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GAC Virtual Cancun Meeting

Africa ICANN67 Readout Webinar
The Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) of ICANN

- The voice of Governments and Intergovernmental Organizations (IGOs) on issues of public policy in ICANN’s multistakeholder structure
- 178 Members and 38 Observers

- Met remotely from 9 to 12 March 2020
- 61 GAC Members and 6 Observers participated
- All GAC calls were conducted as open sessions

- At the end of the virtual meeting:
  - GAC issued its Communique
  - Start of term of GAC Vice Chairs: Argentina, Burkina Faso, Canada, Cook Islands & Switzerland
GAC Plenaries and Communiqué

Issues of Importance to the GAC

- Acquisition of PIR (.org)
- Subsequent Rounds of New gTLDs
  - Closed Generics
  - Public Interest Commitments (PICs)
  - Role of GAC Early Warning/GAC Advice
  - Applicant Support Program
  - Community Applications

- Domain Name Registration Directory
- Service and Data Protection
Other GAC Scheduled Sessions

- Community Discussions:
  - Public Forum
  - GNSO Policy Development Process Working Groups
- Bilateral Meetings:
  - Board
  - ALAC
- Working Groups Meetings:
  - Public Safety Working Group
  - Under-Served Regions Working Groups
- Wrap-up Session:
  - Operational & Internal Matters
  - Feedback on first-ever GAC/ICANN remote meeting
Thank You

Questions?
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ICANN 67 Virtual Community Forum

At-Large Activities
- Policy
- Stakeholder meetings
- Projects
- Regional Activities
POLICY

- 2 policy workshops on DNS abuse
- A policy workshop on (DoT) and (DoH)
- CC roundtable on cybersecurity & geopolitics in a MS environment
- At-Large Policy work Process
STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

- Governmental Advisory Committee GAC
- ICANN Board
- Discussion with CEO, Board Chair and Vice-Chair
PROJECTS

- At-Large review implementation
- Post ATLAS III activities

REGIONAL ACTIVITY

- AFRALO-AfrICANN joint meeting
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Introduction

• As part of the session we presented draft African Strategic working Group.

• The African Strategic Working group was inaugurated in Jan, 2020.

• It comprises of 25 members across Africa with different background skill set and experience within ICANN.

• The WG had an inaugural meeting 27th January 2020.
The African Strategic Plan FY 20-25

• The document aligns the regional needs and priorities of the African community with ICANN’s overall corporate strategy FY21-25.

• Presents ICANN orgs 5-year strategic plan for the African region.

• The document was prepared by the African community with input from various stakeholder groups.

• It presents how the community intends to overcome some current challenges and offers proposals a plan to be executed by the community and ICANN to ensure that Africa effectively contributes and participates in the implementation of the ICANN strategic plan.

• Feedback was taken during the session and most of it has been reflected in the document.
• In line with ICANN’s overall corporate strategy FY21-25, this document also identify 5 key areas
  • Security
  • ICANN Governance
  • Unique Identifiers System
  • Geopolitics
  • Financial
For each, we identify:
  • Specific objectives
  • Goals
  • Strategic Outcomes
  • Action Steps
  • Strategic Risks
Summary

• The strategic plan outlined key areas for the ICANN African region for the year 2021-2025.

• We hope that the plan would help accelerate the process of achieving the goals of ICANN within the African region.

• We greatly note the importance of having a regional office in Africa to help and support the current team to drive this strategy when it finally approved.

• Appreciation to members and those who attended the session.
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New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP Working Group – ICANN 67
What is the PDP about? Why is it important?

- GNSO recommendations from 2007 resulted in the Applicant Guidebook and the 2012 round of the New gTLD Program.

- The New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP (“SubPro”) is focused on considering the 2012 round policy and determining what changes might need to be made to the original GNSO recommendations from 2007 and/or implementation.

- The PDP was chartered and began its work in early 2016.

- The PDP has over 40 separate topics identified in its charter and initially broke into Work Tracks (1-5) to tackle work. Sample of topics:
  - Community Applications
  - Applicant Support
  - Geographic Names at the Top Level
Current Status

- The Initial Report was published for public comment on 3 July 2018.
- The WG also worked on a set of 5 topics that needed additional discussion, which were published in late October 2018 for public comment in the form of a Supplemental Initial Report.
- Work Track 5 (geo names at the top-level) published its own Supplemental Initial Report in December of 2018.
- The WG is in the midst of developing draft final recommendations and is working towards publishing its draft Final Report for public comment.
SubPro Timeline *

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* Note: This timeline represents what the WG considers to be a worst-case scenario and the WG will actively strive to beat this timeline. As a result, WG milestones, like the public comment period, may in fact take place earlier than is depicted here.

**KEY**
- Blue diamond: Publish draft Final Report for public comment
- Brown diamond: Close of Public Comments
- Green diamond: Final Report Delivered to Council
Recap of Discussion of draft Final Report Topics

- **Closed Generics**
  - Are there any circumstances where a closed generic can exist as a TLD?
  - What does it mean to “serve a public interest goal?”

- **Public Interest Commitments**
  - Mandatory PICs
  - Registry Voluntary Commitments

- **Role of GAC Early Warnings/Advice**
  - Codify 2012 Round Process
  - Reflect 2016 New Bylaws

- **Applicant Support**
  - Increase Global Outreach
  - Improve Access to Non-Financial Support
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ccNSO ICANN67 Meeting

Presented by:
Abdalla Omari, ccNSO Council Member
ccNSO Activities done online

• Election for ccNSO board Nominee
• Election of ccNSO Leadership
• SOPC (Strategic and Operation Planning Committee), comments for FY21-25 operating and financial plan
The ccNSO Council nominated Patricio Poblete as Director fulfilling ICANN Board Seat 11. Patricio's 3-year term will start at the end of ICANN69 in Hamburg, Germany.
The new ccNSO Leadership for the next one year

Katrina Sataki (.lv)
Chair

Pablo Rodriguez (.pr)
Vice Chair

Alejandra Reynoso (.ar)
Vice Chair
There will be a ccNSO Council Meeting on 7\textsuperscript{th} April, 2020, to discuss preparations for a possible ICANN68 virtual meeting.

Observers are allowed to attend
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Universal Acceptance of Domain Names and Email Addresses (UA) at ICANN67

Abdalmonem Galila | UA Ambassador | 05 Min
Universal Acceptance Initiative

**Vision**
All domain names and all email addresses work in all software applications

**Impact**
Promote consumer choice, improve competition and provide broader access to end users
Categories Affected By UA Issues

Newer top-level domain names: example.web
Longer top-level domain names: example.africa
Internationalized Domain Names: 

- Rendering problems
  - Displaying A-Label: xn----ymcbaaajlc6dj7bxne2c.xn--wgbh1c
  - Right-To-Left Context: وزارة.الاتصالات.مصر (domain name in Arabic)

Email Address Internationalization: 

- Available standards not implemented by all email software and service providers making email delivery unreliable
- Test if your email is compliant: Günte@Bücher.berlin

Test if your email is compliant: https://uasg.tech/eai-check/
UA Readiness Criteria’s

Accept

Validate

Store

Process

Display
Universal Acceptance at ICANN

- Universal Acceptance is a strategic focus for ICANN org

- Universal Acceptance is part of the ICANN Strategic Plan for 2021-2025
  - Unique Identifier System - Strategic goal: Foster competition, consumer choice, and innovation in the Internet space by increasing awareness and encouraging readiness for Universal Acceptance, IDN implementation, and IPv6.

- This is a priority area of the community, evident from the community organizing Cross-Community High Interest topics in past two ICANN meetings:
  - @ICANN65
  - @ICANN66
ICANN67 Outreach Strategy and Interactions

- At ICANN67, divided and integrated focused sessions within ICANN schedule
  - Mon, 9 Mar.   UA: Technology WG and Internationalized Email WG Meeting
  - Wed, 11 Mar.  UA: Local Initiatives Working Group and Ambassadors
  - Thu, 12 Mar.  UA: Communications and Coordination WG Meeting

- Based on FY20 Action Plan, the following activities taken:
  - Define UA readiness in detail & Training materials
  - Develop an inventory of email service providers along with their contacts
  - Review, update and develop technical documentations and make its translation available for EAI Deployment
  - Discussing best practices for mailbox accounts
Thank You

- Visit https://uasg.tech to access all UA documents and presentations
- Contribute to UA
  - Join UASG Working Groups
  - Join UA-discuss list
- For further information, please email info@uasg.tech
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EPDP Phase 2

Phase 2 scope:
- Discussion of a system for standardized access/disclosure to nonpublic registration data. (Priority 1)
- Issues noted in the Annex to the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data.
- Issues deferred from Phase 1, such as legal vs. natural persons, redaction of city field, etc. (Priority 2)

Following review of several real-life use cases for requestors of nonpublic registration data, the EPDP Team distilled common themes to develop building blocks and policy principles on a variety of topics.
- The building blocks include, among others, accreditation of requestors, content of requests, response requirements, query policy, acceptable use policy, automation, logging, financial considerations, etc.
- The building blocks have been used to form the preliminary policy recommendations in the EPDP Team’s Initial Report, which was published for public comment on Friday 7 February 2020 and open till 23 March.
EPDP Phase 2 - Summary Timeline

Project Management, Workplan, & Factsheet

EPDP-P2 Priority 1 Deliberations

Construct Initial Report

Public Comment on Initial Report

Council Consideration of Final Report

Public Comment prior to Board Consideration

Complete: 81% Status: ⬤ Condition: ⬤

EPDP-P2 Priority 2 Deliberations\(^{(1)}\)

Review of Public Comment & Submission of Final Report

Board Consideration

Priority 1 - Unplanned

\(^{(1)}\) Items from priority 2 could be incorporated in the Final Report for priority 1, depending on their date of completion or they may be presented separately in a separate report and public comment.
At ICANN67 (1/2)

Meetings

Due to the changes with virtual meetings, the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) Team changed its plan to have only 2 sessions scheduled at ICANN67

- **Tuesday, 10 March**

- **Thursday, 12 March**

The EPDP Team continued its deliberations on Priority 2 topics, including the feasibility of unique contacts to have a uniform anonymized email address, city field redaction, WHOIS accuracy, revised Purpose 2, and automation use cases. The EPDP Team also discussed draft responses to questions from ICANN org and underlying assumptions regarding System for Standardized Access/Disclosure (SSAD) cost estimation.
The EPDP Team agreed on the draft recommendation text for both the feasibility of unique contacts to have a uniform anonymized email address and city field redaction.

Following the receipt of guidance from the ICANN Board on revised Purpose 2, the EPDP Team agreed to discuss the issue further.

The EPDP Team also extensively discussed automation use cases and has asked its legal committee to consider asking outside counsel for further guidance on the proposed automation use cases, specifically with respect to risk and liability.

The EPDP Team discussed a potential ICANN Office of the Chief Technology Officer (OCTO) purpose, and a small sub-team to discuss the draft responses to questions from ICANN org and underlying assumptions regarding SSAD cost estimation.

EPDP team chair also seeked guidance from GNSO Council regarding the topics of accuracy and if it is within the scope.
Addendum to the Phase 2 Initial Report regarding priority 2 topics was published 26 March: Display of information of affiliated vs. accredited privacy/proxy providers, Legal vs. natural persons, City field redaction, Data retention, Potential Purpose for ICANN’s Office of the Chief Technology Officer (e.g., ICANN Research Purpose), Feasibility of unique contacts to have a uniform anonymized email address, Accuracy and WHOIS Accuracy Reporting System, Purpose 2 (e.g., Security, Stability, and Resiliency Purpose).

Community members who were unable to provide their public comment by the original deadline are invited to provide their feedback on the Initial Report by the addendum deadline of Sunday, 3 May.

EPDP team started reviewing the comments received and assess if amendments are required.
Further Information

◉ Resources

◉ Phase 2 Building Blocks: https://community.icann.org/x/k5ICBw
◉ EPDP Initial Report: https://go.icann.org/2E6DEbh
◉ EPDP Final Report: https://go.icann.org/2TNA63g
◉ EPDP Webpage: https://go.icann.org/2O8UTP6
◉ EPDP Workspace: https://go.icann.org/2LKujuF
◉ EPDP Charter: https://go.icann.org/2MsBAAx
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