ICANN Community Digest

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

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

Do you have any ideas for improving the ICANN Community Digest?
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Registration for ICANN78 is Now Open

Registration is now open for the ICANN78 Annual General Meeting, which will be held both virtually and in-person from 21-26 October 2023 in Hamburg, Germany. ICANN78 will mark the organization's 25th Annual General Meeting. Click here to learn more about how to register.

Information Sharing

NEW: ICANN To Highlight Strength of Multistakeholder Model at Internet Governance Forum

ICANN is participating in the 18th annual Internet Governance Forum (IGF). The event will be held 8–12 October 2023 in Kyoto, Japan, under the overarching theme "The Internet We Want – Empowering All People" and is open to both on-site and virtual attendees.

Read More.

NEW: ICANN Successfully Completes Sixth DNS Symposium (IDS) in Da Nang, Vietnam

The primary objective of IDS 2023 was to delve into the challenges and opportunities linked to integrating the DNS with emerging technologies, including challenges related to its security. The symposium welcomed researchers, developers, and operators to share insights on a range of subjects including blockchains, Internet of things, and novel uses of the DNS, such as IP-to-location translation, blocklists, and so on.

Read more.

NEW: NextGen@ICANN Mentor Program Nominations

The NextGen@ICANN Program seeks nominations for the 2024 Mentor Program. This appointment will serve for the ICANN79, ICANN80, and ICANN81 meetings.

Nominations must be submitted no later than Friday, 1 November 2023.

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.

Webinars

TODAY: ICANN Board Launches Strategic Planning Process for the Next Five Years

The Board Strategic Planning Committee (BSPC) leads the strategic planning process on behalf of the Board, and ICANN org works closely with the BSPC and the Board to support this work. The outcome of this process will be a new five-year strategic plan.

Please join the informational webinar on **21 September 2023 at 16:00 UTC.**

The webinar will include an overview of the strategic planning approach, process, timeline, and how to participate.

Register here.
Read more.

TOMORROW: At-Large: Multistakeholder Governance for New Internet Infrastructures: SpaceX, IRIS2, and Equitable Internet Access for All

This cross-community session aims to explore the evolving landscape of new internet infrastructure, focusing on their potential impact on individual end users, their role in multistakeholder governance as well as the role of the community in ensuring equitable internet access globally

Please join this webinar on **22 September 2023 at 16:00 UTC**

Find the agenda and registration here.

NEXT WEEK: ICANN to Provide RDRS Early Access for Registrars and Supporting Webinars

ICANN will host two webinars to go over early access and answer any questions registrars might have.

Webinar #1: **Tuesday, 26 September 2023 at 01:00 UTC for 60 minutes**

Webinar #2: **Thursday, 28 September 2023 at 15:00 UTC for 60 minutes**

Read more and find the links to register here.

Action Items

☐ **ACTION ITEM: Calling for NextGen@ICANN Applications for ICANN79**

ICANN wants to hear from university students living and studying in the North American region who are

interested in the future of the Internet and in participating in the ICANN79 Community Forum Meeting. ICANN79 is scheduled to be held in San Juan, Puerto Rico from 2–7 March 2024.

Application Deadline: 13 October 2023

Read more.

Public Comment

NEXT WEEK: ccNSO PDP4 Initial Report on the (de-)selection of IDN ccTLDs
Open for Submissions: 16 August 2023
Closed for Submissions: 27 September 2023

NEXT WEEK: ccNSO Proposed Policy for a Specific ccTLD Related Review Mechanism
Open for Submissions: 01 August 2023
Closed for Submissions: 28 September 2023

Proposed Updates to Existing Rights Protection Mechanisms Documentation
Open for Submissions: 24 August 2023
Closed for Submissions: 03 October 2023

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See **other public consultations**.

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