ICANN Community Leadership Digest

The ICANN org Policy Development Support function publishes this twice-weekly digest
to help ICANN community leaders track requests and follow updates.

ICANN offices will be closed from Thursday, 24 December 2020 through Friday, 1 January 2021
and reopen on Monday, 4 January 2021.

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Information Sharing

NEW: European Commission Unveils Important Initiatives Relevant to the DNS and DNS Service Providers
From: Elena Plexida, Vice President, IGO & Government Engagement

This week, the European Commission published important initiatives relevant to the Domain Name System (DNS) including domain name registration data and DNS services providers. ICANN org would like to bring this to the **attention** of the community.

NEW: Chair's Blog: Key Takeaways from the 2020 Board Self-Evaluation
From: Maarten Botterman, Chair, ICANN Board of Directors

As part of our commitment to continuous improvement, the ICANN Board of Directors conducts a self-evaluation every two years to assess our effectiveness and ability to work together in support of ICANN's mission. Through the evaluation, we identify areas of strength, areas where we have made progress, areas that require improvement, and areas of opportunity for us to function better as a team – up to and beyond the sum of our individual qualities. This year's evaluation also presented an opportunity to better understand how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the Board's ability to function in an entirely remote format.

The evaluation is managed by an outside consultant. It consists of a written survey, supplemented by optional phone interviews with the consultant, where Board members can elaborate on their responses and provide input on any other issues that they find relevant or important.

Learn more.

REMINDER: Nomination Period for the ICANN Community Excellence Award Now Open
From: David Olive, Senior Vice President, Policy Development Support

The nomination period for the ICANN Community Excellence Award 2020 is now open. The deadline for submissions is **Monday, 29 March 2021** and the winner(s) will be announced during ICANN71. The ICANN Community Excellence Award recognizes ICANN community members who substantively

contribute to policymaking within the ICANN ecosystem and who are deeply invested in developing consensus-based solutions within ICANN's multistakeholder model. Learn more about the nomination process and submit your nominations **here**.

REMINDER: Request for Community Selection Panel Participants – 2021 ICANN Community Excellence Award Program
From: David Olive, Senior Vice President, Policy Development Support

ICANN Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees will be requested to provide up to two members from their respective group to help choose the recipient of the 2021 ICANN Community Excellence Award.

The 2021 ICANN Community Excellence Award will be presented during ICANN71. A community selection panel will be formed to review the nominations and select the award recipient. Ideally, panelists will serve a maximum of two consecutive terms on the selection panel to ensure diversity and equal opportunity among community members. The time commitment for the selection panel includes weekly one-hour calls between the end of March through June 2021.

Further information will be available in the upcoming weeks.

REMINDER: Call for SOs/ACs to Nominate Fellowship Program Mentors and Selection Committee Members
From: Sally Costerton, Senior Vice President, Global Stakeholder Engagement

ICANN has announced a call for nominees to volunteer to serve as mentors to the Fellowship Program and as members to its Selection Committee. There will be a total of seven mentors and seven Selection Committee members, and each group is welcome to nominate one individual for each role.

Interested Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees should select their respective Fellowship Program mentor and Selection Committee representative by **Sunday, 31 January 2021** and notify **fellowshipconsultation@icann.org**. Individual self-nominations will not be considered.

Criteria for mentors and Selection Committee members can be found here.

REMINDER: FY22 Additional Budget Requests Due Friday, 29 January 2021

ICANN org has launched the FY22 Additional Budget Request process. This process pertains to a dedicated part of the overall ICANN annual budget that is set aside to fund specific requests from the community for activities that are not already included in the recurring ICANN budget.

Submissions are due on **Friday, 29 January 2021 at 23:59 UTC** to **planning@icann.org**.

Learn more.

Public Comment

Priority 2 Policy Recommendations for ICANN Board Consideration from EPDP Phase 2
Close Date: Friday, 22 January 2021