



Tuesday 24 June

SUMMARY: Tuesday is Constituency Day, where the different elements of ICANN's community hold their own meetings to discuss the latest developments and their positions on matters likely to be raised later in the week. Nearly all the meetings are open to observers.



TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

10am: Cross Constituency *Hemingway*

A joint meeting of the Non-Commercial and Business Users, Intellectual Property Interests, and Internet Service Providers constituencies.

New issues with regard to the domain name system often receive their first public airing here.

It should prove interesting to those who want to hear the latest developments .

10.30am: ALAC and Board *Rodin*

The standing meeting between members of the At-Large (Internet end-user) community and the Board of Directors.

It provides an opportunity for Board members and At Large Advisory Committees members to speak at length with each other on the current issues.

5.30pm: GAC and Board *Picasso*

The Board and the GAC meet at each ICANN meeting to address issues of interest, including matters of public policy and the GAC's work. An example of the important role of governments in the ICANN process.

WHAT HAPPENED YESTERDAY

Opening ceremony

A packed main room saw French Minister for Forward Planning, Assessment of Public Policies and Development of the Digital Economy, Eric Besson, officially open the meeting alongside ICANN's Chairman and its President and CEO.

Minister Besson provided an interesting review of ICANN, its role and its future. Local host Sebastien Bachollet welcomed the audience to Paris.

New gTLD workshop

One of the liveliest meetings ICANN has seen for a long time. Moderated by ccNSO chairman Chris Disspain, the two-and-a-half hour session looked at what the new gTLD process may bring: the opportunities and possibilities as well as the worries and the risks.

A panel of experts, accompanied by video presentations, worked with an attentive and talkative audience. The debate covered many of the thorny issues that would come with an expansion of the domain name system. Plenty of food for thought.

PSC papers and JPA discussion

This meeting was the start of a new community consultation on possible changes to ICANN. The President's Strategy Committee briefly outlined the papers they have produced to help guide discussion as ICANN moves toward completion of the Joint Project Agreement it shares with the United States government.

Much of the session was given to questions and comments from the floor, with the consultation timeline also outlined.

Business Access Agenda

The first Business Access Agenda programme, designed to inform business leaders about ICANN's work and explain why and how they can become more involved, started at 10am with a welcome from the Chairman.

That was followed by sessions on new gTLDs, IDNs and IPv6, with ICANN staff helping to explain what the issues were and the impact on the community and wider Internet.