

ICANN60 Public Forum 1 – Remote Questions

QUESTION 1

Aristide

Bonjour.

Aristide du Burkina Faso. Afrique de l'ouest.

Comment l'ICANN compte faire pour améliorer les questions du consensus au sein des groupes et sous-groupes notamment, des instances ICANN?

Merci

ANSWERED DURING PUBLIC FORUM 1

QUESTION 2

Jamie Baxter

VP of Marketing, dotgay LLC

Over 1 year ago the Board requested that an investigation be launched into the CPE process that produced results long since questioned by applicants, IRPs, community members associated with the applications, independent researcher & academic experts and many others that have looked deep into the evaluation process and inconsistency of the CPE results. Following ICANN 58 in Copenhagen it was announced that an investigation had been initiated. Throughout the summer it was suggested that the EIU had not been cooperating with the requests for information, delaying the investigation beyond the already extended time it took to begin and to carry it out. It has been now 2 months since the last update on the CPE investigation, despite an update being provided to the BAMC back on October 11. Given the concerning and unexplained delays created by the EIU and the lengthy amount of time that applicants and the affected communities have already been required to wait, is there any further update that can be shared at this time and is there any further detail on the process ICANN or the ICANN Board will follow once FTI has delivered their investigation findings, including whether the FTI findings will also be published for public review in their complete and original state?

I will note and appreciate that the Board has included this matter in FY18 priorities.

TO BE ANSWERED DURING PUBLIC FORUM 2

QUESTION 3

Nitin Walia

My question to the board is that when IPv6 was introduced, there were directions to all to shift and adapt and become compatible from IPv4 to IPv6. Why is there nothing such for IDNs, as adoption of IDNs domain on the world's best and even top sites, like twitter, facebook, etc, no one is allowed to make an account using IDN domains, even after 3 years?

ANSWERED DURING PUBLIC FORUM 1

QUESTION 4

Beran Gillen

At-Large Community Member

During the ICANN57 Meeting In Hyderabad, I commented on the dates chosen for ICANN meeting and whether religious holidays especially Ramadan were taken into consideration. I am glad to see that this was taken into consideration and that some upcoming dates have been moved to avoid this.

ANSWER FROM ICANN ORG:

Thank you very much for your kind comment.

QUESTION 5

Flip Petillion

Following the publication of my book analysing IRP declarations, people have contacted me and asked about my views on the AMAZON case and on yesterday's resolution of the Board. I will share my views in a written post soon.

But I wish to share some of my views already.

I have one very straightforward question to the Board.

The IRP Declaration ordered that the Board of ICANN promptly re-evaluate Amazon's applications in light of the Panel's declarations. Only if the Board determines that the Amazon applications should proceed, the ICANN Board must, afterwards, meet and confer with the

GAC. In that case, the IRP Panel ordered the Board to meet with the GAC by 10 September 2017 at the latest. We are well past that date.

With yesterday's resolution, the Board is basically asking the GAC to provide it with new or additional information on .amazon by 10-15 March 2018.

My question: when will the Board make its final determination? If ICANN wants to show the Internet community that it is committed to acting accountably and to complying with its Bylaws and with the binding effect of IRP Declarations, it should act expeditiously.

ANSWER FROM ICANN ORG:

Thank you for your question.

Just to clarify, the Independent Review Process (IRP) Panel recommendation that the Board meet with the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) within 60 days if it decides to change its decision on the Amazon applications is non-binding as this IRP was decided under the version of the Bylaws in effect prior to 1 October 2016. Nevertheless, the Board has been considering its options since its first meeting after the IRP declaration was issued, and has already passed two resolutions in this matter. As you accurately mention, in the most recent declaration, the Board asked the GAC for new or additional information relating to its advice on the Amazon Applications by the end of ICANN 61. In anticipation of receiving a response from the GAC by the time, the Board is committed to taking the next step as soon as feasible after ICANN61.

QUESTION 6

Abdirashid Ibrahim Abdirahman

It is ICANN's policy, States to have Top Level domains, they must have ISO numbers and to have this number, it is the UN that assigns to the states. Catalonia has no ISO number but has a top level domain called .cat, it is their right - so why not Somaliland which is a de facto state that fulfilled the Montevideo convention of statehood? Don't we need a consistent policy?

ANSWER FROM ICANN ORG:

Thank you for your question.

.CAT was one of the new generic top-level domain names approved by the ICANN Board as a special top-level domain.

<https://archive.icann.org/en/tlds/stld-apps-19mar04/cat.htm>

<https://www.icann.org/resources/board-material/resolutions-2005-09-15-en>

For information about the new generic top-level domain names program, see:

<https://newgtlds.icann.org/en/about/program>

QUESTION 7

Akshat Joshi

Can we see a support to Hindi be added to ICANN Meetings Translation services from next meeting onwards? Hindi is one of the Indian languages spoken by a huge number of people world over and support to it is a must. Eventually would love to see more Indian language supported.

ANSWER FROM ICANN ORG:

We thank you for your question and interest in our language services and the role translations play in helping people understand and participate in policy and advice development at ICANN. ICANN's Language Services Policy and Procedures can be found here - <https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/policies-procedures-18may12-en.pdf>. At this time, we are not able to provide support for Hindi. However, we have Memorandums of Understanding with some organizations for language localizations in other languages and that might be an option for you to consider. As an example, please look at this MOU (<https://www.icann.org/resources/press-material/release-2015-10-22-en>).

Please contact Samiran Gupta, ICANN org's head of engagement in India if you want to discuss further.