

ICANN83 Policy Outlook Report



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Welcome to Prague!



The Policy Development Support team put together the ICANN83 Policy Outlook Report as a tool to support your preparation for the ICANN83 Policy Forum in Prague, Czech Republic, 9–12 June 2025. This report provides a high-level overview of the planned work and activities of the Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees during ICANN83.

The Policy Forum is a four-day meeting focused on the advancement of policy and advice by the ICANN community. There will be discussions about how the ICANN community can engage in the upcoming 20-year review of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS+20) outcomes and an update on the effort to improve the effectiveness of ICANN Public Meetings, called the “How We Meet” initiative. Additionally, the ICANN Board will take the time to honor the many dedicated leaders of working groups across the ICANN community with a reception on Tuesday, 10 June.

ICANN believes that a global community of stakeholders and participants with different backgrounds and points of view help coordinate and support the unique identifiers of the Internet. The Internet functions for everyone because everyone is invited to help make it work. The multistakeholder model creates policies based on consensus, which yields legitimacy and global solutions that enable our vision of “One World, One Internet.”

Thank you for making the considerable commitment of time and effort to attend this meeting, either in person or remotely. Whether you are an ICANN regular, an occasional participant, or a newcomer, please actively engage in this Policy Forum, and say hello if you see me.

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Address Supporting Organization (ASO)

What to Expect

The ASO and ASO Address Council (AC) will convene during ICANN83 for several work sessions and joint sessions with the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC), Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC), Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC), and the Internet Service Providers and Connectivity Providers Constituency (ISPCP) of the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO). In addition, the ASO will offer an information session about its Internet Coordination Policy-2 ([ICP-2](#)) [review](#).

Background

The ASO is defined in a [2019 Memorandum of Understanding \(MoU\)](#), affirming the relationship between the names and numbers communities. The purpose of the ASO is to review recommendations on global Internet Protocol address policy and to advise the ICANN Board. Global policies are defined in the ASO MoU as “Internet number resource policies that have the agreement of all RIRs, according to their policy development processes, and ICANN and require specific actions or outcomes on the part of the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority or any other external ICANN-related body in order to be implemented.” The ASO ensures that the policy development process has been correctly followed in each RIR community:

- African Network Information Centre
- Asia Pacific Network Information Centre
- American Registry for Internet Numbers
- Latin American and Caribbean Internet Addresses Registry
- Réseaux IP Européens Network Coordination Centre

The ASO conducts policy development work during Regional Internet Registry (RIR) meetings and on [mailing lists](#).

The [ASO Address Council \(ASO AC\)](#) coordinates the global policy development work of the Internet number community and appoints members to the ICANN Board, the ICANN Nominating Committee, and other ICANN groups. The ASO AC consists of 15 members, three from each RIR.

ASO AC monthly teleconferences are open to observers. For more information, including the teleconference schedule, observer privileges, and remote participation details, visit the [ASO AC website](#).

Session Details

Session times are in UTC +2. Please refer to the [ICANN83 schedule](#) for the most current information.

Joint Session: ALAC and ASO

Monday, 9 June | 10:45–11:30

Joint Session: ASO and RSSAC

Monday, 9 June | 13:45–15:00

Joint Session: ASO and GNSO ISPCP

Tuesday, 10 June | 13:45–15:00

ASO Information Session

Tuesday, 10 June | 15:30–17:00

Joint Session: ASO and GAC

Wednesday, 11 June | 11:30–12:15

Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO)

What to Expect

The country code top-level domain (ccTLD) community and others with an interest in ccTLD-related matters will discuss and receive updates on topics relevant to ccTLD managers. Simultaneous interpretation will be available for a select number of ccNSO sessions. The enhanced language support will benefit the ccTLD community by deepening operational exchanges and advancing information-sharing.

Tech Day – a workshop open to all ICANN community members with an interest in technical, operational, and security topics – will take place on Monday, 9 June.

The ccNSO schedule on Tuesday, 10 June, will start with a welcome session where anyone with an interest in ccTLDs will be informed about relevant news regarding the IANA services.

The ccNSO Internet Governance Liaison Committee (IGLC) session during ICANN83 explores how the principles established in the WSIS process have been implemented over the past two decades and the specific ways in which ccTLDs have contributed to this implementation. Next, the ccNSO Universal Acceptance Committee (UAC) examines the challenges that prevent ccTLDs from prioritizing Universal Acceptance (UA) readiness, and how to overcome them. The session will also explore how the collaboration with relevant authorities may influence UA adoption.

During the last session on Tuesday, the second ccNSO Finance (FIN2) Working Group will present its final recommendations on financial contribution models for ccTLDs. These proposals aim to be fair, equitable, and maintain the voluntary nature of contributions to ICANN. The recommendations are based on input gathered through a ccTLD community survey launched in April 2025.

On Wednesday, 11 June, the ccNSO will kick off with a casual meet-up for ccNSO Newcomers. Next, during the ccTLD News Session, ccTLD managers from different regions will share the latest developments relevant to their respective ccTLDs.

The ccNSO schedule will continue with a session by the Domain Name System (DNS) Abuse Standing Committee (DASC) on the topic of online scams, financial crime, and their connection to domain name-related abuse, with a focus on the role of ccTLDs in addressing these issues. During the final session on Wednesday, there will be a joint session between the ccNSO and the GNSO Registry Stakeholder Group to discuss topics of common interest.

On Thursday, 12 June, the ccNSO Council will meet. The detailed ccNSO schedule, including highlights of the topics covered and remote participation details for ICANN83, is available on the [ccNSO ICANN83 workspace](#).

Background

The ccNSO is one of the three Supporting Organizations within ICANN. Created in 2003 for and by ccTLD managers, the ccNSO develops and recommends global policies, such as the retirement of ccTLDs, to the ICANN Board. The ccNSO provides a global platform to discuss topics and issues of concern, build consensus and technical cooperation, and facilitate the development of voluntary best practices for ccTLD managers. Membership in the ccNSO is open to all ccTLD managers.

The ccNSO is administered by the ccNSO Council, which consists of 18 councilors (15 elected by ccNSO members, three appointed by the ICANN Nominating Committee). The ccNSO councilors are actively involved in determining the work and direction of the ccNSO. Councilors manage the policy development process, lead and participate in [various ccNSO working groups](#), engage with the ICANN community on topical issues, and develop positions based on ICANN community feedback. The ccNSO Council meets regularly during ICANN Public Meetings and at monthly teleconferences. All ccNSO Council documents, minutes of meetings, resolutions, and discussions are published on the [ccNSO website](#).

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Participate in the ccNSO Course on [ICANN Learn](#) to find out more about its work and how it is organized. [Subscribe](#) to the ccNSO monthly newsletter to stay informed.

Session Details

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Please refer to the [ccNSO session highlights](#) for details regarding the ccNSO Members Meeting agenda, including a list of speakers, topics, and background materials.

Tech Day

Monday, 10 June | 09:00–12:15

Since 2006, Tech Day has been part of ICANN Public Meetings. It provides a forum for both experienced participants and newcomers to meet, present, and discuss technical and operational registry topics, security, and other DNS-related work. During ICANN83, Tech Day will focus on DNS Security Extensions (DNSSEC), DNS Abuse prevention and mitigation, and other topics.

ccNSO Members Meeting Day 1

Welcome Session and IANA Update

Tuesday, 11 June 2025 | 09:00–10:15

The chairs of the ccNSO Council and ccNSO Meetings Program Committee will welcome participants to the ccNSO Members Meeting and introduce the upcoming ccNSO sessions. In addition, the ccNSO participants in the “How We Meet” initiative will report on progress to date. Public Technical Identifiers (PTI) will inform the broader ccTLD community about their activities regarding the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) functions.

IGLC: ccTLDs and IGFs: 20 Years of WSIS Implementation and the Road Ahead

Tuesday, 11 June 2025 | 10:45–12:15

During ICANN83, the ccNSO Internet Governance Liaison Committee (IGLC) explores how the principles established in the WSIS process have been implemented over the past two decades and the specific ways in which ccTLDs have contributed to this implementation. The IGLC has been established to coordinate, facilitate, and increase the participation of ccTLD managers in discussions and processes pertaining to Internet governance.

UAC: Breaking Barriers: How Governments and ccTLDs Advance Universal Acceptance

Tuesday, 11 June 2025 | 13:45–15:00

During ICANN83, the ccNSO UAC will explore how governments and ccTLDs can help overcome UA barriers and drive broader digital inclusion. UA refers to the concept of treating all domain names equally and ensuring that they are recognized, accepted, and functional across all Internet applications, systems, and devices. The purpose of the ccNSO UAC is to provide the ccTLD community a platform to interact and share information at a global level and with other ICANN community groups on topics related to UA and Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs).

ccTLD Financial Contributions

Tuesday, 11 June 2025 | 15:30–17:00

The FIN2 Working Group will present its final recommendations based on an April 2025 survey of the ccTLD community on financial contribution models that are fair and equitable, and encourage ccTLDs to contribute to ICANN at a level deemed reasonable, while preserving the principle of voluntary financial contributions.

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ccNSO Members Meeting Day 2

A Casual Meet-Up for ccNSO Newcomers

Wednesday, 12 June 2025 | 09:00–10:15

Join the ccNSO for a relaxed meet-up where ccNSO newcomers and long-standing members can connect, share experiences, and build community together.

ccTLD News Session

Wednesday, 11 June 2025 | 10:45–12:15

ccTLD News Sessions include a collection of case studies, statistics, new developments, trends, and more. The ccTLD News Sessions have been part of the ccNSO Members Meetings for several years. They provide a global platform for both experienced and new people to meet, share experiences, and discuss ccTLD-related aspects.

DASC: Online Scams and Financial Crime

Wednesday, 12 June 2025 | 13:45–15:00

During ICANN83, DASC will spotlight the connection between online scams, financial crime, and domain abuse. The session will highlight how ccTLD operators are addressing these issues and lay the groundwork for further explorations among ccTLD operators, law enforcement, industry experts, and other stakeholders.

Since 2022, DASC has helped ccTLD managers share insights and strategies to combat domain name abuse. Focused on mitigation strategies, raising awareness, and collaboration, DASC has explored abuse tracking tools, gTLD contract amendments, and run ccTLD abuse surveys in 2022 and 2024.

Joint Session: ccNSO and GNSO RySG

Wednesday, 12 June 2025 | 13:30–15:00

A joint session between the ccNSO and GNSO Registry Stakeholder Group (RySG) to discuss topics of mutual interest and explore areas of collaboration.

ccNSO Council

Thursday, 13 June 2024 | 10:45–12:15

Topics for discussion include the recommendations by the FIN2 Working Group to help shape ccTLD financial contribution models. Additional topics for the ccNSO Council meeting will be made available on its [workspace](#).



Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO)

What to Expect

The GNSO is the policy development body responsible for generic top-level domains (gTLDs). Its members include representatives from gTLD registries, ICANN-accredited registrars, intellectual property interests, Internet service and connectivity providers, business, and noncommercial interests. The GNSO brings these different stakeholders and other parts of the ICANN community together to develop gTLD policy recommendations through a multistakeholder process driven by working groups and teams.

The GNSO Council will make progress on policy development initiatives during ICANN83:

- The Latin Script Diacritics Policy Development Process (PDP) Working Group is in its early stages of deliberations. The GNSO Council approved the project's plan on 10 April 2025 and the request for GNSO Stakeholder Group and Constituency statements and Supporting Organization and Advisory Committee input closed on 24 April 2025. The working group plans to host two work sessions during ICANN83 to develop its preliminary recommendations as it prepares its Initial Report.

There are recent developments regarding ICANN Board consideration of outputs from GNSO policy development:

- On 12 March 2025, the GNSO Council voted to [approve](#) all 47 policy recommendations from the Transfer Policy Review Working Group's [Final Report](#). Subsequently, on 10 April 2025, the GNSO Council voted to [approve](#) the Recommendations Report to the ICANN Board regarding the final recommendations from the Transfer Policy Review Policy Development Process Working Group. The ICANN Board opened a [Public Comment](#) proceeding on the Final Report through 2 July 2025. This allows the ICANN Board to obtain the ICANN community input, as required by the ICANN Bylaws, prior to taking action on the final recommendations.

Background

Transfer Policy Review PDP

On 18 February 2021, the GNSO Council [initiated](#) the Transfer Policy Review PDP and [adopted](#) the PDP working group [charter](#) on 24 March 2021, with the working group first meeting in May 2021. The charter initially anticipated that the PDP would be conducted in phases, but the approach has since been changed due to dependencies identified between charter topics. The work is now structured as a single phase. The Transfer Policy is the ICANN Consensus Policy that contains requirements related to transferring a domain name from one registrar to another. On 21 June 2022, the working group published an [Initial Report](#) for Public Comment covering the Gaining and Losing Forms of Authorization (FOA), AuthInfo Codes, and NACKing transfers. It has reviewed public comments and incorporated changes into the preliminary recommendations where appropriate. It has since conducted deliberations on its remaining charter topics, including those related to the Transfer Emergency Action Contact (TEAC), the Transfer Dispute Resolution Policy (TDRP), ICANN-approved bulk transfers, and the change of registrant requirements contained in the Transfer Policy.

On 1 August 2024, the working group published a second [Initial Report](#) covering all charter topics, including revisions to the recommendations contained in the first Initial Report. Following a comprehensive review of the public comments received, the working group updated its report and delivered its [Final Report](#), which includes 47 policy recommendations, to the GNSO Council in February. On 12 March 2025, the GNSO Council voted to [approve](#) all forty-seven (47) policy recommendations from the Transfer Policy Review Working Group's [Final Report](#). Subsequently, on 10 April 2025 the GNSO Council voted to [approve](#) the Recommendations Report to the ICANN Board regarding the Final Recommendations from the Transfer Policy Review Policy Development Process Working Group.

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Latin Script Diacritics PDP

The Latin Script Diacritics PDP will examine the circumstance where a base American Standard Code for Information Interchange (ASCII) gTLDs and the Latin script diacritic version of the gTLD are not variants of each other, seeking for an appropriate mechanism to be in place that will allow a single registry operator to simultaneously operate both gTLDs. This issue has been recognized since the 2012 round of the New gTLD Program.

Accordingly, the GNSO Council received a detailed briefing during the [GNSO Council meeting on 25 October 2023](#). On 16 May 2024, the GNSO Council requested a [Preliminary Issue Report](#) on Latin Script Diacritics. The objective of the Preliminary Issue Report was for the ICANN organization to assess all relevant issues related to the GNSO Council request, and following ICANN community input during Public Comment, to recommend a course of action to the GNSO Council. The Preliminary Issue Report opened for [Public Comment](#) on 18 July 2024 and closed with 41 submissions on 27 August 2024, all in favor of a PDP to begin.

The GNSO Council [initiated](#) a PDP for Latin Script Diacritics on 13 November 2024 following the presentation of the [Final Issue Report](#). The Final Issue Report included a draft charter prepared by the ICANN organization, which was later updated upon the initiation of the PDP and [adopted](#) on 19 December 2024.

During ICANN82, the working group held its first work session and has been making steady progress since then. During ICANN83, the working group will continue its initial deliberations; the next steps are to formulate its preliminary recommendations and publish its Initial Report for Public Comment. During ICANN83, the working group will hold two work sessions.

EPDP on Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs)

On 20 May 2021, the GNSO Council approved the [initiation request](#) for an Expedited PDP (EPDP) on IDNs and adopted its [charter](#). In November 2022, the GNSO Council approved the [project change request](#) from the EPDP-IDNs Working Group (“the EPDP-IDNs Team”) to divide its work into two phases, with Phase 1 focusing on topics related to top-level gTLD definition and variant management, and Phase 2 focusing on topics related to second-level variant management. The two-phased approach was intended to help prioritize the current implementation planning of the SubPro PDP Outputs that are focused primarily on the top-level and avoid potential delays for the implementation of the Next Round of the new gTLDs.

Consequently, the GNSO Council [approved](#) the EPDP-IDNs [Phase 1 Final Report](#) on 21 December 2023, including all 69 Outputs, followed by the ICANN Board [adopting fifty-six \(56\) of the fifty-eight \(58\) final recommendations](#) by 7 September 2024.

For Phase 2, the GNSO Council approved all 20 Outputs (14 recommendations, and six implementation guidance) pertaining to second-level variant management documented in the [Phase 2 Final Report](#) on 13 November 2024, delivering the [Recommendations Report to the ICANN Board](#) in December 2024. The ICANN Board has since reviewed the Public Comment submissions. The ICANN organization is conducting its feasibility/impact analysis on Phase 2 policy recommendations to help the ICANN Board with its forthcoming decision.

While there will not be specific EPDP-IDNs work during ICANN83, the Implementation Review Team (IRT), as a sub-track of the existing New gTLD Subsequent Procedures (SubPro) IRT, will hold one work session on Tuesday, 10 June.

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EPDP on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data

In May 2018, the ICANN Board approved the Temporary Specification (TempSpec) for gTLD Registration Data to comply with both ICANN contractual requirements and the GDPR. This led to the EPDP-TempSpec within a year. The two-phase EPDP-TempSpec was initiated in July 2018. Phase 1 concluded in March 2019, with [policy recommendations](#) to be implemented by the ICANN Implementation Review Team. Phase 2, ending in September 2020, addressed [System for Standardized Access/Disclosure \(SSAD\) and other topics](#).

Furthermore, financial concerns and minority statements prompted an [Operational Design Assessment for the System for Standardized Access and Disclosure \(SSAD\)](#). A small team, formed by the GNSO Council, found the ODA lacking and [recommended a “proof of concept” approach](#). Subsequently, the ICANN Board instructed the development of the [Whois Disclosure System](#) based on this recommendation.

The ICANN Board [directed](#) the ICANN organization in February 2023 to develop and launch the Whois Disclosure System, now called Registration Data Request Service (RDRS), as requested by the GNSO Council. In November 2023, the RDRS launched, and the ICANN organization began collecting and publishing the metrics associated with the System. In January 2024, ICANN released the [first RDRS metrics report](#).

One of the main purposes of the RDRS is to collect data about system usage, which will inform future discussions between the GNSO Council and the ICANN Board on the pending Recommendations 1–18 of the [Final Report](#) of the GNSO [Expedited Policy Development Process on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data Phase 2](#).

During ICANN81, the RDRS Standing Committee agreed to start drafting its final report that will be shared with the GNSO Council. The RDRS Standing Committee deemed that after one year the pilot had yielded enough data for it to start formulating recommendations to help inform policy discussion related to SSAD.

The RDRS Standing Committee will hold two work sessions during ICANN83. The RDRS Standing Committee is currently drafting its report, which will help to inform policy discussions related to SSAD. The work sessions are scheduled to take place on Monday, 9 June, and Tuesday, 10 June.

More Information

Read the GNSO [Policy Briefing](#) to prepare for ICANN83.

Session Details

Please refer to the [ICANN83 schedule](#) for the most current information. For remote participation details, please consult this [workspace](#).

At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)

What to Expect

The At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC), Regional At-Large Organizations (RALO) leaders, At-Large liaisons, and other At-Large community members will hold 14 sessions. The sessions will include two At-Large plenary sessions, policy and operations sessions, three joint sessions, four RALO sessions, a welcome session, and a wrap-up session.

Background

At-Large is the community of individual Internet users who participate in the policy development of ICANN. Currently, 266 At-Large Structures (ALSes) and 236 individuals are organized into five RALOs that represent the views of individual Internet end users within ICANN.

The ALAC consists of 15 members and serves as the primary organizational home within ICANN for individual Internet users. The role of the ALAC is to consider and provide advice on the activities of ICANN as they relate to the interests of individual Internet users.

The work of the At-Large community takes place primarily in working groups divided into three tracks: policy advice, operations, and engagement. At-Large conducts its work through regular teleconferences and active participation during ICANN Public Meetings.

Learn more about the At-Large community, its activities, and how to join on the [At-Large website](#) and [At-Large workspace](#). Also, two [ICANN Learn courses](#) provide additional information on how to start and sustain involvement in the activities of the At-Large community.

Session Details

At-Large session details are available on the [At-Large ICANN83 workspace](#).

At-Large Plenary Sessions

The At-Large community will host two plenary sessions open to all members of the ICANN community.

At-Large Plenary 1: Unravelling the Next Round of New gTLDs for Community-Based TLD Applicants

ICANN will publish the New gTLD Program: Next Round Applicant Guidebook for Public Comment in May 2025. The ALAC and the At-Large community will continue to examine it and to comprehend the implications of ICANN Board-adopted Consensus Policy recommendations and directions as implemented by the ICANN organization. This session will enable participants to better understand how implementation of selected policies of priority to the At-Large community will:

- Impact potential applicants of new gTLD strings, particularly, those that are Applicant Support Program-qualified and those applying to operate their string as a community-based TLD
- Steer the roles of the ALAC and At-Large community in the Next Round

At-Large Plenary 2: What is Next on DNS Abuse—Progressing Mitigation Efforts Within ICANN

The ALAC and At-Large community continue to believe that more can be done to combat DNS Abuse on several fronts. Apart from strengthening the ICANN organization's ability to take action against errant ICANN Contracted Parties that fail to carry out their contractual obligations in mitigating DNS Abuse, the ALAC intends to explore ways to more effectively mitigate harm emanating from maliciously registered domain names before such harm can be inflicted on Internet end users. To this end, beginning with ICANN83, the ALAC will convene a series of collaborative conversations involving the ICANN community. The goal is to achieve a better understanding of continuing widespread DNS Abuse cases and better scoping and identification of possible solutions for this issue. This session aims to collaboratively:

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- Review recent initiatives targeted at mitigating DNS Abuse
- Identify and scope types of DNS Abuse perpetrated using maliciously registered domain names which continue to occur rampantly
- Explore feasible mitigation solutions

Policy Advice Session

The At-Large Consolidated Working Group will host a policy advice session highlighting policy topics that are of interest to the At-Large community. This session will include an overview of At-Large policy advice initiatives and ongoing policy topics of importance to end users. This session will provide interested participants with an opportunity to learn more about the policy interests of the At-Large community. Topics likely to be discussed include the New gTLD Program: Next Round Applicant Guidebook, IDNs, UA, and the continuing path from WHOIS to RDRS.

Operational Advice Session

The At-Large Operations, Finance, and Budget Working Group session will include discussions on ALAC Continuous Improvement Program activities, a presentation from the ICANN Planning team for purposes of ALAC and At-Large prioritization, and an update on At-Large activity planned for the 2025 Internet Governance Forum.

Joint Sessions

The ALAC will hold three joint sessions to discuss issues of mutual interest. The ALAC will conduct a joint session with the GAC, which will include discussions about DNS Abuse mitigation, the New gTLD Program: Next Round Applicant Support Program, UA and the multilingual Internet, and other shared priorities. The ALAC will conduct a joint session with the SSAC, which will include discussions on the Safer Cyber Campaign, name collision, and DNS blocking. There will also be an exchange about general security and stability concerns that may impact end users. The ALAC will also conduct a joint session with the GNSO Noncommercial Stakeholder Group, which will likely include discussions about the “How We Meet” initiative, operational security, stability, resilience, and the Human Rights Impact Assessment.

RALO Sessions

The five RALOs have several priority activities for ICANN83. The RALO leaders will host a RALO Coordination Meeting. Topics include issues which require joint RALO strategies and actions, including:

- Strategic plan alignment among the RALOs
- Final review of RALO outreach and engagement plans for fiscal year (FY) 2026
- Updates from the ICANN organization Global Stakeholder Engagement function
- Discussion of the Continuous Improvement Program and the work of the RALOs

The African Regional At-Large Organization (AFRALO) will hold its meeting on the theme of: “Africa’s DNS Abuse Mitigation Initiative: Empowering Stakeholders Across the Ecosystem”. The traditional AFRALO meeting will present an overview of the topic, discuss and approve a statement, and make recommendations to the ICANN community and organization.

The European Regional At-Large Organization (EURALO) will hold a series of sessions during ICANN83:

- A EURALO Roundtable with the NextGen@ICANN participants will provide an opportunity for the ICANN83 NextGen Participants and EURALO members to get to know each other and discuss how to work together in the future.
- The EURALO General Assembly will bring together EURALO members to review achievements and discuss strategic priorities for FY 2026.

Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC)

What to Expect

The GAC is planning 20 hours of programming featuring a combination of policy discussions, meetings with other ICANN community groups, capacity development opportunities, and preparation of the GAC ICANN83 Communiqué.

The GAC will continue its work on several topics that have attracted attention from governments:

- New gTLD Program: Next Round and the Applicant Support Program
- gTLD registration data services and data protection policies
- DNS Abuse mitigation measures

In addition, GAC members will discuss various operational issues, including strategic planning, progress on its annual plan, and a process to potentially finalize new term lengths and limits for future GAC chairs and vice chairs

Agenda

GAC sessions begin on Monday, 9 June, with an overview of ICANN83 and introductions by all participating GAC representatives. The GAC chair will also review recent work, including:

- Correspondence
- Discussions with the ICANN Board stemming from GAC “Issues of Importance” set forth in the GAC ICANN82 Communiqué
- Plans for the joint session with the ICANN Board.

Onboarding and Capacity Development

Over the last several ICANN Public Meetings, briefings for the onboarding of new GAC members have been migrating to webinars. New GAC delegates can learn about GAC operations and information needed before they attend their first GAC meeting. Several onboarding and introductory webinars are also available to GAC members between ICANN Public Meetings.

GAC capacity development emphasizes structural or policy development matters that expand the knowledge of all GAC participants. These sessions are evolving to include more regionally-relevant topics based on the location of each ICANN Public Meeting. In 2025, the GAC is focusing on helping its members to prepare for the next round of new gTLDs, including sessions about the Applicant Support Program and information exchange with ccTLD managers. The aim is for GAC members to understand how government representatives can exercise their rights and responsibilities and ensure that GAC advice on public policy matters (and input on other operational matters) is well-informed.

Joint Sessions

The GAC typically meets with the ICANN Board, ALAC, and GNSO Council during ICANN Public Meetings. The GAC will also meet with the ASO and SSAC during ICANN83. These interactions help maintain, reinforce, and expand channels of communication, share information, and identify areas of common ground to help facilitate future collaboration.

Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC)

Background

GAC membership consists of national governments and distinct economies recognized in international forums. Multinational governmental and treaty organizations as well as public authorities participate in the GAC in an observer capacity. There are currently 184 GAC Members and 40 GAC Observer organizations.

The GAC provides advice on the public policy aspects of ICANN responsibilities with regard to the DNS. GAC consensus advice has a particular status under the ICANN Bylaws. Such advice must be duly taken into account by the ICANN Board, and if the ICANN Board proposes actions that would be inconsistent with GAC consensus advice, it must provide reasons for doing so and attempt to reach a mutually acceptable solution with the committee.

Further information about the GAC and its various work efforts, processes and operating principles can be found on the [GAC website](#).

Session Details

All GAC sessions will be open to the ICANN community and will feature simultaneous interpretation in the six U.N. languages and Portuguese. Details regarding specific GAC sessions can be found on the [GAC ICANN83 agenda webpage](#) where all session briefings, descriptions, materials, and presentations will be published.



Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC)

What to Expect

The RSSAC will conduct an RSSAC work session to advance its work on creating RSSAC001v3: Service Expectations of Root Server Operators. The RSSAC will hold a joint session with the ASO and continue to engage with the ICANN community by partnering with the SSAC to offer an open microphone session.

Finally, the RSSAC will conduct its monthly meeting and will continue to raise awareness about its recent [publications](#).

Background

The [RSSAC](#) advises the ICANN community and the ICANN Board on matters relating to the operation, administration, security, and integrity of the RSS. The RSSAC consists of representatives from the root server operator organizations and liaisons from the partner organizations involved in the technical and operational management of the root zone.

The [RSSAC Caucus](#) is composed of Domain Name System experts who have an interest in the RSS, broadening the base of diverse technical expertise available for RSSAC work. The primary role of the RSSAC Caucus is to perform research and produce publications on topics relevant to the mission of the RSSAC.

The RSSAC Caucus Membership Committee appoints members of the RSSAC Caucus. In addition, all RSSAC members are members of the RSSAC Caucus. Currently, there is one active [work party](#) in the RSSAC Caucus to update RSSAC001v2: Service Expectations of Root Server Operators.

The next RSSAC Caucus meeting will be held during ICANN84 in Muscat, Oman.

Session Details

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RSSAC Work Session

Monday, 9 June | 10:45–12:15

Joint Session: ASO and RSSAC

Monday, 9 June | 13:45–15:00

RSSAC Meeting

Thursday, 12 June | 10:45–12:15

RSSAC and SSAC Open Mic

Thursday, 12 June | 13:45–15:00



Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)

What to Expect

The SSAC will host a workshop on Domain Name System Security Extensions (DNSSEC) and Security during ICANN83. DNSSEC continues to be deployed around the world at an accelerating pace. Now that DNSSEC has become an operational norm for many registries, registrars, and Internet service providers, this workshop will provide the opportunity to hear about what the SSAC is learning as it deploys and manages DNSSEC.

Additionally, the SSAC will conduct several work sessions including work party meetings, joint sessions with other ICANN community groups, and examining topics for future study. These sessions are open to the ICANN community to observe.

Background

The SSAC advises the ICANN community and the ICANN Board on matters relating to the security and integrity of the naming and address allocation systems of the Internet. This includes operational matters such as those pertaining to the correct and reliable operation of the root name system; administrative matters such as those pertaining to address allocation and Internet number assignment; and registration matters such as those pertaining to registry and registrar services like WHOIS.

How Do I Participate in the SSAC?

For information on how to participate in the SSAC, see the [SSAC Operational Procedures](#) and the [SSAC Introduction](#).

Session Details

Session times are in UTC-8. Please refer to the [ICANN83 schedule](#) for the most current information.

DNSSEC and Security Workshop

Monday, 9 June | 13:45–15:00, 15:30–17:00

Joint Session: ALAC and SSAC

Tuesday, 10 June | 09:00–10:15

SSAC Lightning Talks

Tuesday, 10 June | 13:45–15:00

Wednesday, 11 June | 13:45–15:00

SSAC Presents: Technical Insights from the Upcoming SSAC Report on DNS Blocking

Tuesday, 10 June | 15:30–17:00

Joint Session: GAC and SSAC

Wednesday, 11 June | 09:00–09:45

SSAC Work Session: Free and Open-Source Software & Responsible Integration Into the DNS Ecosystem Work Parties

Wednesday, 11 June | 15:30–17:00

Joint Session: GNSO Contracted Parties House and SSAC

Thursday, 12 June | 09:00–10:15

SSAC Work Session: DNSSEC Operational Considerations Work Party

Thursday, 12 June | 10:45–12:15

SSAC and RSSAC Open Mic

Thursday, 12 June | 13:45–15:00