

APTLD85 - ICANN Updates

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Introductions



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Key Event Highlights and Upcoming Events in APAC

September 2023 – February 2024

APAC Key Events Highlights (Sep 2023 – Feb 2024)

Events

- IGF 2023
- ICANN78
- APAC Space at ICANN78



APAC Space



IGF 2023

Capacity building activities

- DNSSEC training for Fiji
- PANDI-ICANN Technical Training (Session 3 of 3)



PANDI-ICANN Technical Training

APAC Upcoming Events

- 5th ICANN APAC-TWNIC Engagement Forum (Apr 2024)
- Global Digital Compact (GDC) (Jun 2024)
- High Level Government Meeting (HLGM) (Jun 2024)
- Asia Pacific Internet Governance Academy (APIGA) 2024 (Jul 2024)
- Asia Pacific DNS Forum 2024 (Jul 2024)



Recent Initiatives by ICANN

Launch of the Registration Data Request Service (RDRS)

- Registration Data Request Service provides consistent format to handle requests for disclosure non-public registration data in gTLD.
- The system was launched in November 2023 and aims to speed up the process and make it more transparent.
- Please see more details on <https://www.icann.org/rdrs-en>



NOW AVAILABLE: RDRS

**New Service to Request
Access to Nonpublic gTLD
Registration Data**

<https://rdrs.icann.org/>

Your domain name
e.g. www.icann.org/rdrs-en

The graphic features an orange background with a dark purple header bar. On the right, there is an illustration of a person with long dark hair, wearing a yellow top and blue pants, sitting at a desk and looking at a computer monitor. The monitor displays the text 'Your domain name' and 'e.g. www.icann.org/rdrs-en' with a blue cursor pointing at the URL. The overall design is clean and professional, using a sans-serif font.

ICANN GRANT PROGRAM

- New program to support community efforts in developing the unique identifier system.
- The application window is from **March 25** 2024 to **May 24** 2024.
- Evaluation and approval expected before the end of December 2024.
- Total budget for this round is 10 Mn USD.
- Find more details on <https://www.icann.org/grant-program-en>

Launch of Public Comments for Next Round Applicant Guide Book

- Public Comments period for Proposed Language for Draft Sections of the Next Round Applicant Guidebook (AGB) launched on **1 Feb** 2024 and is open till **19 March** 2024.
- The final report is due on **2 April** 2024.
- There are seven areas in the AGB where proposed language is sought.
- All details are available here:
<https://www.icann.org/en/public-comment/proceeding/proposed-language-for-draft-sections-of-the-next-round-applicant-guidebook-01-02-2024>

Upcoming Universal Acceptance (UA) Day

- Second-year ICANN and UASG global initiative.
- 56 events supported globally.
- Focus on UA awareness and deployment.
- Find out more details and full schedule on.
<https://uasg.tech/ua-day/>



UA Day 2024 to be held at Belgrade, Serbia

Informative Geo-political Updates

Update on the High Level Government Meeting (HLGM), 9 June 2024

- **About the HLGM:**

- The HLGM will be held in Kigali, Rwanda on 9 June, a day ahead of the ICANN80 Policy Forum.
- The HLGM is typically attended by ministers, vice ministers, head of regulators and leaders of Intergovernmental organisations that are members of ICANN's Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC).
- Normally held every two years, the last such meeting was held in Barcelona in 2018. This will be the first post-COVID-19 pandemic HLGM meeting.

- **Purpose of the HLGM:**

- Raise high level political awareness about ICANN's role and activities in Internet governance.
- Reaffirm the critical role that governments play in providing advice to the ICANN Board on public-policy issues as it relates to the secure and stable functioning of the Domain Name System.
- Enable all parties to gain a clearer understanding of the role of governments in ICANN processes, including the GAC.

- **Main agenda themes**

- Future of Internet governance architecture.
- Digital Divide.
- Impact and challenges of emerging technologies for ICANN.

Informative Geopolitical Updates: UN

The [Global Digital Compact \(GDC\)](#): Is the UN Secretary General's proposal that seek to improve the digital cooperation. It is part of the UN Secretary General's "Our Common Agenda", which is his recommendations to address the Declaration on the Commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of the United Nations (UN).

- **ICANN's concern:** In August 2023, Sally Costerton, ICANN's interim CEO, co-wrote an [article](#) along with John Curran, President & CEO ARIN, and Paul Wilson, Director General APNIC, expressing concern that the global technical community could lose their independent voice should the GDC proceed with a tripartite model - comprising the governments, private sector and civil society - that was suggested by the UN Tech Envoy. ICANN has been socializing this concern at various engagements with governments and regulators, and also in conversations with ICANN Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC).
- **Next milestone:** First Reading of the GDC Zero Draft (i.e. "Pact of the Future") on 5 April 2024. The final outcome of the GDC will be announced at the Summit of the Future in September 2024.

WSIS + 20 Review: In 2025, the UN General Assembly will conduct a review of the progress made since the establishment of World Summit on the Information Society (**WSIS**) in 2005. The outcome of this WSIS + 20 review has the potential to impact ICANN's mission. ICANN is developing a communications and engagement campaign to address this process. The engagement will include the formation of a coalition comprising community members who share the same principles. It is still early days, but some consultations have started: (1) IGF Leadership [Consultation on the Internet We Want](#); and (2) UN [CSTD](#) Survey on the Implementation of WSIS Outcomes.

WTSA-2024: the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA) 2024 will take place in [New Delhi, India, from 15 to 24 October 2024](#). This is the first time that WTSA is being held in APAC. In addition to setting the work programme for the ITU Standardization sector from 2024 to 2028, WTSA-24 will see exciting events that showcase ITU standards in action, such as the 5th Global Standards Symposium, WTSA-24 Expo, India Mobile Congress, and AI for Good - Impact India.



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