ICANN Community Digest

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

The ICANN Community Digest will not be published during ICANN74 and will return on Monday, 20 June 2022.

How Domain Name System Policy is Developed, and How You Can Get Involved

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NEW: Looking Ahead to ICANN74

The ICANN74 Policy Forum will be held 13-16 June 2022 in The Hague, Netherlands. It will be the first time in more than two years that ICANN will come together in person to discuss and advance matters that impact the technical governance of the Domain Name System (DNS). We will also celebrate the recipient(s) of the ICANN Community Excellence Award.

Read more.

Schedule	FAQ
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NEW: Annual Middle East DNS Forum Offers Dynamic Discussion and Learning

Over the course of three days from May 16-18, more than 200 people from across the region participated in the eighth Middle East Domain Name System (DNS) Forum. The agenda this year covered various topics and aspects of the DNS, some being an ongoing priority for our engagement in the region, while others were new issues, first raised in the forum this year. The discussions were rich and brought forth some interesting perspectives.

Read more.

NEW: ICANN Fellowship: 15 Years of Strengthening the ICANN Community

We are happy to mark the 15th anniversary of the ICANN Fellowship Program, ICANN's oldest global capacity-development program. Launched in 2007 at ICANN29 in San Juan, Puerto Rico, the Fellowship Program was created to provide a gateway for individuals from underserved and underrepresented communities from around the world to become active members of the ICANN community.

Read more.

NEW: Chair's Blog: June 2022 Board Workshop Preview

Ahead of the ICANN74 Policy Forum, the ICANN Board of Directors will meet 10–12 June for its first in-person Board Workshop in more than two years. After so many virtual meetings, we are looking forward to meeting in person in The Hague, Netherlands. Some Board Directors will be attending virtually, which will give us the opportunity to experience the updated hybrid meeting format and help us prepare to engage effectively with the Community at ICANN74.

Read more.

REMINDER: Calling for NextGen@ICANN Applications for ICANN75

ICANN is calling for applications for the NextGen@ICANN Program. ICANN wants to hear from university students living and studying in the Asia Pacific region who are interested in the future of the Internet and in participating in the ICANN75 Annual Meeting. ICANN75 is scheduled to be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from 17 to 22 September 2022. If ICANN75 is held virtually, the NextGen@ICANN Program will also be held virtually.

The NextGen@ICANN application window will remain open until **Friday, 1 July 2022**. Successful candidates will be announced on 15 July 2022 on the ICANN website. For more information about the program and to apply, please visit the NextGen@ICANN website.

Read more.

REMINDER: SubPro ODP Team Offering Update Session to Community Groups

In addition to the anticipated plenary session on the New gTLD SubPro ODP, the ICANN org SubPro ODP team is welcoming meetings with interested community groups. If any Supporting Organizations, Advisory Committees, stakeholder, or constituency groups would like to hear from the SubPro ODP team, please email **subpro-odp@icann.org** to schedule time with us. Please be sure to include any specific topic areas for discussion or if you prefer a general update. In addition, we ask that you share a few date and time options so that we can schedule and prepare accordingly. We look forward to meeting you.

REMINDER: Request for Appointment of Members and Liaisons to the CSC

As of 30 September 2022, several members and liaisons of the Customer Standing Committee (CSC) will complete their term. ICANN org will soon be asking chairs to initiate your respective group's processes to appoint members and liaisons to these seats. While members are required, liaison appointments are optional (albeit strongly encouraged). To ensure that the appointment process is completed in time for the start of the next CSC term, ICANN org will ask to be notified of your appointments by **Monday, 1 August 2022.**

More information will be shared directly via email, including detailed guidance about the process, candidate qualification requirements, and key dates.

More information about the CSC can be found here.

REMINDER: **NextGen@ICANN Mentor Program Nominations**

The nomination period for the NextGen@ICANN Mentor Program is now open. Nominations must be submitted by no later than **Monday, 1 August 2022**. The community-nominated mentor will be responsible for overseeing the mentor process. Communities may choose to appoint program alumni and are encouraged to appoint active community members who have an interest in mentoring students. Guidelines for the program can be found here.

Interested community groups should select their respective volunteers and notify Deborah Escalera, deborah.escalera@icann.org.

Public Comment

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