Overview

- ICANN Asia Pacific Hub
- Updates from ICANN52
  - New gTLDs
  - Internationalised Domain Names
  - Universal Acceptance
- IANA Functions’ Stewardship Transition
- ICANN Accountability
ICANN Asia Pacific Hub
APAC Hub

- Established August 2013:
  - 24 staff
- Functions:
  - Global Stakeholder Engagement; Contractual Compliance; Registrar/Registry Services; SSR Engagement; Legal; Comms; Ops, Finance, HR
  - Customer Service Channel
New gTLD Update from ICANN52
500+ new gTLDs Delegated (6 Feb)

- Europe: 131 gTLDs
- Asia/Australia/Pacific Islands: 63 gTLDs
- North America: 251 gTLDs
- Latin America/Caribbean Islands: 55 gTLDs
- Africa: 6 gTLDs
# Programme Timeline

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Progress since ICANN 51 (%)

1st delegation ▲

500th delegation ▲
What’s next for new gTLD programme?

- Program Reviews = first step toward future rounds

- Goals:
  - Assess performance of program in several areas
  - Apply lessons learned to next round
  - Support community discussion on future rounds

- Learn more about New gTLD Program Reviews
  - http://newgtlds.icann.org/reviews

- Get involved!
  - Community feedback on the program is desired
What’s next for new gTLD programme?

Areas of review:

- Program operations
- Applicant Support Program
- Application processing
- Application evaluation
- String contention
- Contention resolution
- Objection / dispute resolution
- Contracting and transition to delegation

Upcoming Milestone
Publication of reports for comment: Q2 2015
IDN TLD Program Update
Status of Generation Panels

Label Generation Ruleset (LGR)

Generation Panel Status

Seated
Active
Forming
Initiating

Maximal Starting Repertoire (MSR)

Languages:
- Arabic
- Armenian
- Chinese
- Cyrillic
- Greek
- Japanese
- Khmer
- Korean
- Latin
- Myanmar
- Neo-Brahmi
- Sinhala
- Tibetan
- Other
LGR Specification and Toolset


- Toolset functional priority
  - Create LGR
  - Use LGR
  - Manage LGRs

- Open source

![Diagram showing the relationship between domain, LGR Tool, and Machine-readable Label Generation Ruleset]

System returns a list of variants based on the rules
Universal Acceptance
Community members interested in Universal Acceptance convened workshop on 22 January 2015

Submitted letter to ICANN Board Chair to form Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG)

- Advocacy group, not policy oriented group
- Made up of ICANN community and non-ICANN community experts
- UASG to provide guidance to the ICANN team and work alongside ICANN staff
- Active volunteer participation is expected from community

Christian Dawson addresses the ICANN Board: “The ICANN community should support the creation of a steering group to guide the identification of top line issues and propose solutions, as well as the creation and dissemination of best practices and general outreach information about Universal Acceptance.”
Universal Acceptance Steering Group

 Rico Ongoing Process:
  - Defining structure,
  - Formalizing charter,
  - developing marketing/outreach plans etc

 Details to follow. Watch this space:
  - [https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/universal-acceptance-2012-02-25-en](https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/universal-acceptance-2012-02-25-en)

 Need for Asia Pacific community participation

 Join the discussion list:
  - [https://mm.icann.org/mailman/listinfo/ua-discuss](https://mm.icann.org/mailman/listinfo/ua-discuss)
IANA Stewardship Functions’ Transition Update
The old days: the Internet was born out of US research programmes funded by the US Government; its management evolved organically, led by a chiefly technical, scientific community.

Since the creation of ICANN in 1998: the US Dept. of Commerce signed a two year renewable contract with ICANN to perform the IANA functions, previously with USC.

ICANN has been administering the IANA functions since then, without a single instance of disruption of the DNS.
14 March 2014: U.S. Government announces its intent to transition the stewardship of the IANA functions to the global multistakeholder community at the expiration of the current contract on September 30, 2015

- Asked ICANN to convene global stakeholders to develop a proposal
- Multistakeholder community has set policies implemented by ICANN for more than 15 years

The U.S. Government’s decision:
- Marks the final phase of the ‘privatization’ of the DNS
- Further supports and enhances the multistakeholder model of Internet policy making and governance

ICANN was asked to serve as a facilitator, based on its role as the IANA functions administrator and global coordinator for the Internet’s Domain Name System (DNS).
Launching the multistakeholder process

ICANN launched a multistakeholder process and discussion to gather community views and input at the ICANN 49 Meeting in Singapore.

Based on this initial input, ICANN developed a draft process and issued a call for public comment to gather further community input.

- All translated into 5 official UN languages, plus Portuguese

**Community Response:**

- 700 email exchanges
- 60 process contributions
- Governments
- Private sector
- Civil society
- Technical
- Academics
- End users
## Agreed Process Elements

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<td>☐ The Group establishes its own working methods and modes of operation</td>
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Community Discussions

**CWG–Stewardship:** community.icann.org/x/37fhAg

*Naming* community as a “client” of the IANA service develops its proposal of how it will be supervised after the transition

*(the naming community required further time for consultation working on alternative time line)*

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**CRISP Team:** www.nro.net/crisp-team

*Numbering* community as a “client” of the IANA service develops its proposal of how it will be supervised after the transition

Proposal submitted on Jan 15

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**IANAPLAN WG:** www.ietf.org/iana-transition.html

*Protocol parameters* community as a “client” of the IANA service develops its proposal of how it will be supervised after the transition

Proposal submitted on Jan 6

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Proposals due to the ICG in January 2015
The reasons the names component of the IANA stewardship proposal was taking longer than the numbers and protocol parameters components was due to the complexity of the names communities.

Significant differences of opinion about the two main models on the table – “external” trust (oversight of IANA exists outside ICANN) versus “internal” trust (ICANN performs IANA stewardship function, with possibly a “golden bylaw” to ensure ICANN can be held accountable to

Vast majority of issues under discussion in the CWG were enjoying significant consensus

The CWG hoped that after it received legal advice on the external and internal options under discussion, some of the current proposal options could be found to be unviable and reduce the number of options from which the CWG needed to choose.

(Provisional scenario – proposal by June 2015)
ICANN Accountability
As initial discussions around the transition took place, the community raised the broader topic of the impact of the change on ICANN’s accountability.

- The transition would end the U.S. Government’s historical contractual relationship with ICANN.
- This relationship has been perceived as a backstop with regard to ICANN’s organization-wide accountability.

As a result, ICANN launched a second process, parallel but interrelated with the IANA Stewardship Transition process, to examine from an organizational perspective how ICANN’s broader accountability mechanisms should be strengthened to address the absence of the U.S. Government.
Final Process Structure

1. Establishment of a Cross Community Working Group

2. Scope of accountability work will have two Work Streams
   - **Work Stream 1**: Focused mechanisms enhancing ICANN accountability that must be in place or committed to within the time frame of the IANA Stewardship Transition
   - **Work Stream 2**: Focused on addressing accountability topics for which a timeline for developing solutions and full implementation may extend beyond the IANA Stewardship Transition

3. Involvement of external Advisors
   - The Public Experts Group has selected 6 Advisors to provide external expertise and best practices to help contribute to the dialogue
   - These advisors will not participate in calls for consensus

4. Role of the ICANN Board
   - Will consider the outputs from Work Stream 1 and Work Stream 2
   - A Board liaison will be involved in discussions robustly, bringing the voice and experience of the Board into the development of recommendations
At ICANN52

Work Stream 1 formed 2 Working Parties (WP):

WP 1:
Examine how the community can be empowered to hold the ICANN Board accountable

WP 2:
Examine possible review and redress processes

Work to clarify which accountability mechanisms in Work Stream 1 were "triggered" (by a specific action or non-action by ICANN) or "non-triggered" (part of regular ICANN processes)
Thank You and Questions

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