ICANN Update @ AfriNIC 15, Yaoundé, Cameroon

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ICANN Update – new gTLDs

- New gTLDs
  - **New gTLD Customer Service Center** will offer more services: new, multi-lingual Knowledge Base that offers a range of reference materials. Applicants will be able to communicate with customer service in the 6 UN languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, and Spanish).

  - **ICANN Seeks Independent Objector:** The Independent Objector shall act in the public interest when determining whether to file an objection to a given application for a new gTLD (http://www.icann.org/en/topics/new-gtlds/independent-objector-position-description-21nov11-en.pdf)

gTLD Timeline

Predating ICANN (before 1998)

2004 Round

.com .edu .gov .int .mil .net .org .arpa

.aero .biz .coop .info .museum .name .pro

.asia .cat .xxx .jobs .mobi .tel .travel .post

2000 Round

New gTLD Program Policy development
Dec 2005 to Sep 2007

Public Participation and the Draft Applicant Guidebook

- October 2008 (version 1)
- May 2009 (excerpts)
- March 2009 (version 2)
- October 2009 (version 3)
- February 10 (excerpts)
- May 2010 (version 4)
- November 2010 (proposed final version)
- April 2011 Discussion Draft
- May 2011 Applicant Guidebook

Board Approval of Final Guidebook

Publication Final Applicant Guidebook

Program Launch
12 January – 12 April 2012

ICANN Board Policy approval Jun 2008

Communications Campaign 20 June 2011

On-going status reporting on ICANN's website

ICANN Update - IDNs

- Version 3.0 of IDN Guidelines: Guidelines are a list of general standards that all top-level domain registries deploying IDNs are required to follow based on the Internationalized Domain Names for Applications (IDNA) protocol standard from the IETF. (http://www.icann.org/en/topics/idn/implementation-guidelines.htm)

- IDNs variants project:

Applicants may declare variant strings for the TLD in its application.

No variant TLD strings are delegated until variant management solutions are developed and implemented

ICANN Update - NomCom

- 2012 ICANN Nominating Committee (NomCom) headed by Vanda Sacartezini

- 2012 NomCom will select:
  - Three members of the ICANN Board of Directors
  - Two members of the At Large Advisory Committee (Europe and North America regions)
  - One member of the Council of the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO)
  - One member of the Council of the Country-Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO)
  - Those selected by the 2012 NomCom will take their seats at the conclusion of the 2012 ICANN Annual General Meeting, 19 October 2012 in Toronto, Canada.

- http://nomcom.icann.org)

ICANN Update

- CEO Search Process Announcement (http://www.icann.org/en/announcements/announcement-28oct11-en.htm)

- Fellowships to ICANN meetings: http://www.icann.org/en/fellowships/

- Next ICANN meeting

Costa Rica 43
11-16 March 2012

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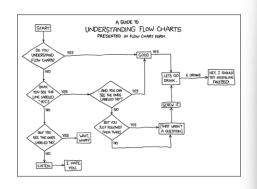*geek in the making*

IANA RFP

- 48 FNOI responses received

The US DoC NTIA published RFP for the IANA Functions on November 10, 2011with responses due by RFP Dec 12 **All written questions must be received no later than 2PM Eastern Standard Time, November 28, 2011. The closing date for receipt of proposals is 2PM Eastern Standard Time, December 19, 2011.**
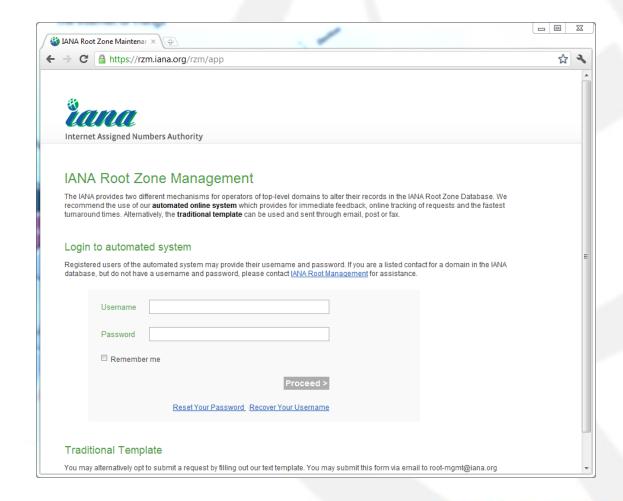
https://www.fbo.gov/index?s=opportunity&mode=form

Internet Assigned Numbers Authority

IANA Business Excellence 2010-11

- We've converted the documentation for our core processes to a single standard format

- We've reviewed our KPIs (key performance indicators)

- We're setting new performance targets

Root zone automation

The new web interface to root zone management was launched in August

100% of TLD operators now have credentials for the system

Cooperating with the RIRs

Internet Assigned Numbers Authority

- IANA & RIRs are working on clarifying the process for IPv6 allocation requests
- Meaning of "reserved" in IPv6 sparse allocation context
- Key goals include
  - Automation
  - Transparency

Other good stuff

- Achieved SysTrust accreditation for DNSSEC
- Met & exceeded the SLA (service level agreements) target for protocol parameter assignments for IETF
- MCAST.NET delegated to new nameservers & DNSSEC signed

Thank you!
Questions?