

## 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.

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### ICANN70 Planning

#### **NEW:** ICANN Board Interactions with ICANN Communities during ICANN70

**From:** ICANN Board Chair Maarten Botterman

Dear ICANN community chairs,

First of all, let me take the opportunity to reiterate on behalf of the ICANN Board, our best wishes to you and your families for a healthy 2021. We have all been very affected (and still are) by this long-lasting pandemic and will never spread enough of those positive thoughts and messages of hope for a brighter future! We very much look forward to seeing you in person, hopefully later this year, even if today it is not possible to predict when it will be responsible to do so again.

The ICANN Board has recently been briefed thoroughly on your input to the ICANN Public Meetings Strategy and wanted to thank you all for your constructive contribution to this important survey. The suggested changes will be implemented by ICANN org, and the ICANN Board will of course actively

participate in the dialogue to find the best possible way forward in this, together. ICANN70 will mark the next step.

In line with the decision to organize ICANN70 virtually and considering the current global situation with regard to the pandemic, various communities are arranging different times to engage the ICANN Board, either before, during or after ICANN70. We have learned to appreciate the opportunity to have this conversation during ICANN Public Meetings, and the survey conducted after ICANN69 confirmed that you do as well.

Up until ICANN69, the ICANN Board has proposed a subject to you to discuss during our joint meetings. For ICANN70, we would like to invite you to propose questions for the ICANN Board to answer, or a subject to engage in an open discussion during our time together. Please note that we are *not* changing the current total time allotted per community.

**Please send your single topic or list of questions in order of priority to the Board Operations team, [board-ops-team@icann.org](mailto:board-ops-team@icann.org), no later than Friday, 26 February 2021.**

Your suggested questions or topic for discussion will be published and circulated in this digest, which will facilitate transparency and allow all communities to deepen their understanding of community issues and different points of view. We look forward to hearing your thoughts, questions, or topics of interest and to exchange with you constructively.

Best regards,

Maarten Botterman  
ICANN Board Chair

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### **NEW: ICANN org Finance and Planning Updates during ICANN70**

**From:** Xavier Calvez, Senior Vice President, Planning and Chief Financial Officer

The ICANN org Finance and Planning teams seek opportunities to engage with the ICANN communities during ICANN70 or via webinars to present a short updates on finance- and planning-related topics:

#### *Finance*

- Financial Results: FY20 and FY21 Year-to-Date
- Accountability and transparency reporting

#### *Planning*

- Draft FY22-FY26 Five-Year Operating Plan and Financial Plan
- Draft FY22 Operating Plan and Budget
- Review of Public Comment submissions and next steps in the planning process
- FY23 Planning Process and Strategic Outlook Trends

**Please contact [becky.nash@icann.org](mailto:becky.nash@icann.org) to request a briefing** and please let us know if you have any other finance and planning topics. Thank you in advance for your support, and we appreciate your assistance.

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### **NEW: ITI Demonstrations during ICANN70**

The Information Transparency Initiative (ITI) Team invites ICANN communities to request a demonstration of upcoming improvements to <https://icann.org> during ICANN70.

ITI is an operational activity to improve content governance and infrastructure at ICANN. Since its inception, the ITI team has sought community input through the [feedback website](#), sessions during ICANN Public Meetings, webinars, and smaller, informal sessions targeted to specific user groups. This feedback is vital to ensuring ITI delivers the improvements needed to more easily find content on <https://icann.org>. The ITI team has implemented changes based on community feedback.

**Please contact [carlos.reyes@icann.org](mailto:carlos.reyes@icann.org) to request a demonstration.** Thank you.

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### **NEW: Participate in "Newcomers Introduction to ICANN Communities" Webinar**

The Public Responsibility Support function seeks speakers from ICANN communities to participate in an introductory webinar for newcomers. Each speaker will have 5-10 minutes to provide an overview of their ICANN community. **[Sign up](#) by Monday, 1 March 2021.**

Please contact [deborah.escalera@icann.org](mailto:deborah.escalera@icann.org) with any questions. Thank you.

## DESIGN DEADLINE ON MONDAY: ICANN70 Publication Support

### Design Deadline

For publication design assistance, please provide all the text, images, layout, and publication type/size requirements (i.e. newsletter, one-pager, trifold, etc.). Please keep in mind that all materials, new or updated, must be evergreen. There is a maximum of two design iterations per publication. Please provide everything by **Monday, 15 February 2021**.

### Translation-only Deadline

For translation, please provide the final material(s) by **Friday, 26 February 2021**. This ensures that there is enough time to translate the publication. If the publication requires design assistance, please note that the final materials will have to be complete, including the edit/approval process, by this deadline in order to be translated.

Please work directly with your support team to submit these requests to [evin.erdogdu@icann.org](mailto:evin.erdogdu@icann.org) and [liana.teo@icann.org](mailto:liana.teo@icann.org).

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## REMINDER: ICANN Continues the Pandemic Internet Access Reimbursement Program

The Pandemic Internet Access Reimbursement Program aims to facilitate participation in ICANN Public Meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic, including the upcoming ICANN70 Virtual Community Forum. It offers financial assistance to ICANN community members who have limited Internet capacity to increase their Internet bandwidth.

ICANN community members interested in the Pandemic Internet Access Reimbursement Program must apply in advance of ICANN70. Those who meet the eligibility requirements will be selected to participate.

### Nominations

ICANN community leaders will have the opportunity to nominate recipients. This includes **up to five nominees from each** of the three Supporting Organizations, four Advisory Committees, four GNSO Stakeholder Groups and five GNSO Constituencies, and five RALOs from At-Large.

In order to be reimbursed, all applicants must:

- Require additional bandwidth at home to facilitate their active participation during ICANN70.
- Have a valid personal bank account for ICANN org to wire the reimbursement funds.
- [Register](#) for ICANN70.
- Attend a minimum of four official ICANN70 sessions.

Once ICANN community leaders have established their nominees, they can inform their nominees to apply for the program [here](#) beginning Monday, 8 February 2021.

Chairs should send their list to [travelsupport@icann.org](mailto:travelsupport@icann.org) so that ICANN org can verify the applications. Chairs and community leaders will have until Monday, 1 March 2021 to complete this nomination process.

**All applications are due by Friday, 5 March 2021.**

[Learn more.](#)

## Information Sharing

### DEADLINE TOMORROW: Volunteers Needed for Advisory Group on ICANN North America Stakeholder Engagement Plan

**From:** Naela Sarras, Vice President, Global Stakeholder Engagement, North America

Community members are invited to join a short-term regional advisory group that will help advise the Global Stakeholder Engagement North America team on the development of the next iteration of the North America Stakeholder Engagement Plan. This effort seeks community input to enhance the important work of stakeholder engagement across North America by actively soliciting input into ICANN policy work.

This advisory group will be time-limited (February-May 2021), will include two webinars, and be directed toward answering specific questions. With help from the community, the team hopes to surface implementable ideas with measurable impact to enhance engagement.

**Kindly send your reply with one or two volunteers for this activity by Friday, 12 February 2021. Please send your reply to [naela.sarras@icann.org](mailto:naela.sarras@icann.org) and [joe.catapano@icann.org](mailto:joe.catapano@icann.org).**

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### REMINDER: FY23 Strategic Outlook Program: Trend Identification Sessions

**From:** Xavier Calvez, Senior Vice President, Planning and Chief Financial Officer

ICANN is kicking off the FY23 Strategic Outlook trend identification process. ICANN community members

will have the opportunity to participate in trend identification sessions via their Supporting Organization (SO) or Advisory Committee (AC).

ICANN org will collaborate with SO and AC chairs and support teams to schedule their sessions over the next few weeks. We are targeting to complete the trend sessions by the end of March. All strategic outlook sessions will be conducted virtually. ICANN community members are encouraged to join this important discussion. Once complete, ICANN org will conduct a trend analysis and impact assessment.

The Strategic Outlook Program is a joint effort of ICANN org, community, and Board to identify and track trends that are related to ICANN. This ensures that these opportunities and challenges are incorporated into current and future planning. Every year, new trends or shifts in existing trends impacting the operating plans (five-year or annual) and/or budget are factored into the annual iteration of those plans as appropriate. Significant shifts could also result in adjustments to the strategic plan.

We look forward to your participation in this dialogue about ICANN planning and strategy.

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#### **REMINDER: ICANN Nominating Committee Application Period Now Open**

The ICANN Nominating Committee invites interested individuals to submit applications for key leadership positions. Selected individuals will have a unique opportunity to work with accomplished colleagues from around the globe to help shape the Internet's technical coordination and policy development.

The deadline to submit applications is **Thursday, 18 March 2021 at 23:59 UTC**. Applications should be submitted via the online [candidate portal](#). All applications are confidential.

[Learn more.](#)

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#### **REMINDER: ICANN Community Excellence Award Nomination Period 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 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](#) by Monday, 29 March 2021.**

## Public Comment

[Draft FY22-26 Operating & Financial Plan and Draft FY22 Operating Plan & Budget](#)

**CLOSES ON MONDAY:** Monday, 15 February 2021

[Second Security, Stability, and Resiliency \(SSR2\) Review Team Final Report](#)

**Close Date:** Tuesday, 9 March 2021

[Additional Reference Label Generation Rulesets \(LGRs\) for the Second Level](#)

**Close Date:** Thursday, 11 March 2021

**NEW:** [IANA Naming Function Review: Recommendation for an IANA Naming Function Contract Amendment](#)

**Close Date:** Monday, 22 March 2021

**NEW:** [EPDP Phase 2 Policy Recommendations for Board Consideration](#)

**Close Date:** Tuesday, 30 March 2021