

The ccNSO Secretariat team has recorded a new podcast, where various guests are interviewed to explain what's scheduled for the Los Angeles meeting and why it is important. In this edition, Leo Vegoda, ICANN Operational Excellence Manager, was also invited as a special guest, to explain what the Operational Excellence Program is about and what the community can do to give input.

Background

In order to find new ways to reach the community in an easy way, the ccNSO Secretariat has started to record podcasts, as listening to information, for some, can be easier than reading.

More Information

- The second ccNSO Podcast

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GNSO

18 Recommendations to Improve the Inter-Registrar Transfer Policy (IRTP)

At a Glance

The GNSO Inter-Registrar Transfer Policy (IRTP) Part D Policy Development Process (PDP) Working Group has submitted its Final Report to the GNSO Council, including 18 full-consensus recommendations that address charter questions related to Transfer Dispute Resolution, penalties for policy violations and the Form of Authorization. This PDP marks the culmination of a series of PDPs intended to clarify and improve the policy following a review that commenced in 2005.

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Recent Developments and Next Steps

The IRTP Part D PDP Working Group submitted its Final Report to the GNSO Council on 25 September 2014. The Final Report contains 18 Recommendations including:

1. Reporting requirements be incorporated into the TDRP policy.

2. A domain name be returned to the original Registrar of Record if it is found through a TDRP procedure that a non-IRTP compliant domain name transfer has occurred.

3. The statute of limitation to launch a TDRP be extended from the current 6 months to 12 months from the initial transfer.

4. If a request for enforcement is initiated under the TDRP the relevant domain be 'locked' against further transfers.

5. No dispute options for registrants be developed and implemented as part of the current TDRP, but the implementation of the IRTP Part C policy recommendations concerning a change of registrant should be closely monitored to determine whether dispute resolution mechanisms are necessary to cover the Use Cases in Annex C of the Final Report.

6. The TDRP be modified to eliminate the First Level (Registry) layer of the TDRP.

7. The Form of Authorization (FOA) should not be abandoned.

8. Following the implementation of all IRTP recommendations, a future review of the IRTP and the TDRP should be initiated, based on relevant data points that the Registries and Registrars should starting collect as soon as possible.

For full details on all 18 recommendations, please review the Final Report.

The GNSO Council will consider the Final Report for adoption during its meeting in Los Angeles. Following adoption by the GNSO Council, the recommendations will be published for public comment prior to consideration by the ICANN Board.

Background

The IRTP is a 2004 consensus policy developed through the GNSO's policy development process (PDP) and has been under review by the GNSO through a series of PDPs. The IRTP provides a straightforward procedure for domain name holders to transfer domain names between registrars. On the recommendation of the IRTP Part C Working Group, the GNSO Council agreed to combine all the remaining IRTP issues into this final PDP, IRTP Part D, in addition to one issue

that was raised by the IRTP Part C WG in its Final Report. The GNSO Council unanimously [adopted](#) the request for an Issue Report on IRTP Part D at its meeting on 17 October 2012. And so, this PDP is the fourth and final policy development process of different aspects of the Inter Registrar Transfer Policy.

The Group was charted to address the following six questions:

a) Whether reporting requirements for registries and dispute providers should be developed, in order to make precedent and trend information available to the community and allow reference to past cases in dispute submissions.

b) Whether additional provisions should be included in the TDRP (Transfer Dispute Resolution Policy) on how to handle disputes when multiple transfers have occurred.

c) Whether dispute options for registrants should be developed and implemented as part of the policy.

d) Whether requirements or best practices should be put into place for registrars to make information on transfer dispute resolution options available to registrants.

e) Whether existing penalties for policy violations are sufficient or if additional provisions/penalties for specific violations should be added into the policy.

f) Whether the universal adoption and implementation of EPP AuthInfo codes has eliminated the need of FOAs.

The IRTP Part D PDP Working Group published its [Initial Report](#) on 3 March 2014 for public comment. Following the reply period, the Working discussed the community feedback and published its [Final Report](#) on 25 September 2014.

More Information
- [IRTP Part D PDP Working Group – Final Report](#)
- [IRTP Part D PDP Working Group – Initial Report](#)
- [Working Group Charter](#)
- [Public Comments on Initial Report](#)
- [Working Group work space](#)

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59 Sessions and Counting: GNSO Preview for ICANN 51

At a Glance

There are 59 GNSO meetings scheduled during ICANN 51. Please note that the sessions highlighted below represent just a snapshot of the sessions that have been planned. Please make sure to consult the full schedule for a complete overview of the GNSO's LA agenda and to follow the @ICANN_GNSO twitter handle.

Background

The first GNSO event takes place on Friday: an all-day meeting of the Privacy and Proxy Accreditation Issues Policy Development Process (PDP) Working Group. This meeting is part of a GNSO pilot project on facilitated face-to-face PDP WG meetings. The idea is to maximize and focus face-to-face time and thereby aid the WG's discussions.

As always, the GNSO weekend session will provide an effective start to the Los Angeles Meeting, with busy agendas planned for both Saturday and Sunday. These two working session days will allow the GNSO community as well as others interested to take stock of the on-going GNSO activities, including presentations from all active working and discussion groups as well as engage with groups such as the ICANN Board and the Governmental Advisory Committee. In addition, the ICANN President and senior staff will provide updates on their work to the GNSO. Following the conclusion of the weekend sessions, in addition to some stakeholder group and constituency meetings, the GNSO Review Working Party and the GAC/GNSO Consultation Group are scheduled to meet on Sunday afternoon.

On Monday, several GNSO PDP Working Groups are meeting throughout the day, including the Translation and Transliteration of Contact Information PDP Working Group that is expected to present its Draft Initial Report for community discussion. Later in the afternoon that day, the joint GNSO/ccNSO Council Meeting will also take place.

The GNSO Stakeholder Groups and Constituencies will meet throughout the day on Tuesday. This includes meetings of the four GNSO's Stakeholder Groups with the ICANN Board.

Wednesday will see more GNSO Working Group meetings, such as the new gTLD Subsequent Procedures Discussion Group, the IGO-INGO Curative Rights Protection WG, and the Privacy and Proxy Accreditation Services Issues WG. In addition, the public meeting of the GNSO Council will take its usual spot Wednesday afternoon and will include the election of the GNSO Council Chair for the next year as well as the seating of six new Councilors and a new ALAC Liaison.

On [Thursday](#), the GNSO Council will meet for its Wrap-Up session, marking the conclusion of the GNSO's meetings in Los Angeles. The ICANN meeting will formally conclude with the ICANN 51 Public Forum and the public meeting of the ICANN Board, which are scheduled for Thursday afternoon.

More Information

- GNSO Homepage – www.gnso.icann.org
- GNSO Twitter Handle: @ICANN_GNSO

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At-Large

At-Large Community Activities in Los Angeles - Including Leadership Changes

At a Glance

Representatives from the At-Large community will hold 27 meetings during the 51st ICANN Public Meeting. In addition to their traditional policy meetings, the ALAC and Regional At-Large Organization officers will be meeting with the ASO/NRO, the ICANN Board of Directors, the ccNSO, the GAC, the IANA Stewardship Transition Coordination Group (ICG), the NCSG, the NomCom Leadership, the SSAC and senior ICANN staff. As it is the ICANN Annual General Meeting, there will be several leadership changes taking place at the end of ICANN 51. ALAC Hot topics to be discussed include implementation of recommendations from the Second At-Large Summit Declaration, ICANN Accountability and Transparency and [NTIA IANA Functions' Stewardship Transition](#) issues.

More Information

Descriptions of all the At-Large Meetings, including their time, location and agenda, are available on the [Los Angeles At-Large Los Angeles Meeting Agendas Workspace](#).

At the end of the ICANN 51 Meeting, Olivier Crépin-Leblond, who has served as the ALAC Chair since December 2010, will step down. He will be replaced by Alan Greenberg for a one-year renewable term.

Dr. Olivier Crépin-Leblond

Alan Greenberg

Also, Rinalia Abdul Rahim will formally take her place on the ICANN Board (Seat 15) as the director selected by the ALAC and At-Large. She will be replacing Sebastien Bachollet, who has served since December 2010.

Sebastian Bachollet

Rinalia Abdul Rahim

There will also be several departing and incoming ALAC and Regional Leaders.

Staff Contact

Heidi Ullrich, Senior Director for At-Large

ALAC Policy Development Activities from Mid-September to Early-October

At a Glance

The ALAC has maintained its regular pace on preparing Statements in response to ICANN Public Comments. Between mid-September and early-October, the ALAC submitted two Policy Advice Statements.

Recent Developments

The two ALAC Policy Advice Statements submitted between mid-September and early-October are summarized below.

ALAC Statement on the Introduction of Two-Character Domain Names for .JETZT, .GLOBAL, .NEUSTAR, .KIWI, .BERLIN – Same as the ALAC Statement on the Introduction of Two-Character Domain Names in the New gTLD Namespace (for explanations, please see this motion)

ALAC Statement on the Proposed Bylaws Changes Regarding Consideration of GAC Advice

- The ALAC salutes the Board's continued effort on the implementation of the ATRT1 and ATRT2 recommendations, specifically recommendation 11 of the ATRT1 and 6.5 of the ATRT2.

- Notwithstanding, the ALAC is concerned that the proposed Bylaws changes regarding consideration of GAC advice by the Board may derive in an unbalanced weight to the GAC's advice compared to that of the other ACs or the policies proposed by each of the SOs.

- Moreover, the ALAC observes a trend in the Internet Governance ecosystem that tends to push towards giving increased power to governments. The proposed Bylaws changes regarding consideration of GAC advice would add to this trend that we consider undesirable.

- Considering that the BGRI has already designed a "Process for consultations between the [Board] and the [GAC]," the ALAC calls the Board to reconsider the proposed bylaws changes and continue to foster equal footing among all participants of the ICANN community.

- If the Board is to implement this Bylaw change, the ALAC advises the Board to fully implement recommendation 9.1 of ATRT2 in the same round of Bylaw changes. This would preserve the delicate balance of advice coming from the ALAC, SSAC and RSSAC alongside the GAC.

- The ALAC is confident that the Board will continue to implement the recommendations of the ATRT1 and ATRT2 in a way that safeguards the

principles of the multistakeholder model, more specifically those that help bring balance among participants.

Next Steps

- Enhancing ICANN Accountability – ALAC voting on the Joint SO-AC-SG-C Comment on Enhancing ICANN's Accountability Process submitted by Keith Drazek
- Board Working Group Report on Nominating Committee (BWG-NomCom) – ALAC voting on a Statement
- Draft document from GAC Sub-group on Geographic Names – ALAC drafting a Statement
- Release of Country and Territory Names within the .NEUSTAR TLD – ALAC considering drafting a Statement

More Information

- At-Large Policy Development page

Staff Contact

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At-Large Community Now Includes 177 At-Large Structures

The At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) has certified one new organization as an At-Large Structure (ALS): Our Rights. This new ALS expands the regional diversity of the At-Large community, which represents thousands of individual Internet end-users. With the addition of this new organization, the number of accredited ALSes will now total 177.

Staff is currently awaiting Regional Advice from AFRALO Leadership for applicants ISOC South Africa Gauteng Chapter and the Cameroon League for Development.

Staff is also working on reviewing past ALS accreditations, de-certifications and databases in an effort to update information and eliminate duplicates, this explains the new total of At-Large Structures.

Recent Developments

The ALAC has voted for the certification Our Rights as an At-Large Structure. The certification process included due diligence carried out by ICANN staff and regional advice provided by the relevant Regional At-Large Organization (in this case, AFRALO).

Additional information on the new At-Large Structure:

Our Rights is located in Abuja, Nigeria. Our Rights seeks to accelerate the unrestricted access, knowledge and usability of the Internet in Africa especially in Nigeria. The organization aims to use this platform as a veritable tool to pursue the respect, applications and adherence to human rights in line with the United Nation's Charter on Human Rights. This organization will be an ALS within AFRALO.

Background

One of the strengths of the At-Large community is that it incorporates the views of a set of globally diverse, Internet end-user organizations, or ALSes, organized within five RALOs. The views of these grassroots organizations are collected through an internal, bottom-up, consensus-driven policy development process and find representation in the official documents of the ALAC.

More Information

- A complete list of certified and pending ALSes
- Statistical information on global ALS representation
- Global map of certified ALSes
- Information on how to join At-Large
- ICANN At-Large web site

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NARALO Outreach Event at ICANN 51 "Our Internet, Our Stories, Our Network – First Nations of the World"

At a Glance

As has become traditional, the Regional At-Large Organization (RALO) in the region where each ICANN Public Meeting takes place hosts an Outreach Event or Showcase. During the ICANN 51 Meeting in Los Angeles, the North American Regional At-Large Organization (NARALO) will host the NARALO Outreach Event on Wednesday, 15 October between 18:30 and 20:30 in the Olympic Meeting Room of the venue hotel. The theme of the event is: "Our Internet, Our Stories, Our Network – First Nations of the World". All members of the ICANN Community are invited to attend this special event.

More Information

The theme of "Our Internet, Our Stories, Our network – First Nations of the World" follows up on the recent efforts of NARALO to engage members of the First Nation community within the North American region in the internet eco-system. Thanks to these recent outreach efforts two NARALO ALSes Manitoba E-Association and Native Public Media, have joined NARALO. For a complete list see NARALO ALSes.

The Keynote speaker will be Jacqueline Johnson Pata, Executive Director, and National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). Ms. Pata is a member of the Raven/Sockeye Clan of the Tlingit Tribe and a member of the Central Council of the Tlingit-Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska. Ms. Pata was the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Native American Programs of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) during the Clinton Administration. She is engaged in numerous activities to maintain and further advance Native American culture and communities.

Jacqueline Johnson Pata

The Program also includes addresses by ICANN's President and CEO Fadi Chehadé, and ICANN's Chairman of the Board, Steve Crocker among other personalities and leaders of the At-Large community.

The evening will include an artistic dancing performance "First Nations Hoop Dancing" by the renowned Derrick Suwaima Davis, a Native Arizonan, from the Hopi and Choctaw Nations, followed by light refreshments.

<div align="center">Derrick Suwaima Davis</div>

This event will be a great opportunity for networking and to learn more about the NARALO's and the At- Large community's latest activities.

The event is possible thanks to the contributions of by [National Congress of American Indians (NCAI)](), [Native Public Media, Inc]() (NPM), [Afilias](), [Verisign]() and ICANN.

More Information

- [NARALO Outreach Event Website]()

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Geographic Names in Future New gTLD Rounds

At a Glance

A sub-group of the GAC's WG on Future New gTLD Rounds has issued a draft document regarding geographic names for community input. The document will also be presented and discussed at an open session on 15 October during the upcoming ICANN 51 meeting in Los Angeles.

Recent Developments

The GAC Sub-group on Geographic Names (part of the GAC Working Group on Future New gTLDs) is seeking community input on a [draft document]() for future New gTLD rounds, outlining several public policy aspects related to geographic names. A previous version of this draft was presented at the London meeting and a similar session will be held in Los Angeles on Wednesday 15 October 9.30 – 10:00 AM, in Plaza Pavilion.

Next Steps

The Working Group looks forward to community input provided during the session and welcomes comments from all interested parties by 31 October. Comments may be submitted to future-geo-doc-comments@gac.icann.org. Comments received will be posted on the Community Input page.

Background

ICANN receives input from governments through the GAC. The GAC's key role is to provide advice to ICANN on issues of public policy, especially where there may be interaction between ICANN's activities or policies and national laws or international agreements. The GAC usually meets three times a year at ICANN Public Meetings to discuss issues with the ICANN Board, Supporting Organizations, Advisory Committees and other groups. The GAC may also discuss with the Board at other times, meeting face-to-face or by teleconference.

More Information

- Session link, ICANN 51 Schedule
- Draft "The protection of geographic names in the new gTLDs process"
- GAC website, announcement for community input
- London GAC Communiqué

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GAC Open Forum in Los Angeles

At a Glance

On 15 October, the GAC will hold a "GAC Open Forum" session during the ICANN 51 meeting in Los Angeles, to inform attendees about the structure and operations of the GAC.

Recent Developments

Following a recommendation from the ATRT2, a first "GAC Open Forum" session was held at the GAC meeting in London in June (see the London GAC Communiqué) to inform the community about the GAC and its working methods. The Internet Governance Forum in Istanbul in September featured a similar session. The "GAC Open Forum" in Los Angeles will draw on those experiences, and include ample time for questions and discussions. The session will take

place in the GAC room, Plaza Pavilion, on <u>Wednesday 15 October from 8:00 – 9:30 AM local time</u>.

Next Steps

The GAC already counts 141 governments as Members and 31 IGOs as Observers. Adding to that, a number of new members will be announced and welcomed in Los Angeles.

More Information

- [Session link, ICANN 51 Schedule](#)
- [GAC website](#)
- [London GAC Communiqué](#)

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RSSAC

RSSAC Completes and Publishes New Operational Procedures Document

At a Glance

As part of its restructure effort, the RSSAC has completed and published its new operational procedures document: RSSAC 000.

Developments

RSSAC 000 concludes a year of work for the RSSAC. The document provides the RSSAC with processes and procedures to carry out its work as an Advisory Committee in the ICANN policy development community. RSSAC 000 also defines the roles of the RSSAC Co-Chairs and Liaisons. Finally, the RSSAC operational procedures document defines the purpose and scope of the RSSAC Caucus.

Next Steps

RSSAC 000 will be revisited periodically as the RSSAC begins to utilize it in its work. Subsequent minor changes will be published as revisions to RSSAC 000, whereas any substantial changes will lead to a new publication.

More Information

- [RSSAC 000](#)
- [RSSAC Publications](#)

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RSSAC Activities at ICANN 51

At a Glance

The RSSAC has a full schedule of activities planned for ICANN 51 as it continues to engage in ICANN Public Meetings.

Developments

During the week, the RSSAC will conduct three closed working sessions. These sessions are designed to provide RSSAC members with ample time to discuss their various work items ranging from internal administrative issues to the ongoing activities of two work parties finishing documents for publication. The RSSAC will also be meeting with the ICANN Nominating Committee.

The RSSAC will also host an open meeting in conjunction with an information session about the RSSAC Caucus. The session is scheduled for Wednesday, 15 October from 10:30am to 12:00pm PDT in the Los Angeles room at the Hyatt Regency Century Plaza.

Next Steps

After ICANN 51, the RSSAC will transition to a monthly schedule of teleconferences.

More Information

- [Remote Participation Details](#) for RSSAC Meeting and Caucus Information Session at ICANN 51
- [RSSAC Homepage](#)

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No article this month.

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