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.

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

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Registration is now open for the ICANN76 Community Forum, which will be held both virtually and in-person from **11-16 March 2023** in Cancún, Mexico. In-person registration closes **8 March 2023**, while virtual registration closes 16 March 2023.

Please note, ICANN Funded Travelers will receive a personalized registration link in their emails.

Registration link.

REMINDER: ICANN76 Design, Translation, and Print Deadline

21 December 2022 | DESIGN DEADLINE:
If you require design assistance for your publication, you need to provide all the text, images, layout, and publication type/size requirements (i.e. newsletter vs. 1-pager vs. trifold, etc.). You will receive a maximum of 2 iterations of the publication. Please provide everything by 21 December 2022. Due to budget constraints, please keep in mind that all materials, new or updated, need to be evergreen.

13 January 2023 | TRANSLATION DEADLINE:

If your publication requires translation, please provide the final material(s) by 13 January. This ensures that there is enough time to translate the publication by the below print deadline. If your materials require design assistance (outlined above), please note that the final materials will have to be complete, including the edit/approval process, by this deadline to be translated.

27 January 2023 | PRINT DEADLINE ONLY.
If you only need your publication printed, meaning your publication is ready to send directly to the printer and needs no translation or design/layout modifications, please provide the file to us along with the quantity you want printed and dimensions of the publication by 27 January 2023.

Please send materials to andrea.glandon@icann.org

REMINDER: ICANN76 Community Childcare Grants Pilot Program Application Now Open

ICANN is opening the application round for its Community Childcare Grants Pilot Program for ICANN76 in Cancún, Mexico. The program facilitates in-person participation of community members with children 12 years or younger at ICANN Public Meetings and eligible ICANN events.

The deadline to apply for the ICANN76 grant is **Friday, 13 January 2023** at 23:59 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC). The application is available here.

Read more.

Information Sharing

NEW: Evolution of WHOIS Services to Provide Better Experience

New developments will assist Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)-accredited registrars and gTLD registries ("contracted parties") in fulfilling their ongoing obligations to provide access to nonpublic gTLD registration data, while improving the experience for contracted parties, data requestors, and other WHOIS users.

Read more.

NEW: ICANN Draft FY24–28 Operating & Financial Plan and FY24 Operating Plan & Budget

ICANN opened a new Public Comment proceeding.

This Public Comment proceeding seeks community feedback on the Draft ICANN Fiscal Year (FY) 24–28 Operating and Financial Plan and Draft ICANN FY24 Operating Plan and Budget.
For more information and to participate in this proceeding, please visit thiswebpage.

Read more.

NEW: ICANN Completes Initial Evaluation of DNS Security Recommendations

ICANN organization (org) recently completed a feasibility evaluation on 12 recommendations made by the Domain Name System Security Facilitation Initiative Technical Study Group (DSFI-TSG) in its final report. The assessment found all recommendations met ICANN's strategic goals, aligned with ICANN's operating plan, and had no security, stability, or resiliency concerns.

Read more.

NEW: ICANN's North America GSE Team Provides Overview of Activities in 2022

The North America (NA) Global Stakeholder Engagement (GSE) team had a noteworthy 2022. A key highlight from this year has been the return to face-to-face meetings, which provided an excellent opportunity to reconnect with community members and meet new people.

Read more.

NEW: ICANN Launches Root Zone Management System Upgrade

ICANN, through its Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA), performed a major upgrade to the Root Zone Management System (RZMS), launching a rebuilt platform that will be more adaptable to future needs.

Read more.

NEW: ICANN Delivers Operational Design Assessment of SubPro Recommendations to Board

ICANN organization (org) delivered the Operational Design Assessment (ODA), the final product of the New Generic Top-Level Domain Subsequent Procedures (SubPro) Operational Design Phase (ODP), to the ICANN Board of Directors.

Read more.

REMINDER: Register to Attend ICANN's Draft ICANN FY24 Plans Informational Webinar

The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) invites the ICANN community to participate in an informational webinar about the Draft FY24-28 Operating and Financial Plan, and Draft FY24 Operating Plan and Budget. Both webinars will present identical information.
- **Thursday, 15 December 2022** at 01:00 UTC, register
- **Thursday, 15 December 2022** at 17:00 UTC, register

Read More.

REMINDER: ICANN Restarts the Community Regional Outreach Program for FY23

ICANN organization is restarting the Community Regional Outreach Program (CROP). The Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23) CROP space is now available for use by eligible community groups. FY23 CROP trips will be available starting **Monday, 16 January 2023**.

Read more.

REMINDER: Join the ICANN for Beginners Virtual Program Webinar on Universal Acceptance

In January 2023, ICANN will be holding its second webinar as part of the ICANN for Beginners Virtual Program.

- **17 January 2023** at 14:00 UTC | Register to attend
- **18 January 2023** at 06:00 UTC | Register to attend

Closing date for registration: **16 January 2023**. The webinars are in English only. Recordings will be posted here after the webinars.

Read more.

REMINDER: Call for SOs/ACs to Nominate Fellowship Program Mentors and Selection Committee Members

Supporting Organizations (SOs) and Advisory Committees (ACs) are invited to nominate volunteers to serve as mentors in its Fellowship Program and to serve on the Fellowship Program 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 SOs/ACs should select their respective Fellowship Program mentor and Selection Committee representative by **Tuesday, 31 January 2023** and notify fellowshipconsultation@icann.org. Individual self-nominations will not be considered.

REMINDER: ICANN77 Fellowship Application Round Now Open

ICANN is opening the application round for the ICANN Fellowship Program for the ICANN77 Policy Forum. This round is open only to those who have previously completed an ICANN fellowship. The

ICANN77 Policy Forum is scheduled for 12–15 June 2023 in Washington, D.C. If ICANN77 is held virtually, the Fellowship Program will also be held virtually. The deadline to apply is **15 December 2022, 23:59 UTC**.

Successful candidates will be announced on**Friday, 17 February 2023**.

Read more.

REMINDER: **ICANN Community Excellence Award Nomination Period Now Open**

The nomination period for the ICANN Community Excellence Award is now open. The deadline for submissions is **Tuesday, 28 March 2023** and the winner(s) will be announced at ICANN77. Learn more about the nomination process.

Submit your nominations.

Public Comment

NEW: **Draft FY24–28 Operating & Financial Plan and Draft FY24 Operating Plan & Budget**
Open for submissions date: 14 December 2022
Closed for submissions date: 13 February 2023

Initial Report on the ccNSO PDP Review Mechanism
Open for submissions date: 29 November 2022
Closed for submissions date: 07 February 2023

Final Report from the EPDP on Specific Curative Rights Protections for IGOs
Open for submissions date: 28 November 2022
Closed for submissions date: 15 February 2023

See **upcoming proceedings**.

See **other public consultations**.

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