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ccNSO pre-report

This guide aims at highlighting ccNSO sessions that might be most relevant to European ccTLDs. The full ccNSO agenda is available on the ccNSO workspace and the summaries of the ccNSO sessions are available here.

The full ICANN schedule is available here.

Most ccNSO-related meetings are held in room 114.

Updates from the ccNSO WGs and Committees

Updates in this session: the Study Group on the use of emoji as second level domains, the Guidelines Review Committee, which is currently reviewing some of the mechanics of the ccNSO procedures and the cross-community working group on New gTLD Auction Proceeds.

• Tuesday 23 October, 09.30 - 10.15

ccNSO Policy Session

ccNSO participation in WT5

The ccNSO is participating in the 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.

Background: In June 2014, the GNSO Council established a Discussion Group that was intended to evaluate the experiences of the 2012 round of the gTLD Program and to identify possible areas for future GNSO policy development. The Discussion Group's deliverables served as the basis for the GNSO Council's request for a Preliminary Issue Report in June of 2015. Following the publication of the Final Issue Report, the GNSO Council adopted the charter for the PDP Working Group, which began its work in February 2016. The Working Group initially concentrated on a set of overarching issues. It later conducted deliberations on additional topics in its charter using five separate Work Tracks:

- 1. Work Track 1: Overall Process/Support/Outreach
- 2. Work Track 2: Legal/Regulatory
- 3. Work Track 3: String Contention/Objections & Disputes
- 4. Work Track 4: Internationalized Domain Names/Technical & Operations
- 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 GAC also has a session on two-character codes on Saturday 20 October at 17.00.

• Tuesday 23 October, 10.30 – 11.30

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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 first step will be to develop a policy for the retirement of a ccTLD. The group will update the ccNSO on progress to date.

Tuesday 23 October, 10.30 – 11.30

Other sessions of interest

IANA Naming Functions updates

Updates from Customer Standing Committee, Root Zone Evolution Review Committee, PTI and the PTI Board.

• Tuesday 23 October, 15.15–16.15

GDPR and growing impact of privacy issues on ccTLD registries

In case you want to hear even more about the GDPR, join this session. It will include a summary of the CENTR survey on WHOIS and GDPR.

Tuesday 23 October, 17.00–18.00

High-Interest Topic: EPDP on the Temporary Specification

While it does not have a direct impact on ccTLDs, it is relevant to keep an eye on the process to get GDPR compliance for the WHOIS in the gTLD space. In accordance with its timeline, the EPDP Team anticipates that one or more of its deliverables will be available for preview by the ICANN community at ICANN63. This high interest topic session will allow the EPDP Team to obtain input on the initial drafts as well as on any potential outstanding questions that should help facilitate finalisation of its work.

Monday 22 October, 15.15 – 16.45 (room 111/112)

ccTLDs' financial contributions to ICANN

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.

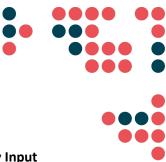
Wednesday 24 October, 09.30–10.15

Session with current and future ICANN Board Members

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

Wednesday 24 October, 14.30 – 15.00

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ICANN 5-Year Strategic Planning: Strategic Direction, Prioritization, and Community Input

As presented at the recent CENTR General Assembly, ICANN has increased its efforts to feed wide community input into its strategic plan. This session will provide an opportunity to give input and help fine-tuning and prioritizing the 5-year strategic plan.

Monday 22 October, 13.30 – 15.00 (room 111/112)

GAC pre-report

Link to ICANN62 GAC Communiqué Panama.

ICANN63 GAC Communiqué Barcelona to be expected on Thursday 25 October.

All GAC meetings take place in room 117.

There are currently 177 members and 36 observers in the GAC.

Introduction

ICANN63 is special for the GAC as in conjunction with the regular ICANN public meeting and the usual GAC meetings, on 22 October Barcelona is hosting the High Level Government Meeting (HLGM) that is held approximately once every two years. In addition to the HLGM (see the relevant section below), the GAC will continue excessive discussions on GDPR; will informally meet with the ICANN Board to discuss two-character codes; and will hold a meeting on geographical names in the subsequent procedures PDP and Work Track 5. The GAC is also determined to increase its engagement with the ICANN community per topic in the several cross-community meetings.

High Level Government Meeting (Monday 22 October)

Barcelona is hosting the 4th HLGM. The sessions are dedicated to four topics: 1) The Role of and Opportunities for Governments in ICANN – Post-IANA Transition; 2) Thematic Challenges in the IG Ecosystem – Cybercrime, Data Protection and Privacy; 3) The Internet Technological Evolution and the Role of ICANN; 4) Global Digital Agenda and Internet Policies.

The Role of and Opportunities for Governments in ICANN – Post-IANA Transition

The aim of this session is to discuss how to improve the dialogue between ICANN and governments regarding the potential impacts of new legislative and regulatory activities on ICANN and the DNS more generally.

Monday 22 October, 10:45 – 12:00

Thematic Challenges in the IG Ecosystem - Cybercrime, Data Protection and Privacy

This session will explore how to maintain human rights and an open internet in an environment of increasing national and regional legislation which can have a converse influence. Potential discussions include the role of the Domain Name System community and WHOIS in combatting cybercrime.

Monday 22 October, 12:15 – 13:30

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The Internet Technological Evolution and the Role of ICANN

This session will explore the impact of the internet technological evolution on ICANN and the DNS, including the future role of ccTLDs and IDNs in this emerging environment and maximising of their value for local internet communities.

Monday 22 October, 15:00 – 16:15

Global Digital Agenda and Internet Policies

The discussion in this panel will address the global agenda on internet issues, as being addressed in the OECD, UN and other bodies. Points of possible discussions include the role of governments in developing innovative and inclusive digital economies in their own countries.

Monday 22 October, 16:30 – 17:45

Data protection, access to WHOIS and privacy

IGO Access to Curative Rights Protection Mechanisms

Agenda points include an EPDP update; WHOIS and privacy; and law enforcement access to WHOIS personal information.

Saturday 20 October, 15:15 – 15:45

Overview of WHOIS Compliance with GDPR including a report of EPDP progress:

Sunday 21 October, 10:45 – 11:30

Joint meeting with GNSO

Agenda points include introduction to GNSO and PDPs, including PDP 3.0; GDPR and WHOIS; and the curative rights protections PDP.

Sunday 21 October, 15:45 – 16:45

HLGM GDPR Technical Session

This seminar will provide a technical briefing on the WHOIS services' origins and how it operates, and how GDPR impacts ICANN's work in this area. It will also touch on unintended consequences on internet's unique identifier systems from other regulatory efforts.

Sunday 21 October, 17:45 – 18:30

Public Safety Working Group Meeting

The GAC Public Safety Working Group (PSWG) will provide an update to the GAC Plenary on its activities and impact of Temporary Specification on gTLD registration data on law enforcement investigations worldwide.

Tuesday 23 October, 8:30 – 9:30

GDPR Discussion

The GAC is expected to discuss steps that should be taken to ensure that the various streams of work in relation to WHOIS compliance with GDPR (i.e. EPDP, Unified Access Model, ICANN engagement with Data Protection Authorities) deliver.

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Tuesday, 23 October, 9:30 – 10:15

Joint meeting with the ccNSO

This meeting will focus on the exchange of experiences with GDPR in different EU States from a ccTLD perspective.

Tuesday, 23 October, 13:30 – 14:15

Cross-Community Session: GDPR

Agenda points include effectiveness of the Temporary Specification in being responsive to GDPR; discussion on Unified Model for Access and accreditation, and what role does RDAP play in providing access to domain registration data.

Wednesday 24 October, 9:45 – 12:00 (room 111/112)

Post GDPR Cross-Community Session Discussion

The GAC Plenary will discuss the outcome of the Cross-Community session on GDPR. The meeting is expected to pave the way for subsequent GAC decisions as appropriate.

Wednesday 24 October, 13:30 – 14:00

Two-character codes

Potential Two-Character Codes Plenary Discussion

• Saturday, 20 October, 17:00 – 18:00

New gTLDs Work Tracks 1-4

Two-character codes are now under discussion in Work Track 2, with regards to the two-character strings at the top level consisting of one ASCII letter and one digit.

• Sunday 21 October, 9:30 - 10:15

Informal Board-GAC Dialogue on Two-Character Codes Issues

Sunday 21 October, 14:00 – 15:00

Geographic names

New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Work Track 5

The purpose of this session is to facilitate a dialogue on the topic between different stakeholder groups. The session will be led by the co-leads of WT5, ensuring that the team of moderators will be represented by the ALAC, ccNSO, GAC and GNSO.

Saturday 20 October, 09:00 – 13:15

Geographic Names WG/WT5 Discussion Meeting

Sunday 21 October, 17:00 – 17:45

Geo TLDs .CITIES Conference

An introductory session on the geographic TLDs with a focus on the .CITIES.

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• Wednesday 24 October, 13:30 – 18:30 (room 129/130)

Other sessions of interest

How It Works: Understanding DNS Abuse

An introductory session to "DNS abuse" that will cover some common abuse types that are often included when discussing DNS. The session is aimed at those who are unfamiliar with how the DNS can be misused.

- Saturday, 20 October, 10:30 12:00 (room 114)
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Open Data Initiative

This session will showcase several ways data related to domain name registration is used, in relation to "big data", "data analytics", "open data" and "data visualisation".

• Tuesday 23 October, 15:15 – 16:45 (room 111/112)

ICANN GDD: What Issues and Challenges are Registrants Having Managing Domain Names?

In this session, the ICANN Registrant Program team will share relevant data including examples of issues and challenges that registrants have reported.

• Wednesday 24 October, 8:30 – 9:45 (room 133)

CCWG IG Public Forum

The session will focus on the proposals at ITU PP-18 (taking place in November) that will touch on IDNs, geographical names and management of ccTLDs.

• Thursday 25 October, 10:30 – 12:00 (room 114)

High Interest Topic: Innovation in Top-Level Domains

Points for discussion include new contractual provisions or procedures for the next round of new gTLDs where encouraging innovation might be one of the policy goals of the program.

Thursday 25 October, 10:30 – 12:00 (room 111/112)

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