Get Ready for ICANN68!
Registration is now open and available here for the ICANN68 Virtual Policy Forum. The Public Meeting, which was to be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, will now be held online using ICANN's robust remote participation tools. Registration is required to take part. For more information, including the session schedule and remote participation tools, go to the ICANN68 site.

Prep Session webinars to prepare the community for ICANN68 are underway. Participation information for upcoming sessions and a Q&A with the ICANN org Executive Team, to be held on Thursday 18 June, are available here. Additional tools to help participants prepare for ICANN68, the Pre-ICANN68 Policy Report and the GNSO Policy Briefing, are also available.

Prep Sessions are intended to help streamline the pre-meeting experience, increase awareness of current topics of importance, and enhance briefings and readout sessions conducted around an ICANN Public Meeting.

ICANN69 Virtual Annual General Meeting
The ICANN Board of Directors has decided that the ICANN69 Annual General Meeting, originally scheduled to be held in Hamburg, Germany, will be held online.

Read the full announcement here.

Changes at ICANN Organization
ICANN President & CEO Göran Marby has announced a number of changes to the ICANN org leadership structure to reallocate some responsibilities and help support the community more effectively. Read his blog outlining the changes.
New ICANN History Project Video
Watch our new ICANN History Project video, which explores the key events in ICANN’s growth, from its birth to the present day. The project’s aim is to capture stories from key figures who helped shape ICANN’s past and present.

View the video and explore the ICANN History Project site.

How DNSSEC Protects the Internet
ICANN’s Office of the Chief Technology Officer (OCTO) has a new infographic to illustrate how Domain Name System Security Extensions help protect the information you send on the Internet. Check it out here.

ICANN Collaborates to Protect the DNS
ICANN and the Forum of Incident Response and Security Teams (FIRST) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhance collaborative efforts aimed at supporting a safer, more secure, and resilient Domain Name System (DNS). The MoU contributes to the shared objective of helping the incident response community increase its understanding and improve its efficiency and effectiveness in preventing, detecting, containing, mitigating, and analyzing malicious activity related to the Internet’s unique identifiers. Read more here.

Engaging with Network Operators in a New Format
With the COVID-19 restrictions in many countries, face-to-face physical meetings are no longer possible. A number of regional meetings, including Network Operator Groups (NOG) meetings are either cancelled or postponed.

Enter Networking from Home, a new virtual event initiative targeted at network engineers and technical stakeholders in the Asia Pacific region to share experiences and expertise. There are four online events planned for South East Asia, South Asia, East Asia, and Oceania time zones. Join ICANN at the Universal Acceptance and Email Address Internationalization session on 15 July 2020. Learn more about Universal Acceptance here.

Networking from Home is organized by Asia Pacific Network Information Centre (APNIC). More
APAC Case Study: DAAR and TWNIC
ICANN’s Domain Abuse Activity Reporting System (DAAR) tracks domain security threat behavior across top-level domains (TLDs) and country code TLD registries that share their data.

The Taiwan Network Information Center (TWNIC) recently became one of the first country code TLDs to join the DAAR program. The decision to join came from recognizing that the multistakeholder model of Internet governance enables all stakeholders to collaborate towards improving the Internet, and the importance of enhancing the safety and security of the Domain Name System (DNS).

TWNIC also sees ICANN as best placed to lead the global community in exploring and mitigating DNS-related security issues. A collaborative approach is even more pertinent now with the Internet playing a critical role during the global COVID-19 pandemic.

Contributing to ICANN’s Technical Remit in the Region
ICANN entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with NASSCOM’s Center of Excellence for Internet of Things (IoT) in June 2018. The MoU aims to enhance collaboration and engagement activities that will foster innovation in Internet identifier technologies.

As laid out in the MoU, both sides embarked on a research project on the Domain Name System (DNS) and Internet Protocol version 6 (IPv6) in the context of the Internet of Things (IoT) last year.

The research team, which tested the use of the DNS to update IoT firmware - studying how the proposed technology could scale outside a lab environment - published its findings earlier this year. This project generated keen interest in the ICANN community in India. More recently, the NASSCOM Center of Excellence for IoT and Artificial Intelligence (AI)* published a blog on the same topic. Both parties are now working on defining the next project.

*AI was recently added to the Center’s mandate

Review of All RPMs in All gTLDs PDP Phase 1 Initial Report
The GNSO Review of All Rights Protection Mechanisms (RPMs) in All gTLDs Policy Development Process (PDP) Working Group began its review of Public Comment submissions related to the Phase 1 Initial Report. In total, the working group received 55 submissions (38 from organizations, five from ICANN community groups, and 12 from individuals) and will analyze each submission using the Public Comment review tool. Learn
CCWG-Auction Proceeds to Complete Final Report
The Cross-Community Working Group on New gTLD Auction Proceeds (CCWG-AP) will soon complete its Final Report. Once this work concludes, the Final Report will be submitted for consideration to the chartering organizations and then the ICANN Board. The CCWG-AP co-chairs plan to provide additional information and answer questions about the recommendations in the coming weeks. Learn more.

Policy Development for IDNs
The Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) Council recently adopted an Issue Report on Internationalized Domain Name (IDN) country code top-level domain (ccTLD) strings. The adoption of this report begins the fourth policy development process (ccPDP) for the ccNSO. Once the ccPDP is complete and adopted by the ICANN Board, it will replace the IDN ccTLD Fast Track Process, which is the current guideline for the selection process of IDN ccTLD strings.

At-Large Regional Policy Engagement Program Launch
The Regional At-Large Organization (RALO) leaders launched the At-Large Regional Policy Engagement Program (ARPEP) on 22 April 2020. The ARPEP will support the engagement of At-Large Structures, regional work, and the At-Large community’s policy advice activities. The At-Large and Global Stakeholder Engagement (GSE) teams, and Regional At-Large Organization leadership agreed to work jointly on several activities, including the implementation of the FY21 Regional Outreach and Engagement Strategies. The GSE and At-Large support teams will leverage current work to promote ongoing policy work.

At-Large Capacity Building Working Group Hosts Training Webinars
Earlier this month, the At-Large Capacity Building Working Group (CBWG) hosted two capacity-building webinars to build subject matter expertise among its community members. The first webinar focused on geopolitics and cybersecurity, representing a collaboration between ICANN org, former ICANN Board members, and community experts. The second webinar focused on the topic of Universal Acceptance and included Universal Acceptance Steering Group Chair Ajay Data. Learn more.

WHAT’S NEW IN REVIEWS
Opportunities to Participate: ICANN Reviews
Specific Reviews are led by teams of community volunteers to assess the performance of the ICANN organization and make recommendations for improvement. All Specific Review team plenary meetings are open and available for observers to join. You may share your feedback and input any time to the team’s public mailing list. Details of meeting schedules and mailing lists are available on the team Wiki pages.

The third Accountability and Transparency Review Team (ATRT3) has published its Final Report. The report contains five recommendations with regard to ICANN accountability and transparency in the following areas:

- Prioritization of review and Cross-Community Working Group on Enhancing ICANN Accountability, Work Stream 2 (WS2) recommendations
- Amending Specific and Organizational Reviews
- Accountability and transparency relating to Strategic and Operational Plans including accountability indicators
- Public input
- Assessment of the implementation of ATRT2 recommendations

The report will be published for Public Comment in advance of the Board’s consideration. Click here to find out more.

Organizational Reviews are led by independent examiners who assess the extent to which ICANN’s Supporting Organizations (SOs), Advisory Committees (ACs), and the Nominating Committee (NomCom) fulfill their purpose, are accountable to their stakeholders, and whether any changes in structure or operations are needed.

Webinar: Nominating Committee Review Implementation Working Group (NomComRIWG): Implementation Milestones and Next Steps
Wednesday, 17 June at 16:00 – 17:00 UTC

- Join the NomCom Review Implementation Working Group (NomComRIWG) Webinar to hear an update on the progress of their implementation work, as outlined in their detailed implementation plan. This webinar presents an opportunity to hear more on the potential bylaw changes the NomComRIWG is working on, ask questions and provide input on the implementation work of the 27 recommendations. See more information and details here.

Visit the Reviews Status Update Table for the latest progress of Specific and Organizational Reviews and links to additional key resources for each.

Have You Implemented an RDAP Service Yet?
The Registration Data Access Protocol (RDAP), a replacement for the WHOIS protocol was implemented last year. Contracted parties offering RDAP services allow users to access domain name and other Internet identifier registration data in a secure and structured manner. Resources and
ICANN also offers a registration data lookup tool based on RDAP – bookmark this page!

**Challenges Impacting Domain Name Registrants**

**New UA Resources Available**
The Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG) has published two new resources for the developer community. Check them out below and join the effort to become UA ready.

- **Country-Based Evaluation of Websites for Acceptance of Email Addresses in 2020**
  This report builds upon previous testing of the top 1,000 websites done in 2017 and 2019, and provides a country-based analysis of email acceptance rates across 20 different countries. View the results here.

- **Universal Acceptance Readiness Framework**
  To help the developer community identify potential issues preventing UA readiness in web-based and native apps, the UASG developed a technical guide that provides a framework for scoping UA conformance work on software applications. View it here.

Stay up to date on the latest UA news by following @UASGTech on Twitter.

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**Brigadier General Md Mahfuzul Karim Majumder**
Member, Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC)
Member, Bangla Script Generation Panel

Md Mahfuzul Karim Majumder is the Director General of Engineering & Operations Division at Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC). He oversees the technical policy, regulatory, and operational issues of telecom network and guides the development of policy framework to promote open Internet.

Majumder joined the GAC in January 2019 and since then has been working with ICANN in the areas such as Bangla script standardization, Internet governance, new gTLD, and ccTLD.

He also works closely with the academia and industry in standardizing Bangla language usage and promoting Bangla content in the Internet domain. Under his
leadership, Bangladesh worked with the Neo Brahmi Generation Panel to successfully develop label generation ruleset (LGR) for Bangla language after a long journey.

Majumder has attended ICANN64, ICANN65, and ICANN66. Majumder calls for more local engagement to promote Internet governance as well as safe and secure Internet usage.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

ICANN will be participating in these upcoming events:

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Learn more about ICANN at [regional events near you](https://icann.org/).