Guide to ICANN66 Montréal

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 516C.

ccNSO Policy Session

PDP Retirement Working Group update

Recap: 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)?

- Wednesday 6 November, 13:30 – 14:15 (516C)
- GAC onboarding session: Tuesday 5 November, 13:30 – 14:15 (517A)

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 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 ccTLD views are taken on board.

In Montréal, the group will present and discuss its final report as published here.

- Wednesday 6 November, 13:30 – 14:15 (516C)

Other sessions of interest

The DNS and the Internet of Things

Cristian Hesselman (SIDN) and Jacques Latour (CIRA) will discuss the opportunities, risks and challenges from a ccTLD perspective.

- Tuesday 5 November, 09:45 – 10:15 (516C)

ccTLD news session

This is always an excellent session and will feature updates from .ca, .za, .ee, .eu and .id.

- Tuesday 5 November, 15:15 – 16:45 (516C)
Debriefing ccNSO workshops
This session will include TLD-OPS and SOPC workshop debriefings: this is a convenient download from 10 hours of meetings.

- Tuesday 5 November, 13:30 – 14:10 (516C)

ccNSO Session with ICANN Board Members
Chris Disspain and Nigel Roberts will be available for a Q&A session. Danko Jevtović, Lito Ibarra and Becky Burr will also join the panel.

- Wednesday 6 November, 09:45 – 10:15 (516C)

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 90s. Byron Holland (outgoing CSC Chair) will share his views on the past few years and the way forward.

- Wednesday 6 November, 09:00 – 09:45 (516C)

Panel Discussion: ccTLD perspective on Internet Governance
In this session, ccTLDs will share their local IG experiences and the ccNSO Internet Governance Liaison Committee will engage with the audience on how to move forwards in the future.

- Wednesday 6 November, 15:15 – 16:45 (516C)

DAAR
There will be a public Domain Abuse Activity Reporting (DAAR) Improvements session.

- Wednesday 6 November, 13:30 – 14:30 (514A)

ccNSO Internet Governance Liaison Committee
The IGLC was established in April 2019 to coordinate, facilitate, and increase the participation of ccTLD managers in discussions and processes pertaining to Internet Governance.

- Saturday 2 November, 13:30 – 15:00 (514A)
GAC pre-report

Link to the GAC Communiqué in Marrakech

The ICANN66 Montréal GAC Communiqué is to be expected on 7 November.

All GAC meetings will take place in 517A (GAC). Work Track 5 updates and the session on Emerging Identifier Technology will be held in 511A. The EPDP Phase 2 plenary session, the DNS abuse plenary session, the discussion on the Public Interest Framework and the session on Evolving ICANN’s Multistakeholder Model will take place in 517D. The public session on Internet Governance will take place in 517C.

There are currently 178 Members and 38 Observers in the GAC.

Geographic names and 2-character codes

GAC Opening Plenary and Updates on Current Issues (IGO Protections)

The GAC will be updated on current issues and will consider the expected final report from the ICANN Org initiative to ensure completeness of the IGO List.

- Saturday 2 November, 10:30 - 12:00 (517A)

GNSO - New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP WG

The session will be focused on Work Track 5 (WT5) of the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP WG, with the purpose of facilitating dialogue on the topic of geographic names at the top-level.

- Saturday 2 November, 12:15 - 13:15 (511A)
- Saturday 2 November, 13:30 – 15:00 (511A)

GAC Plenary Updates on 2-character codes and discussions on New gTLDs Subsequent Procedures Work Track 5

GAC Members will share their assessments of the Second Level Country Code Registration Search Tool created by ICANN Org and will discuss the New gTLDs Subsequent Procedures PDP WT5.

- Sunday 3 November, 8:30 - 10:15 (517A)

GAC: New gTLDs Subsequent Rounds Discussion

- Tuesday 5 November, 09:00 – 10:15 (517A)

Board GAC Implementation Group (BGIG)

The GAC will exchange feedback on the 2-character code tool.

- Tuesday 5 November, 11:15 – 12:00 (517A)
Dot Amazon

GAC Plenary Updates on .amazon
The GAC will be updated on intersessional discussions since ICANN65 regarding the .amazon application.

- Sunday 3 November, 10:30 – 11:15 (517A)

Data protection, privacy and access to WHOIS

GAC Discussions on WHOIS and Data Protection Policy
The GAC will be updated on the development of the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP): the Phase 1 recommendation implementation and the ongoing Phase 2 policy development. This will be an opportunity to assess progress in the deployment of a Standardized System for Access/Disclosure (SSAD) for gTLD Registration Data, to discuss other relevant developments in terms of ICANN engagement with DPAs, the impact on law enforcement needs and other legitimate users. The GAC will also discuss the outcome of the expected ICANN66 Cross-Community Session on this matter.

- Sunday 3 November, 11:15 - 12:00 (517A)
- Tuesday 5 November, 8:30 – 09:00 (517A)

EPDP Phase 2
The Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) Team on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data will meet to further deliberate on its Phase 2 work. It will continue to develop the building blocks on the System for Standardized Access/Disclosure (SSAD) that are expected to form the foundation of its Initial Report. The EPDP Team is planning to publish its Initial Report for public comment in December of this year and will be looking for community input on its work to date during this session. Those interested in learning more about the approach, status and upcoming timeline of the EPDP Team’s work are welcome to attend Monday’s plenary session.

- Monday 4 November, 10:30 - 12:00 (517D)

Meetings with the ICANN Board

GAC Preparation for Meeting with the ICANN Board

- Sunday 3 November, 13:30 - 14:30 (517A)

Joint Meeting: ICANN Board and GAC

- Tuesday 5 November, 15:15 - 16:45 (517A)

Joint meeting with the ccNSO

Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) onboarding session to the GAC
ccNSO onboarding session on the ccPDP on Retirement of country code Top Level Domains (ccTLDs).

- Tuesday 5 November, 13:30 - 14:15 (517A)
DNS abuse

GAC Joint Meeting with the Registry Stakeholder Group (RySG)
The RySG will provide the GAC with an understanding of how registry operators mitigate and respond to DNS Abuse.

- Sunday 3 November, 15:15 – 15:45 (517A)

GAC: DNS Abuse Mitigation Discussion
The session will discuss current issues with DNS Abuse, contracted parties’ practices to mitigate abuse and policy gaps that may need to be addressed.

- Tuesday 5 November, 10:30 – 11:15 (517A)
- Wednesday, 6 November, 13:15 – 14:15 (517A)

Plenary session on DNS Abuse
This plenary session is coordinated by members of the GAC, GNSO, the Country Code Names, ccNSO and the SSAC. Following on from the informational webinar that was conducted on 15 October, this plenary session will allow members of the community to continue to discuss practices to mitigate abuse and address related policy gaps. While it will only address gNSO policy, the impact on the whole DNS ecosystem should not be underestimated.

- Wednesday 6 November, 10:30 - 12:00 (517D)

Universal acceptance

GAC Universal Acceptance Discussions
The purpose of this session is to determine how the GAC can help the UASG promote UA readiness for governments, and what the right engagement mechanisms for UASG with the public sector are.

- Sunday 3 November, 17:00 – 17:45 (517A)

Internet governance

IG Public Session – Cross Community WG on Internet Governance
This session will feature a debate on whether Internet Fragmentation is inevitable and will provide an update on Internet Governance developments.

- Monday 4 November, 15:15 - 16:45 (517C)
Public Interest Framework

The session will be dedicated to the public discussion between the ICANN Board and ICANN Community on the Public Interest Framework.

- Monday 4 November, 17:00 - 18:30 (517D)

Evolving ICANN’s Multistakeholder Model Session

The community will be updated on the Evolution of ICANN’s Multistakeholder Model process. This will include further discussion on next steps to develop a work plan that addresses the issues raised.

- Thursday 7 November, 10:30 - 12:00 (517D)

Other sessions of interest

GAC Operational Matters and ICANN legitimacy report

The GAC operational matters discussions will focus on the GAC Vice-Chairs elections and High-Level Governmental Discussions. The GAC will also receive an update about the ICANN legitimacy study.

- Monday 4 November, 15:15 - 16:45 (517A)

Emerging Identifier Technology

- Tuesday 5 November, 13:30 - 15:00 (511A)

GAC Open Session on Additional Topics Discussion

This session block is held open for a potential GAC plenary session to address any important breaking policy or operational developments needing final GAC attention at the ICANN66 meeting. Topics, if any, are to be determined by the GAC during the meeting week.

- Thursday 7 November, 13:30 - 15:00 (517A)

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