This meeting is co-located with the 6th Middle East DNS Forum

AGENDA
Updated: 15 February 2019
*Subject to further possible changes

Venue: Media Rotana Dubai
Hessa Street, Barsha Heights, P.O. Box 503030, Dubai, U.A.E.

Training Session

Day 0
18 February

Trainees Registration

Day 1 of the APTLD Members’ Training Session: Marketing  Room TBC
The session is envisaged to be conducted as a string of classes to be delivered by experts and practitioners from AEServer, Afilias, and Gransy and include:

09:00-10:30 Registry and registrar relations, also including:
   1. What Registrars Want
   2. How Resellers fit in
   3. How to Think About Domainers
   4. Handling New Releases

10:30-11:00 Coffee break in the lobby by the Conference Rooms
11:00-12:30 Communication, PR, and Earned Media in Marketing
12:30-13:30 Lunch
13:30-14:30 Using of data and stats in marketing
14:30-15:30: At the end of the class, trainees will be invited to fill out a test to check their knowledge in marketing

Day 0
19 February

Day 2 of the APTLD Members’ Training Session  Room TBC

Technical: IPv6 Training
For the full description of the training and supporting materials, please visit:
https://www.ripe.net/support/training/courses/ipv6/outline

The training will be delivered by Massimiliano Stucchi, the IPv6 Programme Manager and a trainer at the RIPE NCC.
Expertise: IPv6, BGP, Routing Registry, RPKI, LIR operations, DNS / DNSSEC, network design and engineering.
In his position he travels around the RIPE region to perform trainings on how to better use the resources assigned by his employer. In his past life he was CTO, founder and owner of an ISP/ITSP/WISP and also a consultant with experience ranging from web technologies to carrier-grade networking topics. He is vice president of the Italian FreeBSD Users Group (GUFI).

Note: On both training days, coffee breaks will be served by the Training Room and lunches will be served at the Channels restaurant (please have your badge on for lunch)
Members Meeting - Day 1

20 February

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Joint Session with the Middle East DNS Forum

**The Opening Session** | % Room 6-9, Mezzanine Floor

**Master of Ceremony:** Baher Esmat, VP, Global Stakeholder Engagement, Middle East, ICANN

**Speakers:**
- H.E. Hamad Al Mansoori, Director General, Telecommunications Regulatory Authority, UAE
- Cherine Chalaby, Chair of the Board of Directors, ICANN
- Al-Chin Lu, Chair of the Board, APTLD
- Chris Buckridge, Director, External Relations, RIPE NCC

| **09:00-10:30** |
| **Official Group Photo /Coffee break** |

Official Group Photo will be taken at: the Pool Terrace , 1st Floor (participants will be guided and escorted upstairs)

Coffee break will be served in the lobby by the Conference Rooms

| **11:15-12:00** |
| **Session 1: GDPR: Tales Not to Be Told by the Fireplace** | % Room 6-9, Mezzanine Floor

**Joint Session with the Middle East DNS Forum**

**Panel Discussion**

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) has now become an important part of the operational reality in the domain name industry. Over the past several months, the ICANN community has been working hard to ensure the continued access to domain registration data (WHOIS) in a way that is compliant with GDPR. Discussions around administrative, legal and operational effects of the GDPR on generic Top-Level Domains (gTLD) and country code Top-Level Domains (ccTLDs) will take place.

**Moderator:** Alister Paterson, auDA

- Stephen Deehake, AS
- Andi Budimansyah, .ID Registry
- Emily Taylor, NETISTRAR, Ltd.
- Raedene McGary, CentralNic
- Elena Plexida, ICANN

| **12:45-13:00** |
| **Special Talk by Etisalat** | % Room 6-9, Mezzanine Floor

**Telco as your DNS Security Partner**

This talk will aim to cover threats, attack vectors and role of an ISP in safeguarding the society. DNS security right from traditional Enterprise, SMB’s, Government’s networks to next generation smart networks such as Smart City’s, Connected Cars, Smart meters, IOT and Cloud, etc.

**Presenter:** Imran Bulan Khan | Digital Security Architect, Etisalat, UAE

| **13:00-14:00** |
| **Lunch will be served at the Channels restaurant (ground floor) – kindly have your badge on** |

| **14:00-15:30** |
| **Session 2A** | % Room 2, Mezzanine Floor

**Policy: Pin ‘Em Down... or Not: Whether Local Presence for Registrants Matters**

As many governments are keen to retain the imperative of the registrants’ local presence, the big question is if it is the only solution in today’s globalized world. The session is to weigh pros and cons of open zones vis-à-vis hermetic ones and discuss good legal and administrative practices.

**Moderator:** Gihan Dias, .LK Domain Registry

- Ahlam Abu-Jadallah, .JO
- Yuri Takamatsu, JPRS
- Abdulrahman Al Marzouqi, TRA
- Lianna Galstyan, .ISOC/AM
- Darasouk Homsombath, LANIC

| **14:00-15:30** |
| **Welcoming Remarks** | % Room 6-9, Mezzanine Floor

**Nick Tomasso**, Vice-President of Global Meeting Operations and Managing Director for Middle East and Africa, ICANN

**Session 2B**

The ME DNS Forum: Policy Session. New gTLDs: Future Rounds

Since the launch of the new Generic Top-Level Domain (gTLD) Program in 2012, over 1200 new top-level domains have been introduced. The ICANN community has been reviewing the policy recommendations related to the new gTLDs, to improve the program and prepare for a potential next round. The session will explore the outcomes of the ongoing policy efforts, and shed light on the policy aspects of specific interest to the Middle East

**Moderator:** Rafik Dammak, Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council Vice-Chair, ICANN

- Amr Elsadr, Non-Commercial Stakeholder Group, GNSO
- Caitlin Tubergen, Policy Senior Manager – GNSO, ICANN
- Mert Saka, Registry Engagement and Outreach Manager, ICANN
15:30-16:00  Coffee break in the lobby by the Conference Rooms

Talk by GSMA: Era of 5G

16:00-16:15  An overview of the current state of the industry, 5G deployment, IoT outlook, and the implications for different economic verticals, smart cities and commerce.

Presenter: Jawad Abbassi, Head of MENA, GSMA

Session 3A  Room 2, Mezzanine Floor

Technical: The Myth of the Better: An Alternative DNS Root Concept and Its Implications

While astronomers are at odds over the question whether our universe is one and only, or one of many, how can one be sure DNS is set to stay on as the only universe for the TLD community? A heretical idea is fun and a good inspiration for a techie’s job

Moderator: Kaveh Ranjbar, RIPE NCC

Lars-Johan Liman, Netnod
Mikhail Anisimov, RU
Patrick Jones, ICANN
Davey Song, Yeti DNS (remotely)
Dmytro Kokhmanyuk, IUA

16:15-17:45  Wrap-up of the day and housekeeping notices

Bahr Esmat, ICANN & Leonid Todorov, APTLD

17:45-18:00  Leaving for the Gala Event

18:30  Gala Event

on board of a traditional Dhow sponsored by the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority of the United Arab Emirates

Members Meeting - Day 2

21 February  Session

Session 4A  Room 2, Mezzanine Floor

Administrative: New Registry Services

Today’s registry is a complex machinery with many departments doing many things. The panel is to discuss which new services can be adopted to complement the traditional ones and how they benefit those who dare.

Moderator: Le Nam Trung, VNNIC
Nitin Walia, Data Xgen Technologies
Ruwan Wigamage, LK Domain Registry
Wahyoe Prawoto, ID Registry
Stuart Fuller, CentralNic
Thai Huu Ly, VNNIC
Queh Ser Pheng, SGNIC

Session 4B (I)  Room 6-9, Mezzanine Floor

Domain Name Marketplace in the UAE

[Panel] The session will look at the domain name marketplace in the United Arab Emirates, and will cover experiences shared by the country code Top Level Domain (ccTLD) and IDN ccTLD registry, registrars and resellers of both national TLDs, and other players.

Moderator: Baher Esmat, Global Stakeholder Engagement, Middle East, ICANN

Presenters:
Abdulrahman Almarzooqi, Manager, Internet Advancement, TRA UAE
Munir Badr, Founder and CEO, AEServer
Anoop Sherda, CTO, Buzzinex
**Session 5A**  
**Room 2, Mezzanine Floor**

**Marketing: Target Segments, Schmarget Segments**

*Do you know any millennial around you? Better still, are YOU a millennial? No? How come? How about the elderly (and no, we do not mean you are the one). Anyway, they all are your potential audience, so you’d better know your audience—sorry, customers to treat them right. The session focuses on ways and means to identify and classify, and treat them so that to have your TLD prosper.*

**Moderator:** Min Jung Park, KISA
- Maria Kolesnikova, .RU
- Tinuk Andriyanti, .ID Registry
- Tom Barret, Encirca
- Joe Alagna, Affilias

**Session 5B**  
**Room 6-9, Mezzanine Floor**

**Talk:** What Registrants Need to Know about their Rights and Responsibilities

**Moderator:** Fahd Batayneh, Manager, Global Stakeholder Engagement, Middle East

**Dealing with Complaints: ICANN Compliance Perspective**

* [Talk] This talk will focus on the highest volume of complaints received by ICANN Contractual Compliance such as, Transfer, Domain Deletion (Domain Suspended for non-response to WHOIS Inquiry) and Domain Renewal. The objective is to describe the content of complaints falling in the ICANN’s contractual scope and explain how to address issues related to domain name management.*

**Presenter:** Seher Sagiroglu Ayhan, Contractual Compliance Specialist, ICANN

**ICANN’s Registrant Program**

* [Talk] The ICANN Registrant Program has two primary objectives: 1) educating registrants about their rights and responsibilities, the domain name ecosystem and how to navigate it, and the ICANN policies that impact them and, 2) identifying and raising awareness about issues and challenges that registrants are facing. To this end, the ICANN organization (ICANN org) is publishing semi-annual reports aimed at providing quantitative data to inform community discussions and collaborations. This inaugural report provides data from the ICANN Global Support Center (GSC), ICANN Contractual Compliance and some observations from the ICANN Complaints Office.*

**Presenter:** Mukesh Chulani, Senior Manager, Registrar Services and Engagement, ICANN
## Endorse the Board Chair Report for 2018

Endorse the Board Chair Report for 2018, which can then use the data to facilitate informed policy discussions.

**Presenter:** Samaneh Tajalizadehkhoob, Lead Security, Stability and Resiliency Specialist, ICANN

### Session 7B (II) 🌐 Room 6-9, Mezzanine Floor

**Unleash your Registry, How to Reach the Largest Audience**

[Talk] Technology is has always been a hot topic, but how often do we think about the business development, marketing, and growth aspects of it? In this session, we’ll take a closer look at the intriguing combination of art and science when it comes to the promotion of technology.

**Presenter:** Joe Alagna, Director, Business Development, Afilias

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### The APTLD Annual General Meeting (Part 2)  
**Room 2, Mezzanine Floor**

At the meeting (open to the Ordinary Members only), the community will:

- The 2019 APTLD Budget
- Discuss other matters of general concern

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### Session 8B 🌐 Room 6-9, Mezzanine Floor

**Emerging Trends in DNS**

[Panel] Blockchain technology represents an innovation that is poised to disrupt several industries, from commercial transactions to real estate to patient data. DNS is emerging as a way to integrate blockchain applications with the existing internet. The following applications will be reviewed:

- Integration of Blockchain and digital wallets for virtual currencies
- Decentralized DNS for greater security and anonymity
- Internet of Things
- Geofence applications for drones, airports and ecommerce
- The art case

**Moderator:** Tom Barrett, CEO, EnCirca Inc.

**Panelists:**
- Alexei Popov, Registrar Partnerships, dotART Registry

### The APTLD Annual General Meeting (Part 2, Cont’d)

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### Session 9B  
**Room 6-9, Mezzanine Floor**

**Security in IPv6-enabled TLDs**

[Panel] Today more and more registries have deployed IPv6 on their infrastructure. This session will discuss how to properly build your registry to support both IPv4 and IPv6. It will cover Route Origin Authorizations (ROAs) and Internet Routing Registry (IRR), monitoring for IPv6, IPv6 DDoS protection, and getting proper IPv6 connectivity.

**Moderator:** Hisham Ibrahim, Middle East Technical Program Manager, RIPE NCC

**Panelists:**
- Jan Zorz, Operationa, Engagement Programme Manager, ISOC
- Massimiliano Stucchi, IPv6 Program Manager, RIPE NCC
- Maher Yamout, Kaspersky
- Mohamed Ali Gharghi, Asiatech

### Coffee Break in the lobby by the Conference Rooms

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### The Joint Concluding Session: Taking Stock  
**Rooms 6-9, Mezzanine Floor**

**Moderator:** Chris Buckridge, RIPE NCC

- Baher Esmat, ICANN: Concluding remarks
- Leonid Todorov, APTLD: Concluding remarks
- Housekeeping announcements & closure of the Meeting

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### APTLD Board Retreat  
**Room Plus 10**

| 17:15-19:00 | APTLD Board Retreat |