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Dear Participant,

Welcome to ICANN 46 in Beijing!

It seems rather fitting that we are meeting in a country where the total number of Internet users grew to 564 million in 2012. Similar to the Internet, Beijing is a fast-growing epicenter that serves the economic, cultural and educational needs of its people. We are appreciative of the hospitality being provided to ICANN and look forward to continued engagement in the Asia-Pacific region.

This week is sure to be a busy one, filled with more than 200 meetings and sessions designed to foster dialogue around a range of critical issues. For instance, we will have the opportunity to explore IDN variants, gTLD Directory Services, the multistakeholder governance model, and much more.

Although six months have passed since we last gathered in Toronto, a lot has occurred in that time. During my travels to regions throughout the world, I have been able to participate in a variety of forums, meetings, and events that serve as a marketplace for the exchange of ideas and information about the forthcoming developments that this sector is likely to encounter.

In ICANN's view, the social and economic benefits made possible through an open and free Internet, and achieved through a bottom-up, consensus-driven, multistakeholder model, are unparalleled. The multistakeholder model is effective because it allows everyone who uses the Internet to have a voice in how it works.

My focus continues to be on ICANN's internationalization efforts, which extend our global reach and operational presence. The new global ICANN is about getting closer to our stakeholders and creating ways for the local community to become more involved in ensuring the Internet remains stable, secure and reliable.

Again, welcome to all the newcomers and veterans alike, as your contributions are greatly appreciated. There is much work ahead and your insights go a long way in making the Internet a beneficial resource for everyone in the world.

Warmly,

Fadi Chehadé
President and CEO

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How do I get started?

If this is your first time at an ICANN meeting, you might not know where to begin. When you register, be sure your badge shows that you're a Newcomer, denoted by a green ribbon attached to the badge. Then stop by the Newcomer's Lounge, open Saturday at noon and Sunday through Wednesday during registration hours. Greeters are ready to answer your questions and connect you to fellow community members.

What sessions should I attend?

Sunday is filled with sessions designed for Newcomers but open to all interested in expanding their knowledge of ICANN and current Internet issues. Below is an overview of these sessions. Please note that details may change. You can find the times and room locations on the mobile schedule web site, http://me.icann.org.

Welcome to ICANN Meeting Week:

Introduction to the Newcomers' Tracks, Newcomers' services and activities at ICANN 46.

Welcome to ICANN:

This session offers an introduction to ICANN and the ICANN community: how it is structured, how the community and ICANN as an organization work together, ICANN's multistakeholder model, ICANN's mission, and tips on how to navigate through the ICANN meeting week.

ICANN and the Internet Eco-system:

Learn more about the decentralized and international multistakeholder network of organizations that maintain the Internet's global interoperability.

Multistakeholder Model:

Learn how civil society and Internet users, the private sector, national and international organizations, governments, research, academic and technical communities are all represented in ICANN's multistakeholder model.

Pillars of ICANN:

Learn more about ICANN's important work in policy-making; coordination and operation of the Domain Name System; security, stability and resiliency of the Internet; and compliance.

Ombudsman:

The Ombudsman is an independent, impartial and neutral officer of ICANN. As an alternative dispute resolution practitioner for the ICANN community, the Ombudsman is available to help in disputes about fairness and process. Learn more about the Ombudsman and what he can help you with.

New gTLDs and the Domain Name System:

In this session participants will have the opportunity to learn about recent developments in the domain name space.

How to Join and Stay Engaged:

Get the basics on Remote Participation tools and online services during ICANN meeting as well as learn how to use ICANN community wikis.

Throughout the week, most sessions are open to the public, and you are welcome to attend any that interest you.

Schedule

You can access the latest Beijing meeting schedule from your computer at http://beijing46.icann.org/sched-overview or over your mobile phone by entering http://me.icann.org/mobile into your phone's web browser.

The site is designed to be fast and simple to use through a mobile phone, but accessing it might still incur data roaming charges through your service provider.

What To Watch For

With more than 200 separate sessions over five days, the ICANN community covers a lot of topics. We asked five community leaders which discussions they expected to draw the most interest.

Lesley Cowley
Chair, Country Code Names Supporting Organization

We have a packed ccNSO schedule for the week, which includes sessions on the way forward following the World Conference on International Telecommunications, IDNs and a ccTLD News session, where registries from all around the world will share their recent developments and news. We will be finishing with our popular Panel Discussion. ccNSO meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend and you would be very welcome to join us.

Dr. Olivier MJ Crépin-Leblond
Chair, At-Large Advisory Committee

As part of the final ALAC Improvements Implementation, the ALAC will discuss its revised Rules of Procedure, and how to increase effective input from the At-Large Workings Groups and RALOs into the ALAC policy development process. Capacity Building and leadership training/orientation will also be discussed as part of the overall aim to prepare the ALAC to move forward from its current ALAC III to ALAC IV.

The APRALO At-Large Structures will be participating in a series of meetings in Beijing known collectively as the APRALO Beijing Events. These events include an At-Large/APRALO Multi-Stakeholder Roundtable, a showcase/reception, an APRALO General Assembly and monthly meeting and a series of Joint Fellows/APRALO ALSes Meetings.

Heather Dryden
Chair, Governmental Advisory Committee

As the New gTLD Program moves forward, the GAC expects to deliver its advice on new gTLDs; which constitute a key element of the overall process according to the Applicant Guidebook. With the GAC Member Early Warnings phase complete, the GAC is now moving to the next phase, which is GAC advice on new gTLDs. In that context, GAC sessions in Beijing will be mainly focused on delivering GAC advice to the ICANN Board on categories of strings and specific applications, building on advice outlined in the Toronto Communique. The GAC is fully committed to the multistakeholder approach to policy development and advising on the public policy aspects of the new gTLD program, for the benefit of all Internet users.

Patrik Fältström
Chair, Security and Stability Advisory Committee

On the radar for SSAC for years have been various Whois related issues. Lately the work related to Whois data validation has taken most of the time. We have also been working on DNSSEC issues, specifically root key rollover, and together with ICANN Security Team various namespace issues that might impact stability and security. All of these things will most certainly occupy us in Beijing.

Jonathan Robinson
Chair, Generic Names Supporting Organization

ICANN 46 in Beijing will be another significant milestone on the way to the launch of new gTLDs. For many, the prospective launch of new gTLDs is the only key issue. But, through the launch of new gTLDs and well beyond, the ICANN multistakeholder model must strengthen, develop and flourish. Within this model, the GNSO Council's role as GNSO policy manager is vital and warrants recognition and support.

What do all of these acronyms mean?

In looking through the Beijing meeting schedule on your phone's web browser, you will see a lot of acronyms. Here is a short glossary to help you identify the sessions of most interest to you.

ALAC The At-Large Advisory Committee is the primary organizational home for the voice and concerns of the individual Internet user in ICANN processes. Within the At-Large community, global users are represented through small self-forming groups called At-Large Structures (ALSes) who are part of Regional At-Large Organizations (RALOs).

ASO The Address Supporting Organization represents the Regional Internet Registries (RIRs) – companies that oversee the allocation of Internet number resources in particular geographic regions. Only representatives of RIRs may join.

ccNSO The Country Code Names Supporting Organization represents the managers of country-code top-level domains (ccTLDs) such as Britain's .uk or Germany's .de registry. You have to be a ccTLD manager to join

DNS The Domain Name System allows Internet users to type in names, like www.icann.org, and be directed to a machine-understandable unique Internet Protocol address like 192.0.34.163.

DNSSEC Domain Name System Security Extensions introduce security at the infrastructure level through a hierarchy of cryptographic signatures attached to DNS records. Users are assured that the source of the data is verifiably the stated source, and that the mapping of name to Internet Protocol address is accurate.

GAC The Governmental Advisory Committee represents governments and governmental organizations. You need to be a formally acknowledged representative of a government or international organization to become a member.

gTLD A generic Top-Level Domain is an Internet domain name extension of three letters or more, such as .COM, .NET and .ASIA.

GNSO The Generic Names Supporting Organization is the main policy-making body for generic top-level domains and consists of seven sub-groups:

- Commercial and Business Users
- Non-Commercial Users
- gTLD Registries
- Registrars
- Intellectual Property
- Internet Service Providers and Connectivity Providers
- Not-For-Profit Operational Concerns Constituency

IANA The Internet Assigned Numbers Authority is responsible for the allocation and maintenance of the unique codes and numbering systems that are used in the technical standards ("protocols") that drive the Domain Name System. For more than a decade, ICANN has performed the IANA functions.

IDN Internationalized Domain Names include characters used in the local representation of languages that are not written with the 26 letters of the basic Latin alphabet.

PDP The Policy Development Process is a set of formal steps, as defined in the ICANN Bylaws, to guide the initiation, internal and external review, timing and approval of policies needed to coordinate the global Internet's system of unique identifiers.

RAA The Registrar Accreditation Agreement is the contract between ICANN and its accredited registrars. It describes the obligations of both parties.

RSSAC The Root Server System Advisory Committee represents organizations responsible for operating the world's 13 root name servers and others concerned with stable technical operation of the authoritative root server system.

SSAC The Security and Stability Advisory Committee advises the ICANN community and Board on matters relating to the security and integrity of the Internet's naming and address allocation systems. Membership is by invitation only.

How
do I make myself heard?

At ICANN meetings, we want to hear what you think.

Most meeting sessions are open and, typically, time is set aside for people to raise points at the end of each presentation or session. In addition to these meetings, several of the workshops include question-and-answer periods. Please note that unless you are a presenter, there is no assigned seating at an ICANN meeting. Everyone is encouraged to participate by sharing his or her thoughts at the table or by using the hand-held microphones placed around the room.

In some cases you will need to be a member of a particular group—such as a constituency or committee—to speak. If you are uncertain of the rules during a given session, simply ask the session leader whether you are allowed to speak.

Public comment also is welcomed at the Public Forum on Thursday afternoon in the main meeting room. This Forum is a key part of all ICANN meetings. Any member of the community can ask a question or make a comment directly to the ICANN Board. In fact, several hours are scheduled for the forum to ensure participants have adequate time to comment or raise questions on any aspect of ICANN's work.

ICANN's Board Chair, Steve Crocker, leads the Public Forum. Board members respond immediately where time and information allow.

You can ask questions or make comments in two ways:

1. Queue up behind the public microphone and wait to address the Board directly.

2. Follow the directions for submitting questions remotely, described on ICANN's Remote Participation page at http://meetings.icann.org/remote-participation. There is also information on the Beijing Meeting Public Forum page.

Remote Participation Services

For those who cannot physically attend a meeting or particular session, ICANN offers a variety of services to ensure that the power of participation is just a click away. Virtual meeting rooms are available for nearly all sessions with access to meeting materials, a chat room and for larger or general sessions, video and/or audio streaming and live transcription.

Adobe Connect: Web conference with capabilities for video, chat and file sharing. A virtual conference room is created through Adobe Connect for each session. You can access it through the online meeting schedule at http://beijing46.icann.org.

Video streaming: A live broadcast feed of a meeting or session, sent to viewers in real time. Video streaming usually is available for the largest general sessions, and is viewable only through the Adobe Connect virtual room for that session.

Scribing: Written transcript of a meeting or session, created in real-time and presented within the virtual meeting room.

Audio streaming (listen-only): A live audio feed of a meeting or session, sent to listeners in real time. If interpretation in other languages is available, audio feeds will be offered in those languages.

Chat: Adobe Connect has a chat room for all participants to interact in one virtual room. All chat rooms are attended by ICANN staff to ensure face-to-face participants hear remote participants' views and questions. Learn more about expected standards of behavior here: http://archive.icann.org/en/accountability/frameworks-principles/community.htm#f

What

you'll see online

Remote Services Guide – Example Session
Date: Mon 6 April 2013 - xx:00 – xx:00
Room: ICANN Room A
Session Leader: Matt Ashtiani | Policy Specialist

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Virtual Meeting Room:
http://stream.icann.org/example/

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English

Virtual Meeting Room
http://stream.icann.org/example/

Sample screen shot of remote participation page
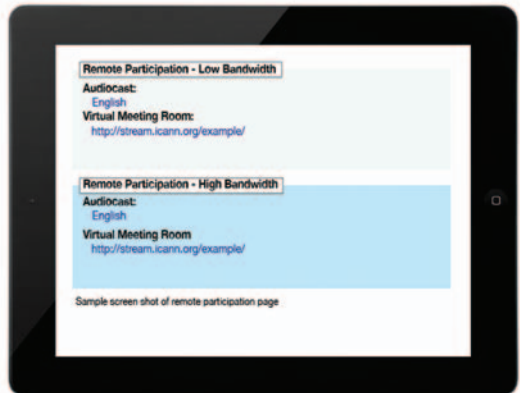
Main
Sessions

Below is a general guide to high interest sessions of the ICANN Public Meeting in Beijing. Schedules and locations change, so always check online for the most up-to-date information.

Sunday 7 April	10:30 - 17:00	Newcomers' Track Session – Auditorium

Monday 8 April	09:00 – 10:00	Welcome/President's Opening Session – Grand Hall A
	11:00 – 12:30	New gTLD Update for Applicants – Grand Hall A
	11:00 – 14:00	China Program – Auditorium
	15:00 – 18:30	Experts Panel on ICANN Security (DNS Abuse Forum) – Grand Hall A
	17:00 – 19:00	Internet Governance: The Global Agenda – Grand Hall A

Tuesday 9 April		Stakeholder Constituency Day – Various locations

Wednesday 10 April	09:00 – 10:15	Policy versus Implementation – Grand Hall A
	11:00 – 12:30	Accountability & Transparency Review Team (ATRT) – Phase 2 – Grand Hall A
	13:30 – 17:00	GNSO Public Council Meeting – Grand Hall A

Thursday 11 April	11:00 – 12:30	Stakeholder Engagement – Grand Hall A
	14:00 – 18:30	ICANN Public Forum – Grand Hall A

Have a problem or complaint?

Chris LaHatte,
ICANN Ombudsman

The ICANN Ombudsman is an independent, impartial and neutral person contracted to ICANN, with jurisdiction over problems and complaints about decisions, actions or inactions by ICANN, the Board of Directors, or unfair treatment of a community member by ICANN staff, Board or a constituency body.

Drop by the Ombudsman Office during the Beijing meeting anytime to speak face-to-face, send an email to ombudsman@icann.org or fill out an online complaint form at ombudsman.icann.org/complaints/

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Security and Safety

China is generally safe compared with other countries, violent crime targeting tourists is rare. Petty crime, such as pickpocketing, bag-snatching and theft of laptops and mobile telephones is the main concern for travelers. Exercise caution while on public transport, in train stations, airports and other crowded places, such as markets, bars and shopping areas and in all suburban areas after dark. There is little serious risk to those who adopt a relatively low profile and do not travel alone.

Criminals scams targeting tourists are not uncommon. Foreigners may be approached by strangers and offered a drink in a bar or a tea house, and then be presented with an inflated bill. Some taxis may attempt to overcharge their customers at night or at airports. Take routine travel precautions against computer crime, financial scams and credit card fraud.

As with travel to many other countries, delegates should take precautions to protect computers and smartphones and ensure that important data is backed up and safeguarded.

Healthcare is not provided free of charge in China and medical bills can be substantial. Medical evacuation from China is very expensive. Ensure that you have comprehensive travel insurance covering healthcare for the duration of your stay. Tap water in China is generally not safe to drink. Travelers are advised to drink only bottled water.

Emergency Services

110 . . . . .Police

119 . . . . .Fire

120 . . . . Ambulance

6525 5486   . . . . .Foreigners

Section of the Beijing Public Security Bureau

6513 0828 . . . . .Tourist Hotline

6515 8264 . . . . Beijing China Travel Service

6601 1122 . . . . .China International Travel Service

6590 3419   . . . . .International SOS Assistance Top

Telephone Service

114 . . . . .Local Telephone Information

117 . . . . .Time Check

121 . . . . Weather Information

6303 7131   . . . . Post Code Check

Medical Service

Beijing Hospital 86-10-6513 2266

Gala Night

**Golden Hall,
The Great Hall of the People
Western edge of
Tiananmen Square**

Wednesday, 10 April

Featuring:

• Old Beijing traditional folk artists demonstrating paper cutting, sugar figurine blowing, sugar painting and shadow-plays

• Opening Fou drum performance: a Chinese tradition stretching back to the Xia and Shang eras

• Fabulous performances: Ink Dance, Peking Opera, Chinese Folk Music

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APRALO Showcase and Reception

Monday, 8 April
19:00 – 21:00

Function Room 6 and Foyer, 1st Floor
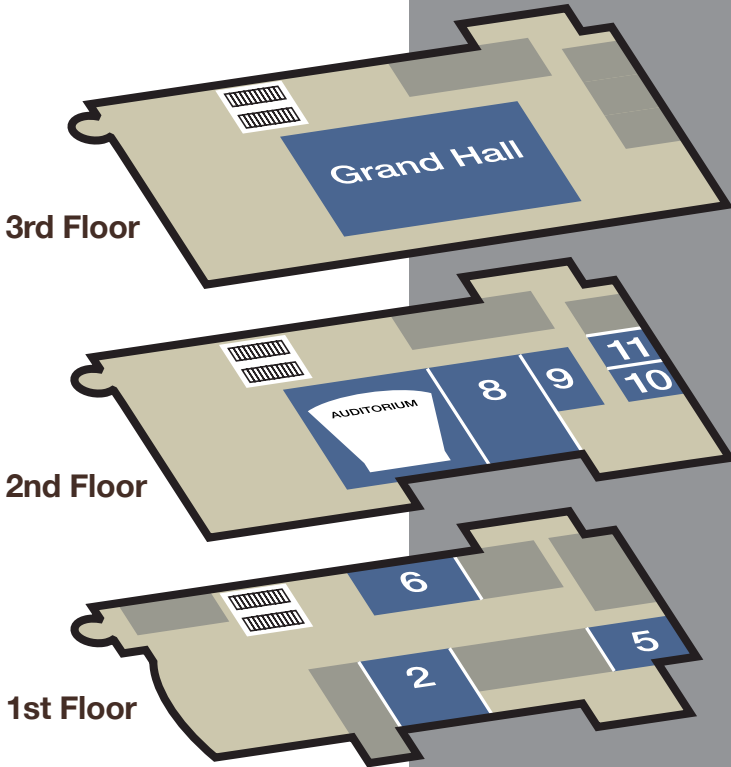Beijing International Hotel

Agenda

- Welcome, Holly Raiche, Chair of APRALO

- Opening Remarks, Olivier Crépin-Leblond, Chair of the ALAC

- Speaker - Fadi Chehadé, President and CEO of ICANN (TBC)

- Speaker Steve Crocker, Chairman of the Board of ICANN (TBC)

- Introduction of APRALO ALSes (by sub-region) and APRALO Beijing Events Organizing Committee

- Wrap-up, Holly Raiche, Chair of APRALO

- APRALO ALS Displays and Reception (19:15-21:00)

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Beijing International Hotel

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2nd Floor

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1st Floor

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14–18 July 2013