

ICANN Community Digest



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REMINDER: ICANN79 Community Childcare Grants Program: Now Accepting Applications

Grants of up to \$750 per family are available for ICANN Public Meeting participants who meet the criteria, are bringing children, and will incur expenses associated with babysitting and/or local childcare services.

Deadline: **Friday, 26 January 2024**, at 23:59 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC).

[Read more.](#)

Information Sharing

NEW: Outcomes Report: The Facilitated Dialogue on Closed Generic gTLDs

This report aims to encapsulate the process, deliberations, feedback, and outcomes of the Facilitated Dialogue on Closed Generic gTLDs, providing a valuable record of the participants' work from 07 November 2022 to 15 November 2023. The report is also aimed to set the basis for any future policy work on Closed Generic gTLDs – if any such work is envisaged by the ICANN community in the future. To read this Outcomes Report, please click [here](#).

NEW: ICANN's Contracted Parties Approve New Obligations to Mitigate DNS Abuse

Currently, the final results are undergoing verification by the independent administrator, Votenet. Once the vote is certified, the proposed amendments will be shared with the ICANN Board for consideration.

[Read more.](#)

NEW: ICANN Middle East and Africa Region: A Year in Review

In this blog we provide a quick overview of the many accomplishments of the ICANN MEA team in 2023. The year proved to be both busy and fruitful as all ICANN offices around the world, including our Istanbul office, resumed full in-person operations on 9 January 2023.

[Read more.](#)

NEW: ICANN Seeks Input on the Draft PTI FY25 Operating Plan and Budget

This Public Comment proceeding seeks community feedback on the Draft Public Technical Identifiers Fiscal Year 2025 Operating Plan and Budget.

[Read more.](#)

NEW: ICANN Seeks Input on Draft FY25 Plans

ICANN opened a new Public Comment proceeding on planning and budget documents for fiscal year 2025 (FY25).

[Read more.](#)

NEW: ICANN to Hold APAC DNS Forum 2024 in Bali, Indonesia

The APAC DNS Forum 2024 will convene regional DNS experts and the broader community to discuss the latest developments, opportunities, and challenges in the domain name marketplace. Topics may include the digital outlook for the APAC region, cybersecurity, and the future of the DNS and emerging technologies.

[Read more.](#)

REMINDER: ICANN Webinar: Framework for Public Interest and Registry Voluntary Commitments

ICANN invites the community to participate in a webinar to kick off a community consultation on Public Interest Commitments and Registry Voluntary Commitments in the New Generic Top-Level Domain (gTLD) Program: Next Round. The webinar will provide an overview of a proposed implementation framework and specific questions posed for community feedback, as well as an opportunity for the community to ask questions.

Date: **Monday, 18 December 2023**

Time: **19:00–20:30 UTC**

Please see participation details on the dedicated [webpage](#).

REMINDER: Call for SOs/ACs to Nominate Fellowship Program Mentors

ICANN invites the Supporting Organizations (SOs) and Advisory Committees (ACs) to nominate volunteers to serve as Fellowship Program Mentors. Each group is welcome to nominate one individual for this role. Individual self-nominations will not be considered.

- Mentors generally must plan on a time commitment of approximately 30-40 hours before, during, and immediately after each ICANN Public Meeting. This includes extensive pre-meeting preparation, on-site support for their assigned fellows, and post-meeting reporting.
- Mentors will serve a term that includes three consecutive ICANN Public Meetings, beginning with

ICANN81 (from ICANN81 - ICANN83 inclusive).

- Mentors are expected to follow Fellowship Program guidelines to help ensure consistency in capacity development opportunities for fellows and to help fellows actively participate in ICANN's work.

- Mentors will receive travel funding support (if applicable).

For more information on the guidelines and expectations, please read about the mentorship program [here](#).

Mentors cannot serve on the Selection Committee at the same time they are serving as mentors.

Interested SOs/ACs should select their respective Fellowship Program mentor representative by **31 January 2024** and notify ICANN Fellowship Program Manager, Siranush Vardanyan at siranush.vardanyan@icann.org.

Action Items

CLOSES SATURDAY □ **ACTION ITEM: ICANN80 Fellowship Application Round Now Open**

The ICANN80 meeting is scheduled for 10–13 June 2024 in Kigali, Rwanda.

The deadline to apply is 16 December 2023 at 23:59 UTC.

[Read more.](#)

□ **ACTION ITEM: Call for Expressions of Interest: ICANN Ombuds**

ICANN opened a Call for Expressions of Interest for the ICANN Ombuds position. The deadline to submit Expressions of Interest is **8 January 2024 at 23:59 UTC**.

[Read more.](#)

□ **ACTION ITEM: ICANN Community Excellence Award: Now Accepting Nominations**

The nomination period will close **8 January 2024 at 23:59 UTC**.

The revised nomination period reflects that the presentation of the 2024 Community Excellence Award has been moved from the Policy Forum in June to the Community Forum in March.

[Read more.](#)

Public Comment

NEW: [Draft ICANN FY25 Plans](#)

Open for Submissions: 12 December 2023

Closed for Submissions: 12 February 2024

NEW: [Draft PTI FY25 Operating Plan and Budget](#)

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