Guide to ICANN65 Marrakech

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

Most ccNSO-related meetings will be held in room Siroua.

Updates from the ccNSO WGs and Committees

Updates in this session: TLD-OPS, the Strategic and Operational Planning Standing Committee (see the latest comment here and the latest revised ICANN Strategic Plan here), the guidelines review committee and the brand new Internet Governance Liaison Committee.

This committee has been established to coordinate, facilitate and increase the participation of ccTLD managers in discussions and processes pertaining to Internet Governance. It is chaired by Pierre Bonis (Afnic) and during this session, the committee will present itself to the ccTLD community. Anyone interested in contributing to this new initiative is also invited to attend their face-to-face working session on Thursday 27 June, 15:15 – 16:45.

- Tuesday 25 June, 10:30 – 11:20 (Siroua)

Meeting with the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC)

The meeting with the GAC will include an update from the ccNSO’s Strategic and Operational Planning Committee on ICANN’s 5-year Operating Plan, who will also update the GAC on the ccNSO Retirement Policy Development Process (PDP) Working Group progress.

- Tuesday 25 June, 11:00 – 11:30 (Cristal)

ccNSO Policy Session: 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 related to the status of a ccTLD (e.g. refusal to add a new ccTLD to the root zone)?

Last ICANN meeting, the group announced an extension of its workplan until 2021 so it will be interesting to hear what has happened in the last few months.

- Tuesday 25 June, 13:30 – 15:00 (Siroua)
- Working session: Monday 24 June, 09:00 – 12:00 (Siroua)
ccNSO Policy Session: ccNSO participation in WT5 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 focuses 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 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 25 June, 13:30 – 15:00 (Siroua)

Other sessions of interest

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 26 June, 09:00 – 09:45 (Siroua)

ccTLD Financial Contribution Session

This session will look at the invoicing process for ccTLDs and aims to identify ways in which to make this process more predictable on both sides.

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

- Wednesday 26 June, 09:45 – 10:15 (Siroua)
IANA Naming Functions updates

Updates from the Customer Standing Committee, PTI and PTI Board.

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

- Wednesday 26 June, 10:30 – 11:15 (Siroua)

Policy Aspects of DNS over HTTPS (DoH), DNS over TLS (DoT) and Related Issues

This session will explore the technologies that may affect the unique identifier ecosystem that ICANN helps coordinate. The discussion will be centred around the policy aspects of DNS over HTTPS (DoH) and DNS over TLS (DoT). While major browsers are getting ready to have DoH turned on by default, operational and privacy issues are still being discussed. The session will cover the technical basics, provide an overview of the policy issues, and will wrap up with a panel discussion including representatives from browser companies. For further information on the topic, please see the CENTR Issue Paper on DNS over HTTPS.

- Tuesday 25 June, 15:15 – 16:45 (Cristal)

Evolving the Effectiveness of ICANN's Multistakeholder Model

This session will seek feedback on next steps in a community conversation about how to evolve ICANN’s multistakeholder model, in particular on how to improve its efficiency and effectiveness. It will allow the community to discuss how to prioritize those issues in a work plan and identify owners for those issues. The owners of the respective issues will represent a group (community, organisation or Board) responsible for developing a solution or new approach to an issue. This will include a deadline for proposing a solution. To prepare for this session, participants are strongly advised to listen to the recording of the webinars on evolving ICANN’s multistakeholder model of governance that were held on 14 and 15 May 2019. You will find them here.

- Tuesday, June 25, 17.00 – 18.30 (Cristal)

And what about DAAR?

The discussions on the Domain Abuse Activity Reporting (DAAR) have now been moved back to a closed meeting. https://65.schedule.icann.org/meetings/1058262

- Tuesday 25 June, 17:00 – 18:30 (Orangeraie)
GAC pre-report

Link to GAC Communiqué Kobe

The ICANN65 Marrakech GAC Communiqué is to be expected on 27 June.

All GAC meetings will take place in Cristal (GAC). A cross-community session on GDPR, high-interest sessions on DNS over HTTPS and ICANN's Multistakeholder Model, together with the policy discussions on Universal Acceptance will also take place in Cristal. A CCWG IG Face-to-Face meeting will take place in Oliveraie. An At-Large Capacity Building Session on Cybersecurity will take place in Toubkal.

There are currently 178 Members and 36 Observers in the GAC.

Two-character codes

Two Character Country Codes Discussion

The GAC will assess the ICANN Board’s response to the Barcelona GAC Advice, including related ICANN Org documentation. This session will also be an opportunity for GAC Members to discuss the Two-character Search Tool that was released by ICANN Org prior to ICANN64.

- Monday 24 June, 11:30 – 12:30 (Cristal)

New gTLDs Subsequent Procedures Discussion

During this session, the GAC will assess progress of the PDP WG’s deliberations and discuss the formation and operation of the GAC Focal Group on Subsequent Rounds of gTLDs.

- Monday 24 June, 15:15 – 16:15 (Cristal)

Data protection, privacy and access to WHOIS

DNS Abuse Mitigation Discussion with PSWG

The GAC will review recent developments and discussions regarding the definition, detection and mitigation of DNS Abuse, as well as the impact of WHOIS compliance with GDPR efforts. The session will also discuss positions and possible next steps for the PSWG and the GAC in relation to relevant ongoing processes in the field of DNS Abuse Mitigation.

- Tuesday 25 June, 8:30 – 9:30 (Cristal)

GAC Joint Community Meeting with GNSO

This session at ICANN65 will enable the GAC and members of the GNSO to discuss matters of mutual interest, and exchange views and information, including the GNSO EPDP Phase 2, the ICANN Org Charter on Government Engagement and Legislative tracker topic and other potential matters.

- Tuesday 25 June, 10:30 – 11:00 (Cristal)
WHOIS and Data Protection Policy

The GAC will receive an update on developments related to the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP): Phase 1 recommendation implementation and the ongoing Phase 2 policy development. This session will also be an opportunity to discuss other relevant developments in terms of ICANN’s engagement with DPAs, the impact on law enforcement needs and other legitimate users.

- Wednesday 26 June, 9:00 – 10:15 (Cristal)

Cross-Community Session: Impact of GDPR and EPDP Phase 1 Recommendations on Existing Policies & Procedures

During ICANN65, the GNSO will co-sponsor, along with other interested community groups, a Cross-Community session on the impacts of the new EPDP Phase 1 recommendations and Consensus Policy on other existing ICANN policies and procedures. This topic was identified as a need by the EPDP Team in its Phase 1 Recommendation #27. This session will be an opportunity for substantive engagement and for the community to learn and contribute to the discussion.

- Thursday 27 June, 15:15 – 16:45 (Cristal)

Dot Amazon

The GAC will be updated on relevant developments regarding .AMAZON applications and will discuss the respective ICANN Board decision. In this session, GAC will also explore potential Marrakech Communiqué language.

- Tuesday 25 June, 9:30 – 10:15 (Cristal)

Cybersecurity

Meeting with the Global Commission on the Stability of Cyberspace (GCSC)

- Thursday 27 June, 12:00 – 12:30 (Cristal)

Internet governance

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Evolving the Effectiveness of ICANN’s Multistakeholder Model

- Tuesday 25 June, 17:00 - 18:30 (Cristal)
Universal acceptance

Meeting with Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG)

The aim of this session is for GAC members to learn about the Universal Acceptance (UA) issue and provide advice on how the UASG should proceed to reach out to the government sector, in order to raise awareness of and address the UA issue.

- Thursday 27 June, 13:30 - 15:00 (Cristal)

Policies Around Universal Acceptance

Universal Acceptance (UA) is the state where all domain names and all email addresses can be used in all applications. With (a) the introduction of domain names in different scripts, (b) the introduction of new and longer top-level domains, and (c) the availability of email addresses in different scripts, not all application developers and organisations have kept their software and systems up-to-date with these changes to the domain name system. All stakeholders need to play their role in achieving Universal Acceptance of domain names and email addresses. The stakeholders include TLD operators, registrars, hosting companies and application developers. Each stakeholder needs to contribute in their own sphere for a holistic solution to the UA challenge to ensure that the internet’s unique identifier systems continue to serve a broader and more diverse global user base.

- Thursday 27 June, 17:00 - 18:30 (Cristal)

Meetings with the ICANN Board

The GAC and the ICANN Board regularly meet at ICANN Public Meetings to discuss policy and operational matters of government interest. Potential topics of interest in Marrakech include IGO Curative Rights, WHOIS and registration data matters, evolving ICANN’s multistakeholder model, ATRT3, two-character country codes at the second level, and the recent dotAmazon decision.

Meeting of the Board GAC Interaction Group (BGIG)

During this session members of the Board-GAC Interaction Group will have the opportunity to discuss the Board’s treatment of GAC consensus advice supplied in the GAC Kobe Communiqué. They will be updated on the expectations for treatment of the consensus advice in the GAC Marrakech Communiqué. The session will close with the GAC Communiqué Review Discussion.

- Meeting with BGIG: Tuesday 25 June, 11:30 – 12:00 (Cristal)
- GAC Communiqué Review Discussion: Tuesday 25 June, 12:00 – 12:30 (Cristal)

Preparation for Meeting with the Board

- Tuesday 25 June, 14:30 – 15:00 (Cristal)

Meeting with the ICANN Board

- Wednesday 26 June, 11:00 – 12:00 (Cristal)
Other sessions of interest

CCWG IG Face-to-Face

This session will afford participants with the opportunity for a discussion between the Community and members of the Board WG on Internet Governance, on priorities for ICANN in the IG space, including external developments affecting ICANN.

- Monday 24 June, 15:15 – 16:30 (Oliveraie)

At-Large Capacity Building Session: Current issues in Cybersecurity

This session aims to provide a better understanding of current cybersecurity issues faced by the global multistakeholder community. The session will focus on current global cybersecurity threats, including for example the hacker group #SeaTurtle espionage via #DNShijacking, who compromised multiple country-code top-level domains, putting all the traffic of every domain at risk. The presenters will also discuss measures already implemented by ICANN to address these threats and discuss ways in which the multistakeholder community can best support their implementation.

- Wednesday 26 June, 12:15 – 13:15 (Toubkal)

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