

Subject: Contracted Parties Briefing for ICANN66

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Greetings,

We are preparing for the [ICANN66 Annual General Meeting](#) in Montréal, Canada and look forward to your participation. If you are attending the meeting in person, please [register](#). To request a face-to-face meeting with your Account Manager or other members of the GDD team, please send your request to the Global Support Center at globalsupport@icann.org, no later than Friday, 1 November 2019. For the full ICANN66 schedule and ICANN66 mobile application, please see <https://66.schedule.icann.org/>.

Below are some highlights of recent community-impacting activities and projects for your awareness.

New and Noteworthy

2020 GDD Industry Summit and Additional Events to be Held in Paris, France

Save the date! The sixth [GDD Industry Summit](#) will be held in Paris, France from 3-6 May 2020. The event will be followed by the [Registration Operations Workshop \(ROW\)](#), the [DNS Symposium](#), and [DNS OARC](#). Please see the sponsorship [brochure](#) and the [GDD Industry Summit](#) webpage for further information. If you are interested in helping to craft the Summit agenda, please contact globalsupport@icann.org to join the planning committee.

Update on Information Transparency Initiative (ITI)

[The Alpha version of Registry Agreements page](#) launched on 4 September 2019. This Alpha version provides users with a new search experience that includes filters by agreement type, registry operator, TLD, and more. It also allows users to download search results in csv format. We encourage you to check it out and provide your feedback. A soft launch is expected in FY20 Q4 with the full launch expected in FY21 Q1.

Credential Management Lifecycle Resource

ICANN org, in conjunction with members of the community, and at the direction of the SSAC, prepared a presentation for contracted parties on credential management lifecycle best practices. This presentation outlines specific credential guidelines to help enhance the security of domain names and the systems that support them. In addition to providing a best-practices approach, the presentation includes use-case examples that cover the entire credential lifecycle from design and creation to revocation and destruction. You can view the presentation [here](#).

Contractual Compliance Registry Audit

On 17 September 2019, ICANN Compliance published the [Report](#) on the Registry Operator Audit for Addressing DNS Security Threats, summarizing the results of the audit that took place from November 2018 through June 2019. ICANN Compliance is now gathering data to prepare for the launch of a registrar audit focused on DNS security threats. The Compliance team will be attending ICANN66 and available to answer questions and provide updates for contracted parties. To schedule one-on-one sessions with the team, please send an email to compliance@icann.org.

Policy and Implementation Updates

gTLD Registration Data Policy Implementation (EPDP Phase 1)

ICANN org's policy implementation team continues to build an implementation plan with the Registration Data Policy Implementation Review Team (IRT) made up of community volunteers. All recommendations have been reviewed and the implementation requirements for those recommendations are in IRT discussions. On 2 October 2019, the IRT advised the GNSO Council that the EPDP Team's recommended policy effective date of 29 February 2020 is not feasible due to the large scope and complexity of work (29 recommendations; 40+ impacted policies and procedures; 60+ data elements in multi-transactions). The implementation timeline will be established upon the completion of the analysis, requirements definition, and estimation of the implementation tasks. The IRT has scheduled two working sessions at ICANN66. Until the new policy is published, all contracted parties must continue to implement the [Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration data](#).

Registration Data Access Protocol (RDAP)

As of 26 August 2019, all ICANN accredited registrars and registry operators are required to provide registration data directory services through Registration Data Access Protocol (RDAP) in addition to the WHOIS services. Registry operators must provide and maintain their RDAP Base URL with IANA, while registrars must provide and maintain their Base URLs with ICANN via the Naming Services portal (formerly RADAR).

ICANN plans to initiate the negotiation process to amend the Base gTLD Registry Agreement and the 2013 Registrar Accreditation Agreement to incorporate more robust contractual requirements for RDAP into the registration data directory services and to define the plan and provisions to sunset the obligations related to WHOIS protocol and services.

IGO and INGO Identifiers Protection Policy Implementation: Red Cross Name Lists Update

Earlier this year, the ICANN Board [adopted](#) GNSO Policy recommendations regarding "Protections for Certain Red Cross and Red Crescent Names in All Generic Top-Level Domains". This policy is now in the implementation planning phase. The policy will supplement the existing set of specific Red Cross, Red Crescent, Red Lion & Sun, and Red Crystal terms which were withheld from registration with the new set of domain name system (DNS) labels. ICANN org's policy implementation team working in conjunction with the volunteer Implementation Review Team is preparing the policy for Public Comment in October 2019. The goal is to announce a final policy by February 2020.

Registrars

Reminder: 2013 Registrar Accreditation Agreement (RAA) Renewal Process

Registrars that are nearing the end of the five-year term of their Registrar Accreditation Agreement (RAA) should be aware that the renewal process has several requirements detailed [here](#). ICANN will contact registrars 90 days before the expiration date to request confirmation of the intent to renew and serve as a reminder of requirements. Prompt action is required to ensure the renewal process is completed before the expiration date.

Naming Service Portal v.2.0 for Registrars

The ICANN org will launch version 2.0 of the Naming Services portal (NSp) for registrars on **28 October 2019**. This version will enable ICANN to retire the Registrar Application and Data Access Resource (RADAR) system and will make NSp the system of record for registrar data. This version is foundational for future enhancements and will allow Primary Contacts to request that additional users gain access to the system.

Registries

New EBERO Service Contracts Awarded

In August 2019, ICANN [announced](#) that it selected three Emergency Back-end Registry Operator (EBERO) providers as a result of a Request for Proposal issued in October 2018. The China Internet Network Information Center (CNNIC), the Canadian Internet Registration Authority (CIRA), and Nominet were awarded contracts to support the EBERO program. For more information, visit the [EBERO webpage](#).

Format Change: Weekly Registrar Announcement Email

Based on the feedback we have received, the format of the weekly announcement email will be updated from text based to include two attachments; 1) a machine-readable report (.csv - CSV UTF-8 comma-delimited file) and 2) a human-readable report (.xlsx file). The new format will become effective as part of the upcoming version 2.0 launch of the Naming Services portal (NSp) for registrars targeted for 28 October 2019. As a reminder, [icann.org](#) maintains a public list of all [accredited registrars](#).

I hope this information provides you with additional insight and transparency into our ongoing activities and look forward to your feedback.

Best Regards,

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