



Guide to ICANN58 Copenhagen



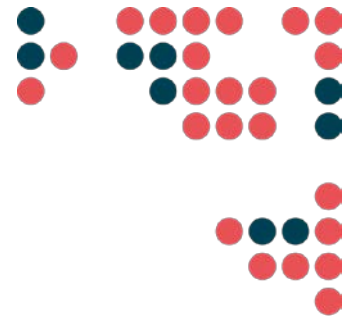
ccNSO and GAC key issues

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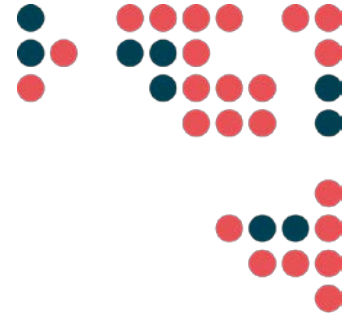
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ccNSO pre-report

The ccNSO Tech Day is taking place on Monday 13 March. The agenda for the Tech Day can be found [here](#).

The ccNSO members' meeting is taking place on Tuesday 14 and Wednesday 15 March. The agenda for the ccNSO members' meeting and additional documents can be found [here](#).

Both will take place in Hall C1.2.

The following is an overview of the key topics that will be discussed in the ccNSO members' meeting during these two days and some recommendations for other relevant sessions to attend.

Working group updates

This is the right session to attend if you want an overview of the intersessional work that took place since ICANN57. Expect updates on the guidelines that detail the ccNSO operating procedures, the TLD-Ops group, the strategic and operational planning, the auction proceeds working group and most importantly, the country and territory names working group.

The cross-community working group on the use of country & territory names as TLDs ([CWG-UCTN](#)) will recommend that 2-character codes (in ASCII) should remain reserved for use as ccTLDs. Further, the CWG has analysed the community feedback on 3-character codes. The CWG-UCTN subsequently developed its [Interim Paper](#) for public comment, which includes the findings, observations and views of the members, including the view of the group that for various reasons, a harmonized framework for the use of country, territory and other geographic names is not feasible. The assessment whether such a framework is feasible was the first task of the group per its [Charter](#). The comment period will remain open until end of April.

All documents from this working group can be found [here](#).

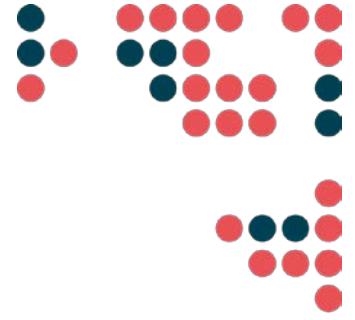
Meeting:

- ccNSO WG updates, Tuesday 14 March, 9.30 – 10.30, Hall C1.2

Policy Development Process: Retirement of ccTLD and Review Mechanism for the decisions on delegation, revocation and retirement of ccTLDs

This is the formal ccNSO Policy development process to develop recommended policies regarding the retirement of ccTLDs and an Appeals Mechanism on issues of delegation, revocation and retirement of ccTLDs. To date, there is no relevant policy, and with the completed IANA transition the ccTLD community believes the policies need to be in place. At ICANN56 in Helsinki, the ccNSO Council requested an issue report ([ccNSO council decision 12007](#)). A drafting team has prepared the charters for two working groups under the ccNSO [policy development process](#): one charter on the development of a review mechanism for the decisions on delegation, revocation and retirement of ccTLDs, and the second one on the retirement of ccTLDs. The major tasks of the drafting team were to scope the issues to be addressed and to define the working methods. The results have been included in the Issue Report, which will be presented to the community in Copenhagen, and then to the ccNSO Council for adoption.

All documents from this working group can be found in the group's [wikispace](#). Unfortunately, the issue report is not publicly available at the time of writing.



Meeting:

- Policy Development Process Session, Tuesday 14 March, 15.15 – 16.00, Hall C1.2

Update by the Competition, Consumer Trust and Consumer Choice Review Team

As part of its [Affirmation of Commitments](#) with the U.S. Department of Commerce, ICANN has committed to conducting a regular review of how the New gTLD Program has impacted competition, consumer choice and consumer trust. The Competition, Consumer Trust and Consumer Choice Review Team ([CCT-RT](#)) has now published its [draft report](#) and will be presenting it to the different communities. The report examines the early effects of the entry of new gTLDs on competition, consumer trust, and consumer choice in the domain name space. It also assesses aspects of the effectiveness of the application and evaluation process, as well as of the safeguards that ICANN has implemented to mitigate the risks associated with the introduction of new gTLDs.

[The executive summary](#) concludes: *“The Review Team concluded that the New gTLD Program should be regarded only as a “good start” and that a number of policy issues should be addressed before any further expansion of gTLDs.”*

Two important questions remain:

- will the [recently announced price increases](#) be taken into account in the review?
- and if and how has the actual usage of the nTLDs been measured?

The full report can be found [here](#).

Meetings:

- CCT-RT meeting 1: Friday 10 March, 8.30 – 17.00, Hall B3
- CCT-RT meeting 2: Sunday 11 March, 8.30 – 16.45, Hall B3
- CCT-RT Wrap-up session: Sunday 12 March, 17.00 – 18.30, Hall B5.2
- CCT-RT update @ ccNSO: Tuesday 14 March, 16.00 – 16.45, Hall C1.2

Accountability update

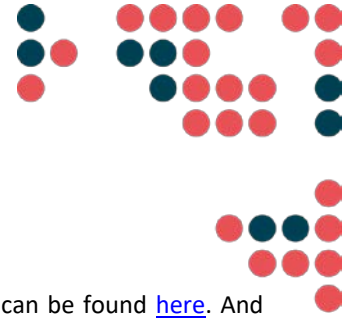
This session aims to inform the community present on the implementation of [Work Stream 1](#) (focused on mechanisms enhancing ICANN accountability that must be in place or committed to within the time frame of the IANA Stewardship Transition), and updates will be given on [Work Stream 2](#) (focused on addressing accountability topics for which a timeline for developing solutions and full implementation may extend beyond the IANA Stewardship Transition), and the work by the [ccNSO Guidelines Review Committee](#).

Meeting:

- Update and next steps ICANN accountability: Wednesday 15 March, 11.00 – 12.45, Hall C1.2

PTI update including CSC and RZERC

The post-transition IANA, currently known as Public Technical Identifiers (PTI), will report on its first six months of operation. In addition, the Customer Standing Committee (CSC) – which provides oversight on behalf of the PTI



customers – will present the recent performance metrics. The latest performance reports can be found [here](#). And finally, the [Root zone evaluation Review Committee](#) (RZERC) will discuss potential security and stability risks to the architecture and operation of the root zone.

Meeting:

- CSC, RZERV and PTI update: Wednesday 15 March, 15.15 – 16.15, Hall C1.2

Other sessions of interest

Legal session: The focus of this interactive session will be the take down of domain names, and how various stakeholders, including ccTLD registries, hosters/registrars and authorities, address requests from law enforcement.

Registry update session: including updates on the registry of the future by Cristian Hesselman (.nl) and cooperation between registries in south-eastern Europe by Barbara Povse (.si).

Cross-community session: towards a data driven ICANN: Data analytics is a globally important emerging area that organisations around the world are embracing to help them deliver their mission better. A whole ecosystem of data sources, analytics tools and techniques for extracting data insights was built. In the ICANN context, the use of data has the potential to drive:

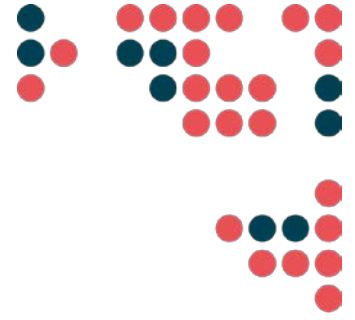
- Evidence-based policy
- Organisational/community development
- Cleaner and safer DNS.
- Business – more, new, better
- Public trust

ICANN has already begun work on some initiatives in this area, but a strategic theme around data is missing. This session aims to explain what is considered best practice and to help prioritising. Jay Daley (.nz) is leading this session on behalf of the ccNSO, together Jonathan Zuck (GNSO).

European stakeholders' engagement and networking session: The session will give an overview of outreach and engagement activities by the different I* organisations across Europe, followed by an “open mic” for European stakeholders of ICANN to make comments, suggestions or ask questions to the I* group.

Meeting:

- European Stakeholders' session: Tuesday 14 March, 17:00 – 18:30, [MR 18/19](#)



GAC pre-report

All GAC sessions are public and taking place in Hall A.2.

Resources & links:

- [Communiqué ICANN57](#)
- [GAC Agenda ICANN58](#)
- [ICANN Pre-Meeting Report](#)
- Summaries of ICANN57 sessions: [WHOIS-related initiatives](#), [Exploring the public interest within ICANN's remit](#), [DNS and content regulation](#)

High interest topic: Data protection

For the first time, the issue of data protection features very prominently in general and on the GAC's agenda. The GAC supports a cross-community session, dubbed "privacy summit", and will be meeting the Data Protection Commissioners of the Council of Europe (CoE).

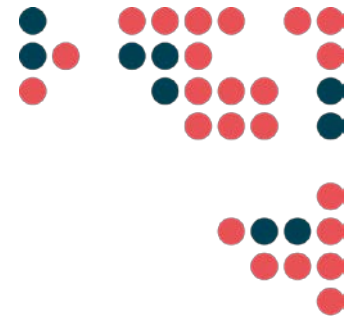
Cross community discussion with data protection commissioners by GNSO and CoE Data Commissioners: The objective of the "Privacy Summit" is to exchange views with the ICANN community on privacy and data protection in relation to WHOIS data processing, third-party access to personal data and accountability for the processing of personal data. The session will be opened by James Bladel, chair of the GNSO Council, Johannes Kleijssen, Director of Information Society and Action against Crime of the Council of Europe. Becky Burr (ICANN Board) will moderate the panel debate with Abigail Slater (GNSO), James Galvin (GNSO), Thomas Schneider (GAC), Prof Joseph Cannataci (UN Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy), Giovanni Buttarelli (European Data Protection Supervisor, EDPS), and Wilbert Tomesen (Article 29 Working Party). ICANN sees itself in the perfect role to convene such a meeting, "as a global data controller operating a network of data processors (if not data controllers themselves) processing vast quantities of personal data".

Meetings:

- Cross-community session on data protection: Monday 13 March, 15.15 – 16.45, Hall 1
- GAC Meeting with CoE Data Protection Commissioners; Monday 13 March, 17.00 – 18.30, Hall A2

High interest topic: DNS Abuse Mitigation

One of the key issues at the **working session of the GAC's Public Safety Working Group (PSWG)** is the follow-up on DNS abuse mitigation. In its [ICANN57 Communiqué](#), the GAC advised the Board to provide written response to a long series of questions on abuse mitigation. The GAC felt that the implementation of previous recommendations vis-à-vis registrars, e.g. on Law Enforcement Due Diligence, were not sufficiently followed up. The GAC particularly wants to better understand "how ICANN is using publicly available DNS abuse reporting resources and seeks specific information on ICANN's efforts in setting standards for abuse reporting and performance." Other issues on the agenda of that meeting are: Consumer Choice and Consumer Trust (CCT) Review, Security Framework for Registries to respond to Security Threats (ICANN GDD-led Drafting Team), Privacy Proxy Services PPSAI Law Enforcement Disclosure Framework (PPSAI Policy IRT), Registration Directory Services Review, and the Next Generation RDS PDP.



Meetings:

- PSWG Working Group Meeting: Saturday 11 March, 18.30 – 20.30
- GAC PSWG presentation to the GAC plenary: Tuesday 14 March, 13.45 – 14.30

The GAC's PSWG also sponsors a cross-community session on **“Towards effective DNS Abuse Mitigation: Prevention, Mitigation and Response”** where it expects ICANN's SSR Team and Contraction Compliance to answer questions (see above) about what ICANN and contracted parties do to mitigate DNS abuse. The questions are divided into three parts: implementation of 2013 RAR provisions and registrar accreditation (WHOIS accuracy, enforcement by ICANN of WHOIS verification, diligence to investigate reports of abuse, etc.), implementation of new gTLD applicant guidebook and registry agreement (e.g., security checks Spec 11), DNS abuse investigation, reporting and mitigation performance (e.g. multi-jurisdictional abuse reporting). Related: [summary of the session](#) on Abuse Mitigation at ICANN57.

- Cross community session on DNS Abuse Mitigation: Monday 13 March, 13.45 – 15.00, Hall 2

Geographic names

The GAC will discuss “geographic names” (UCTN, 2-letter codes, 3-letter codes, etc.) in various meetings and settings – both internally and with other communities, both with regards to current and future gTLD rounds, both at second and TLD levels.

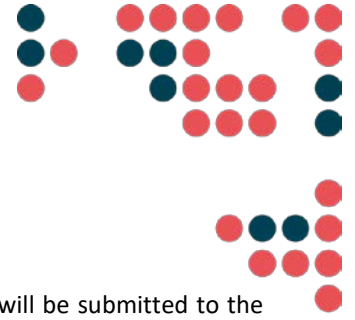
- At ICANN57, the GAC's “GeoNames WG” (Working Group to Examine the Protection of Geographic Names in *Future* Expansion of gTLDs) proposed a set of “best practices”, including the creation of a repository of names, reference to a due diligence process and associated procedures for applicants.
- Also at ICANN57, the GAC issued advice to the Board to be consistent with previous GAC advice on *2-letter country codes* at second level.
- At ICANN58, the GAC will meet the ccNSO and discuss the latest interim report (9 February 2017) of the CWG-UCTN (2-letter codes & 3-letter codes at TLD level; country & territory names at TLD level in future rounds). See the ccNSO pre-report above for more details.

Meetings:

- GAC Geographic Names Working Group (“GeoNames WG”): Sunday 12 March, 8.00 – 9.00; presentation to plenary: Sunday 12 March, 17.00 – 17.45
- GAC meeting with GeoTLD Group: Sunday 12 March, 14.30 – 15.00
- GAC meeting with the ccNSO: Tuesday 14 March, 11.00 – 12.00

IANA Stewardship Transition

The GAC will continue discussing measures needed to implement the ICANN Bylaws (from 1 October 2016), especially with regards to GAC advice to the Board, the GAC's role in the Empowered Community, GAC appointments to external bodies, etc. They will also talk about the corporation with PTI, the format of reports to the Community, and the Customer Standing Committee (CSC). The GAC's Human Rights and International Law Working Group (HRIL) will discuss Work Stream 2 (WS 2) of the CCWG on Enhancing ICANN Accountability, in particular related to the Human



Right's Framework of Interpretation – the objective is to develop a common position that will be submitted to the GAC plenary.

Meetings:

- CCWG Accountability WS 2 (GAC report on progress & next steps): Saturday 11 March, 14.15 – 15.00 and 15.15 – 16.00
- GAC Implementation of the new ICANN Bylaws (GAC Advice, Empowered Community): Sunday 12 March, 9.30 – 10.30 and 11.00 – 12.00
- GAC discussion on IANA customer standing committee (PTI corporation, CSC, etc.): Tuesday 14 March, 18.00 – 18.30
- GAC HRIL WG (CCWG Accountability Work Stream 2): Saturday 11 March, 8.30 – 9.30; presentation to plenary: Tuesday 14 March, 14.30 – 15.00

Other issues on the GAC's agenda

New gTLD policies: At ICANN57, the GAC discussed policies with regards to possible future gTLD rounds, including community-based gTLD applications, including support for applicants from developing countries, categories for new gTLDs, reserved names (including geographic names), and internationalised domain names. These discussions are likely to continue at ICANN58.

Meetings:

- New gTLDs policies: Saturday 11 March, 16.00 – 18.30 and Tuesday 14 March, 9.00 – 10.30

Registry Directory Service (RDS): The GAC and its PSWG will discuss the RDS, former WHOIS, including the upcoming RDS review and formation of the Review Team.

Meeting:

- GAC RDS: Tuesday 14 March, 12.00 – 12.30

Registrar Stakeholder Group: The GAC aims to better understand where registrars sit in the domain name ecosystem and how they interact with hosts, registries and registrants. They will look at the types of registrars (retail, wholesale, brand) and the markets they serve.

Meeting:

- GAC Meeting with Registrar Stakeholder Group: Wednesday 15 March, 8.00 – 9.00