




ICANN update
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Overview

1. Policy
 2. New gTLDs
 3. New CEO, new VPs
 4. IANA
 5. Root Servers
 6. Upcoming ICANN meetings
 7. Other events
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Policy and new gTLDs



Policy – ongoing work

1. GNSO policy issues
2. ccNSO policy issues
3. ALAC policy issues
4. ASO policy issues
5. Participation and engagement
6. Stay connected <http://www.icann.org/en/topics/policy/>
7. ICANN Policy staff: David Olive, VP. General email: policy-staff@icann.org

Soliciting public comments

Public Comments – Open

A vital element in ICANN's processes is the opportunity for public comment on each substantial piece of work before it is considered for approval. This page contains summary data for topics that are currently OPEN (Last-in-First sequence) with links to relevant announcements, documents, comment locations, and reference sources that can provide fuller descriptions and background information where applicable.

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Title	Close Date [UTC Time]
Preliminary Issue Report on the Inter-Registrar Transfer Policy (IRTP) Part C	25 August 2011 [23:59]
Proposed IDN Guidelines Revision	26 August 2011 [23:59]
Request for Community Input on Formulation of 2012-2015 Strategic Plan	29 August 2011 [23:59]
Post-Expiration Domain Name Recovery Recommendations for ICANN Board Consideration	15 September 2011 [23:59]

Topics under discussion

- Soliciting community input to “Formulation of 2012 to 2015 Strategic Plan”
 1. Policy development process (including Whois and IDNs)
 2. Multi-stakeholder model (including new stakeholders, balancing of input)
 3. Globalization/Internationalization of ICANN (including the role of governments)
 4. Underdeveloped nation participation (including how to increase participation)
 5. DNS stability, security and resiliency (including DNNSEC adoption and RPKI deployment)
 6. Introducing more competition, building consumer trust and choice (including a stable launch of a timely, predictable, reliable new gTLD process)
 7. Strategic metrics (to measure performance and ensure project goals are aligned with strategic objectives)
 8. General comments on Strategic Plan

New gTLDs

- Current Status: 1930 applications
- Numbers: 66 geographic names, 116 in non-Latin scripts, applicants from 60 countries (911 – North America, 675 – Europe, 303 – Asia-Pacific, 24 – Latin America & Caribbean, 17 – Africa)
- Digital archery suspended
(<http://www.icann.org/en/news/announcements/announcement-23jun12-en.htm>)
- What's next? 60-days comments period
- Issues

Global engagement



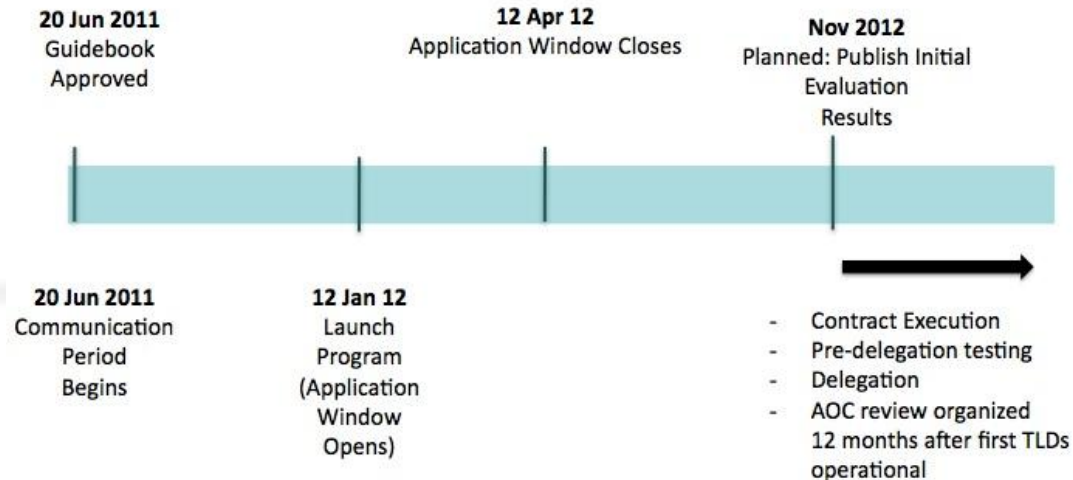
Global Engagement (1)

- Global awareness of new gTLD program

– Coordinated via Communications team

- Community /staff consultation for regions

New gTLD Program Timeline



Global Engagement (2)

- Staff and community participation at Internet related events
 - RIR meetings, NOG's, ITU SG, Governments, Business, regional TLD orgs...
 - Presence and support for IGF continuance
 - Next IGF, Nairobi
 - Regional and National IGFs

Global Engagement (3)

- Coordination/ raise awareness of NTIA FNOI on IANA contract
 - Appreciation to APTLD and ccTLD registries from the region for submissions
- Engaging ccTLDs and Governments
 - IANA root management
 - Broad DNSSEC adoption (72/310 TLDs now signed)
 - Encourage ccNSO membership, formalize relationships, voluntary contributions
 - Review of Registry policies
 - Local Internet community
 - Law enforcements, Government directives, ccTLD redelegation

Universal acceptance of TLDs



What is Universal Acceptance?

- Ensure Internet software universally accepts all domains (including IDNs)
- Problems when software checks user input against a hard-coded list of TLDs, TLD character length, or other incomplete or outdated criteria
- Does not cover policy aspects of what TLDs should be allowed or restricted

Examples of acceptability issues

<http://example.com>

<http://example.xxx>

<http://япон.рф>

<http://example.XN-->

Permanent Home Address Line 1*

Permanent Home Address Line 2:

City*

Zip Code* -

Note: You must be a U.S. resident

SSN* - -

Date of Birth* / / (MM/DD/YYYY)

You must be 18 or older, 19 in Al

Mother's Maiden Name*

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Universal Acceptance of TLDs

To learn about the effort, go to:

<http://www.icann.org/en/resources/tld-acceptance>

Submit comments, share suggestions
and report acceptability issues to:

tld-acceptance@icann.org

ICANN's activities

- Created discussion forum and dedicated webpage
 - Posted TLD verification tool at:
<https://github.com/icann>
- Consultations with ICANN stakeholders
 - Technical recommendations
 - Outreach campaign

New CEO



New CEO

Akram Atallah, CEO

Assumes Interim Role until October

Fadi Chehadé to Become ICANN President & CEO

<http://www.icann.org/>

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IANA



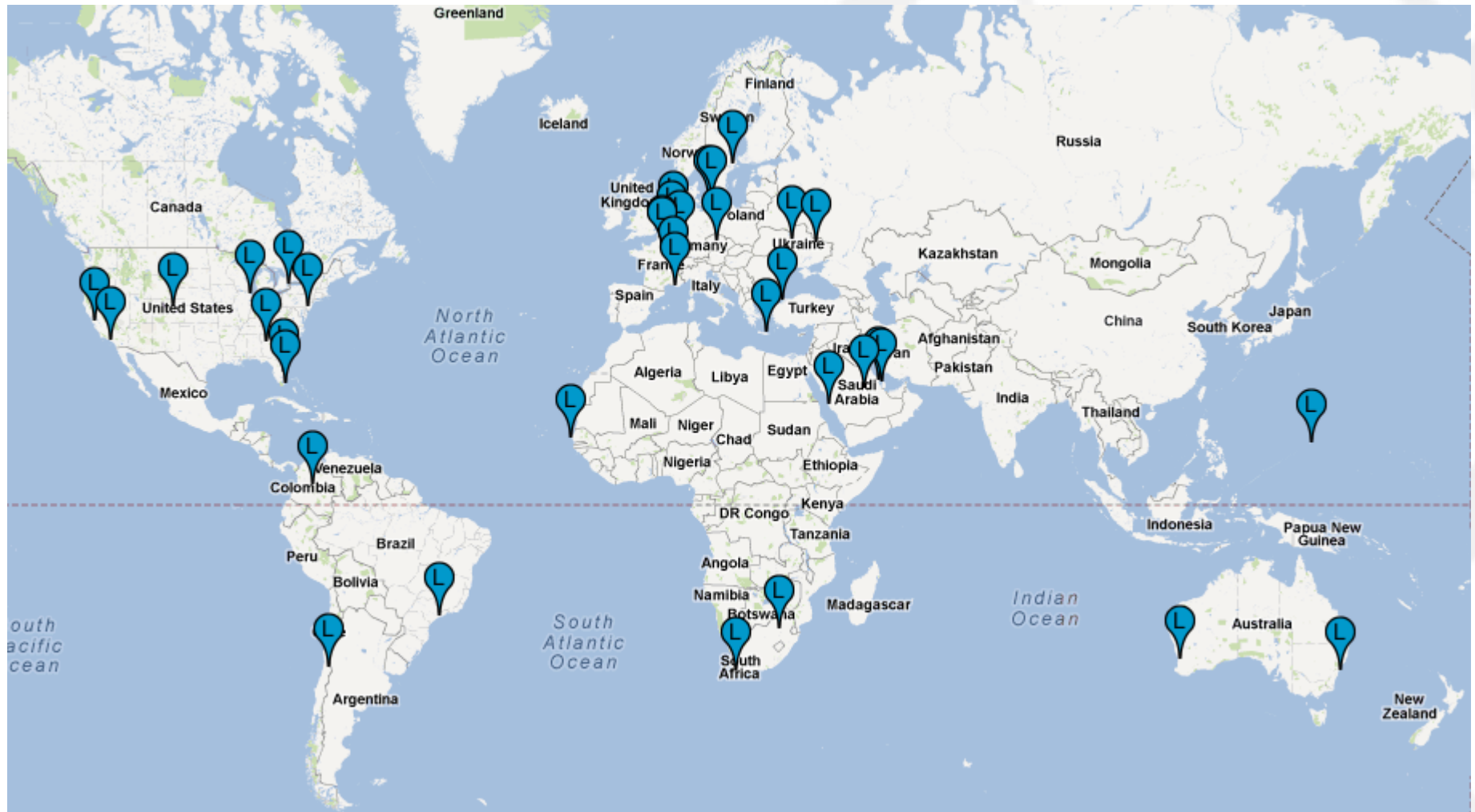
IANA

- Improving internal processes to cater for the New gTLD Program
- Continuing with Business Excellence work.
- Preparing for potential requirements relating to the new IANA Contract
- DNSSEC is cools, everything is going smoothly

Root Servers



Old L-Root Sites



New L-Root Sites



Upcoming ICANN meetings



Upcoming meetings

- <http://meetings.icann.org/>
- Everyone is welcome
 - ICANN 45 - Toronto, Canada 14-19 October 2012
- ICANN meetings open to all
- Apply for fellowships (Governments and others in community)
<http://www.icann.org/en/about/participate/fellowships>

Other Events

- Regional ccTLD meeting (AfTLD July in Zambia)
- IGF (November 6-9, Baku, Azerbaijan)
- WTSA (November 20-29, Dubai)
- WCIT (December 3-14, Dubai)

Thank you!

