Guide to ICANN64 Kobe

ccNSO and GAC key issues
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ccNSO pre-report

This guide aims to highlight ccNSO sessions that might be most relevant to European ccTLDs. The full ccNSO agenda is available on the ccNSO workspace. The full ICANN schedule is available here.

Most ccNSO-related meetings will be held in room Ohwada A.

A session guide for the ccNSO meeting can be downloaded here.

Updates from the ccNSO WGs and Committees

Updates in this session: TLD-OPS, Strategic and Operational Planning Standing Committee (see the latest comment here), Cross Community Working Group on Auction proceeds.

- Tuesday 12 March, 9:30 – 10:15 (Ohwada A)

ccNSO Policy Session

ccNSO participation in WTs and related topics from work tracks 1 to 4.

RECAP: The ccNSO is participating in Work Track 5 (WT5) under the GNSO New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process. Work Track 5 focusses on developing proposed recommendations regarding the treatment of geographic names at the top-level in any future rounds of new gTLD introductions. Participation in the work of this group is crucial to ensure that the ccTLD views are taken on board.

Overview of work tracks:

1. Work Track 1: Overall Process/Support/Outreach
2. Work Track 2: Legal/Regulatory
3. Work Track 3: String Contention/Objections & Disputes
5. Work Track 5: Geographic Names at the Top Level

While ccTLDs are mostly involved in WT5, it was WT2 that opened a consultation on the need to extend the protection of two-character (1 letter + 1 digit) TLD strings. The CENTR comment on this issue can be found here.

The latest CENTR BoD comment on the WT5 proposal can be found here.

- Tuesday 12 March, 13:30 – 15:00 (Ohwada A)

PDP Retirement Working Group update

The goal of this PDP is to develop and recommend policies to the ICANN Board of Directors relating to the retirement of ccTLDs and the Review mechanisms for decisions relating to the delegation, transfer, revocation and retirement of ccTLDs.
These issues come down to two fundamental questions. The first one is: What happens to a ccTLD if the country it relates to changes its name or ceases to exist? (e.g. USSR or Yugoslavia). The second one is: What is the appeal mechanism if anyone disagrees with a decision from the ICANN Board? (e.g. refusal to add a new ccTLD to the root zone).

The group is finalising a draft that deals with the retirement issue. An interesting part of that discussion is how the new policy would apply to ccTLDs and what difference it makes if they are ccNSO members or not.

- Tuesday 12 March, 13:30 – 15:00 (Ohwada A)

For those around on Saturday, the group will hold a plenary meeting and they probably would not mind observers.

- Saturday 9 March, 15:15 – 18:30 (403 (KICC))

**Other sessions of interest**

**Cross-Community Session: Next Steps in ICANN’s response to the GDPR**

While at the time of writing, there are no session details available yet, it can be expected that this session will provide an overview and status update of the expedited policy development process (EPDP) which is developing a new WHOIS data access policy for gTLDs.

- Monday 11 March, 15:15 – 16:45 (Portopia Hall)

**IANA Naming Functions updates**

Updates from the Customer Standing Committee, Root Zone Evolution Review Committee, PTI, PTI Board and IANA Function Review Team. This session will also include a CSC effectiveness Review update.

As detailed in the CSC reports, PTI performance is continuing to meet the SLAs, with percentages in the high 90’s.

- Tuesday 12 March, 15:15 – 16:15 (Ohwada A)

**ccNSO Legal Session**

This meeting’s legal session will look at how registries deal with illegal content (.be and .no), the impact of the Chilean transparency law for the ccTLD and will provide an overview of the legal issues affecting African ccTLDs.

- Wednesday 13 March, 09:00 – 10:15 (Ohwada A)

**ccNSO Finance Session**

This session will look at the current status and engage the community in a consultation on the current levels of contributions and the invoicing process. It is worth noting in this context that ccTLD contributions to ICANN reached an all-time high in FY 2018. It can be expected that this session will deal more with invoicing processes than levels of contributions.

For an overview of these contributions and their evolution over time, CENTR Full Members can check https://stats.centr.org/icann.

- Wednesday 13 March, 15:15 – 16:00 (Ohwada A)
ccNSO Session with ICANN Board Members

Chris Disspain and Nigel Roberts will be available for a Q&A. Danko Jevtović, Lito Ibarra and Becky Burr will also join the panel.

- Wednesday 13 March, 16:00 – 16:45 (Ohwada A)

DAAR update

ICANN’s Domain Abuse Activity Reporting (DAAR) project is a system for studying and reporting on domain name registration and security behaviour across top-level domain (TLD) registries and registrars. Based on reputation data feeds, this system is designed to help with the analysis of abuse behaviour.

- Wednesday 13 March, 8:45 – 10:15 (Emerald)

GAC pre-report

Link to ICANN63 GAC Communiqué Barcelona.

The ICANN64 GAC Communiqué Kobe is to be expected on 14 March.

All GAC meetings will take place in Ohwada B (GAC). Geographic names and Work Track 5 discussions will take place in Diamond. The RySG GeoTLD Group .city TLD Conference and CCWG-IG Public Session will take place in Ruby. The cross-community session on GDPR will take place in Portopia Hall, as well as the session on best practices of DNS security. The At-Large Leadership Policy Workshop will take place in Topaz. The ICANN learning session on conflict resolution will take place in 301 (KICC). The .DK presentation will be held in 403 (KICC).

There are currently 178 Members and 37 Observers in the GAC.

Two-character codes

Follow up on Specific Issues - two-character codes

The GAC will consider the ICANN Board response to the its 2-character memo shared in Barcelona and will review the status of ICANN’s engagement with concerned governments towards the resolution of substantive concerns. The GAC is planning to determine a course of action on substantive and procedural concerns related to decisions on the release of 2-character country codes as the second-level of new gTLDs.

- Saturday 9 March, 15:15 - 15:45 (Ohwada B)

Dot Amazon

Follow up on Specific Issues – dotAmazon

The GAC will review the progress of discussions between ACTO, the Amazon Corporation and the ICANN org towards "the development of a solution that would allow the .AMAZON applications to move forward in a manner that would align with GAC Advice". The GAC will also review the status of the reconsideration request filed by the ACTO countries.
on 5 November 2018 against the ICANN Board's resolution directing the ICANN Org "to remove the "Will Not Proceed" status and resume processing of the .AMAZON applications" (28 October 2018).

- Saturday 9 March, 16:15 - 16:45 (Ohwada B)

**Geographic names**

**New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Work Track 5 (Geographic Names)**

Focused on Work Track 5 of the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP WG, the purpose of this session is to facilitate dialogue on the topic of geographic names at the top-level. The session will be led by the co-leads of WTS, ensuring that the team of moderators will be represented by the ALAC, ccNSO, GAC and GNSO.

- Saturday 9 March, 9:00 - 10:15 (Diamond)
- Saturday 9 March, 10:30 - 12:00 (Diamond)

**New gTLDs Policy - Geographic Names Working Group and Subsequent Procedures WTS Discussion**

The GAC will review the outcomes of various public comments on the PDP's Initial Report as well as its Supplemental Initial Report on Auctions. In addition, the GAC plans to discuss the impacts on public policy aspects of concern and the way in which it may need to be involved prior to the finalisation of Policy Recommendations. The GAC will assess the PDP's consideration of relevant Recommendations from the CCT Review Team and their subsequent consideration by the ICANN Board.

- Sunday 10 March, 10:30 - 12:15 (Ohwada B)

**GNSO - RySG GeoTLD Group .city TLD Conference**

During this session, local city government officials are invited to interact with the ICANN community, to share ideas and experiences with them about geoTLDs.

- Wednesday 13 March, 8:30 - 10:15 (Ruby)

**Data protection, privacy and access to WHOIS**

**WHOIS Policy - WHOIS and Data Protection Policy (EPDP Discussion)**

The GAC will review the status of the implementation of relevant GAC Advice (San Juan, Panama, Barcelona) including the pending Advice which the Board decided to defer their decision on; review the status of the EPDP on gTLD Registration Data after the issuance of its Initial Report; consider the progress of efforts related to the potential development of a Unified Access Model and related discussions with Data Protection Authorities regarding the role of ICANN and the distribution of liability among data controllers; determine a course of action towards concrete and timely results.

- Sunday 10 March, 13:30 - 15:00 (Ohwada B)
- Tuesday 12 March, 09:00 - 10:15 (Ohwada B)
WHOIS Policy - Public Safety Working Group Meeting

- Tuesday 12 March, 08:30 - 09:00 (Ohwada B)

Cross-Community Session: Next Steps in ICANN’s Response to the GDPR

- Monday 11 March, 15:15 - 16:45 (Portopia Hall)

At-Large Leadership Policy Workshop 2: Balancing privacy with security and stability for the Internet end user

The GDPR (and other privacy regulation around the world) has led to a renewed focus on the intersection between registrant privacy and the benefits to end users from a more open system of DNS data, including limitations on spam, phishing and malware and enhanced law enforcement and consumer protection. This session will explore the friction between privacy and security needs.

- Sunday 10 March, 10:30 - 12:00 (Topaz)

Retirement of ccTLDs

Meeting with the Country Code Names Supporting Organisation (ccNSO)

Principles & Guidelines for the Delegation & Administration of Country Code Top Level Domains report to the GAC.

- Wednesday 13 March, 10:30 - 11:15 (Ohwada B)

Internet Governance

CCWG-IG Public Session

This session will take a high-level look (and have an equally high-level discussion) on external Internet policy issues potentially affecting ICANN, whether at UN, ITU or at WIPO level. It will also look at and discuss issues of extra-territoriality (including some ISOC work on this) and discuss ICANN’s approach. Finally, the meeting will hear about the forthcoming 2019 IGF in Berlin.

- Monday 11 March, 10:30 - 12:00 (Ruby)

Meetings with the ICANN Board

GAC Board Matters - Preparation for Meeting with the ICANN Board

Preparation to discuss on topics that were submitted by the GAC prior to ICANN64, as well as possible questions from the Board.

- Monday 11 March, 13:30 - 14:00 (Ohwada B)

GAC Board Matters - Meeting with the ICANN Board

Discussion on topics that will be submitted by the GAC prior to ICANN64, as well as possible questions from the Board.

- Tuesday 12 March, 15:15 - 16:45 (Ohwada B)
Other sessions of interest

ICANN Capacity Development: Conflict Resolution
Renowned learning style expert, David Kolb, explains how conflict and project success do not necessarily exist at polar ends of a continuum. He will help the ICANN community attendees navigate and manage conflict so that the work of the ACs/SOs and others can become more efficient. The session will end with a brief explanation of the course and curricula offerings of ICANN Learn and a quick tour of the online platform.

- Monday 11 March, 15:15 - 16:45 (301 (KICC))

Lessons learned: How .DK successfully reduced abusive domains
.DK will share insights into the measures it has implemented to reduce the number of abusive domains in its zone.

- Wednesday 13 March, 9:00 - 10:15 (403 (KICC))

Coming Up with Best Practices to Improve Security in the DNS Ecosystem

- Wednesday 13 March, 11:00 - 12:30 (Portopia Hall)

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