



Guide for ICANN Los Angeles



**ccNSO, gNSO and GAC
key issues**

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The ccNSO meeting will take place on Tuesday 14 and Wednesday 15 October in the Westside room.
<http://ccnso.icann.org/meetings/los-angeles51/agenda.htm>

Highlights

Framework of interpretation

The FoI WG has finalized its report and will present it during two sessions at the ccNSO. The final report is available at <http://ccnso.icann.org/workinggroups/foi-final-07oct14-en.pdf> and should be considered essential reading. The report combines the group's findings on Consent, Significant Interested Parties and revocation (i.e. unconsented redelegation). While outside the scope of the report, the IANA steward-ship transition gives an extra dimension to this document.

Tuesday 08.40 - 09.50 & 12.00 - 12.30

Council elections and ICANN Board election

5 ccNSO councilors and one of the two ccNSO appointees to the ICANN Board are at the end of their term, all stand unopposed for re-election. A Q&A will be held, questions can be sent in in advance.

Tuesday 12.30 - 13.00

IANA stewardship transition

Like most SOs and ACs, the ccNSO has planned a discussion on the IANA Stewardship Transition and has tied it in with an update on ICANN accountability. Since London, the process has shaped up and ccTLD reps have been appointed to the IANA Coordination Group and the cross community working group on the IANA transition. The session on Tuesday provides an update of what has happened so far. The panel discussion on Wednesday will be looking forward and discuss input and work planning.

Tuesday 16.00 - 17.00

Wednesday 14.00 - 15.30 (panel discussion)

Internet Governance

A session on Internet Governance looks quite promising with an overview of IG initiatives, the future of IGF and what to expect from the ITU Plenipot 2014.

Tuesday 14.00 - 15.00

Other sessions

A session which seldom disappoints: the update from and discussion with the ICANN Board members appointed by the ccNSO.

Wednesday 10.15 - 10.45

Tech Day has added an additional day to its regular schedule and is now meeting jointly with OARC on Sunday. Meetings on Sunday and Monday will be held in Westside room.

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All GAC sessions will take place in the Plaza Pavilion room. The default operating modality for the GAC is to have all GAC sessions open to observers unless specifically requested by GAC members to be closed. At this stage, the only closed session is the drafting of the GAC communiqué on Wednesday, 15 October, 14:00-18:00.

What's on the GAC's radar at ICANN Los Angeles

1. GAC Chair and Vice Chair elections

All four of the current Chair and Vice Chairs have reached the end of their maximum term limits and must step down from their roles at ICANN 51. Elections will be held on **Tuesday 14 October** by secret ballot.

- **GAC Chair**

The election will take place **Tuesday 14 October, 10:30-11:00**. There are two nominees for the position of Chair:

- Dr Imad Youssef Hoballah, Lebanon
- Mr Thomas Schneider, Switzerland

- **GAC Vice Chairs**

The election will take place **Tuesday 14 October, 15:30-16:00**. There are six nominees for the three available positions of Vice Chair:

- Ms Olga Cavalli, Argentina
- Dr Vujica Lazovic, Montenegro
- Mr. Henri Kassen, Namibia
- Ms Gema M. Campillos González, Spain
- Mr Wanawit Ahkuputra, Thailand
- Mr Ihsan Durdu, Turkey

2. IANA stewardship transition and ICANN accountability

Just as other ICANN communities are spending a significant portion of the Los Angeles meeting discussing IANA stewardship and ICANN accountability, the GAC will also have these issues on their agenda.

- The GAC will continue discussion of the implementation of GAC-related parts of the previous ICANN accountability process (ATRT2) on **Sunday 12 October, 9:00-10:00**.
- Combined discussions on IANA stewardship and ICANN accountability will take place in the GAC on **Saturday 11 October, 17:30-18:00** and **Sunday 12 October, 10:30-12:30**.
- The GAC will meet with the IANA Stewardship Transition Coordination Group (ICG) on **Wednesday 15 October, 10:30-11:30**.

How the GAC is participating in the IANA stewardship transition process

There are five GAC members on the ICG, who will represent consensus GAC opinions at ICG meetings. The five GAC representatives on the ICG, together with the Vice Chairs of the GAC, form a “Contact Group” that provides information on the IANA stewardship process to the rest of the GAC members. The GAC is also planning to participate in the Cross-Community Working Group to Develop an IANA Stewardship Transition Proposal on Naming Related Functions. Individual members of the GAC, along with governments that aren’t part of the GAC, can also participate in their individual capacities in the other community processes to develop stewardship proposals.

3. Whois

At the previous ICANN meeting, in London, the GAC recognized the significant public policy implications associated with whois. At that time, it was unable to provide feedback to a public comment period on the final report of the Expert Working Group on gTLD Directory Services but decided that it would need to further discuss the public policy implications of whois at the Los Angeles meeting. This discussion will take place on Sunday, **12 October, 14:00-15:00** and Tuesday, **14 October, 12:00-12:30**.

4. Geographic names and new gTLDs

In the wake of the GAC objections to applications for strings with geographic associations, such as .AMAZON, .PATAGONIA and .SPA, in the first round of new gTLDs, the GAC produced [guidelines](#) to protect geographic names in future rounds of new gTLDs. The guidelines are available for [public comment until 31 October](#) and the GAC will be holding a briefing for the ICANN community on its proposed guidelines on **Wednesday, 15 October, 9:30- 10:00**.

5. Two-character domain names in new gTLDs

This short discussion, taking place on **Tuesday, 14 October, 16:00-16:30**, will address the wish of some new gTLD operators to allow two-character second level domain names that can represent country names (two-letter ISO-3166 country codes).

6. Human rights

This is not a large part on the GAC’s agenda at ICANN Los Angeles, but it is a very sensitive topic and likely to reflect wider divisions between governments on human rights issues at the United Nations. The session, scheduled for **Tuesday, 14 October, 9:30-10:00**, is not labeled a GAC-specific session, but an ICANN-wide session. It is, however, organized by the GAC. As with the issue of geographic indicators raised by .WINE and .VIN, the introduction of human rights into the ICANN sphere deepens links between public policy issues discussed in international intergovernmental forums and the forums that primarily focus on technical Internet governance. These interactions will increase the need to harmonize or coordinate between these different forums, and GAC members, as participants in both intergovernmental forums and ICANN, may have an important role to play in connecting those two worlds. How the GAC manages this session, therefore, could be an indication of how the GAC intends to approach that role in the near future.

Other key GAC sessions to keep an eye on

1. New gTLDs - Board Responses to GAC Advice: Sunday, 12 October, 14:30-16:00
2. GAC/ccNSO Joint Meeting: Tuesday, 14 October, 11:00-12:00
3. Joint Meeting of the GAC & ICANN Board: Tuesday, 15 October, 17:00-18:00
4. GAC Open Forum: Wednesday, 15 October, 8:00-9:30

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Introduction (GNSO)

Key work in the GNSO takes place on the first Saturday and Sunday before the official opening on Monday of the ICANN meeting. On the Saturday (11th October) the GNSO will hear updates from the working groups as well as a discussion with SSAC. The session will also include a short QnA with Jonathan Robinson concerned his re-election as Council Chair which we was nominated for recently. On Sunday the GNSO will meet with the Global Domain Division (GDD), Theresa Swinehart, CEO Fadi Chehade the ICANN Board and the GAC. There is a joint GNSO/ccNSO [session](#) to be held on Monday 13th at 17.00. At the writing of this report, the details of topics to be discussed with Board and/or CEO are not known.

The below outlines some of the areas of work and discussions within the GNSO, their background, recent updates and suggested sessions for ICANN51 in Los Angeles. More detail on these areas and others will be include the CENTR report of ICANN51 due shortly after the meeting.

IANA transition and Stewardship

Background: In March 2014, the US Commerce department's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) announced its intent to transition the IANA functions to the global multi-stakeholder community. It was noted strongly that NTIA will not accept a proposal that replaces the NTIA role with a government-led solution and asked ICANN to come up with a plan of transition. The idea in ICANN is that each of the affected communities take the lead in developing a transition proposal.

Update: The CWG to Develop an IANA Stewardship Transition Proposal on Naming Related Functions is currently forming and has a charter adopted by the ccNSO, GNSO, ALAC, SSAC and under consideration by the GAC. They held a meeting on 6th October and will hold their first face to face meeting at ICANN51.

Suggested session:

CWG meeting - IANA Stewardship Transition Proposal (Naming) Mon 13th October 12.15-13.45 ([agenda link](#))

More information: To follow the debates of this group, you can email grace.abuhamad@icann.org to be added to the mailing list. More information on the NTIA transition [here](#)

New gTLDs and subsequent rounds

A (non PDP) group formed around ICANN50 (London) and will be reviewing the first round of new gTLDs reflected on experiences gained. The group is expected to draft a report of its findings which might include some subjects for future GNSO issue reports and suggested changes to subsequent new gTLD applications. A dedicated session entitled 'update on new rounds of new gTLDs' is also taking place (See below) which could see some estimations on timelines. Additionally, there will be the usual new gTLD program update from staff providing statistics and insights to the application process.

Suggested session:

Discussion group meeting - Wed 15th October 8.30-10.15 ([agenda link](#))

Update on next round of new gTLDs – Mon 13th October 15.15 ([agenda link](#))

New gTLD update session Mon 13th October 16.45-18.00 ([agenda link](#))

Purpose of gTLD registration data and the EWG

Background: The board requested an issue report on the purpose of collecting and maintaining gTLD registration data as well as proposals to improve accuracy and access. They also created the Expert Working Group (EWG) in parallel. Recommendations from the [report](#) (June 2014) from the EWG are expected to help inform the work of a preliminary issue report from this group and discussion on this area is expected at ICANN51.

Update: The GNSO are discussing the work of the gTLD Registrations data PDP and how it relates to recommendations of the EWG. It was noted recently that the EWG, contrary to some previous concerns, are not circumventing GNSO policy process and rather providing additional insights which would hopefully inform the discussion in the PDP working group.

“CWG Squared”

There is an increasing need for cross community working groups given the number of issues with common interests to the various SO/ACs within ICANN. In March 2014, the ccNSO and GNSO Councils approved a charter for a Cross Community WG to develop a framework of principles for formation, chartering, operations, decision making and termination of CWGs. The group is sometimes referred to as ‘CWG Squared’ as it is a cross community WG to look at cross community WGs. The group is currently working on this topic (reviewing past efforts and working on frames for typical life cycles of CWGs).

Suggested Session: Wed 15th October – 11.30-13.00 ([Agenda link](#))

CWG on the use of Country and Territory names as TLDs

Background: The aim of this group is to review the issues related to the use of Country/Territory names under different policies (new gTLD IDN ccTLD, RFC 1591) and potentially develop a framework which could be used across the SO/ACs.

Update: The group held its first meetings in June 2014 and has developed an initial work plan. They will meet with members of the GAC at ICANN51 to discuss issues identified by the study group.

Suggested session:

Meeting of the WG – Thurs 16th October 08.00-09.15 ([agenda link](#))

GNSO/GAC Relations and engagement

Background: A GAC-GNSO consultation group was established to address the issue of GAC early engagement in the GNSO Policy development process and contains representatives from both groups. The consultation group which began in late 2013 discuss issues ranging from day to day cooperation between the groups as well as specific issues of common interest. Exemplified by the IGO/INGO issues (see below), the group is also seen as a way to help deal with potential conflicting advice and policy between the two groups.

Update: Discussions have advanced and a pilot project of a GNSO liaison (Mason Cole) to the GAC has been established.

Suggested Sessions:

Joint GNSO/GAC meeting - Sun 12th October 15.00-16.30 ([Agenda link](#))

Consultation group session – Sun 12th October 18.30-19.30 ([agenda link](#))

IGO/INGO identifiers protection in all gTLDs

Background: Recommendations voted on during ICANN48 state that exact matches of the full IOC, RC/RC, IGO and INGO names should not be eligible for delegation as gTLDs. The GNSO Council however also recommended not to protect acronyms of these organizations and rather just have a 90 day claim period in the Trademark Clearinghouse (TMCH) – this conflicts with GAC advice.

Update: ICANN Board directed the new gTLD program committee (NGPC) to develop a proposal that would take in both GAC advice and GNSO policy recommendations into account. The sent a letter to the GNSO in June 2014 request amendments to the policy (via section 16 of the PDP manual) with regard to advice inconsistent with GNSO recommendations. Discussions are ongoing which will likely continue at GNSO sessions at ICANN51. The GNSO recently have drafted a letter to the NGPC where it's likely they will state their willingness to consider amending specific aspects of remaining policy recommendations. The GNSO council recently initiated a PDP (curative rights) to evaluate where the UDRP and URS should be amended to enable access by the IGO/INGOs or to possibly develop a separate (and narrow) dispute resolution procedure specific to IGOs and INGOs modeled on the URDP/URS.

Suggested session:

Board response to GAC advice – Sat 11th October 14.30+16.00 ([agenda link](#))

Motions for GNSO Council Meeting

The following are motions for voting before the GNSO Council on Wednesday 16th October.

1. IRTP Part D Final Report - The GNSO Council recommends to the ICANN Board of Directors the adoption of the IRTP Part D recommendations (#1 to #18) as detailed in the IRTP Part D [Final Report](#)
2. Adoption of a Charter for a Cross Community Working Group to discuss Internet governance (CWG-IG) issues affecting ICANN and make recommendations to the chartering organization