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ICANN Community Leadership Digest

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From: Theresa Swinehart, Senior Vice President, Global Domains & Strategy

A webinar on the Second Security, Stability, and Resiliency (SSR2) Review Team Final Report will be held on Thursday, 11 February 2021 at 15:00 UTC to brief the community on its final recommendations.

Participation details for the webinar, and call materials can be found here.

DEADLINE NEXT WEEK: 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 GSE 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 and work processes.

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 named volunteers for this activity by Friday, 12 February.
REMINDER: ICANN Continues the Pandemic Internet Access Reimbursement Program

Interested community members must apply in advance of ICANN70, and those who meet the eligibility requirements will be selected to participate. The application process will open Monday, 8 February 2021 and program details are available here. The application deadline is Friday, 5 March 2021 at 23:59 (UTC).

This program aims to facilitate participation in ICANN Public Meetings during the pandemic. It offers community members who have limited Internet capacity financial assistance to increase their Internet bandwidth.

Community leaders will have the opportunity to nominate recipients to the program. 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 in 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 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 so that ICANN org can verify the applications. SO/AC chairs and community leaders will have until Monday, 1 March 2021 to complete this nomination process.

Learn more.

REMINDER: The ICANN Nominating Committee Application Period Is Now Open

The Nominating Committee (NomCom) invites interested individuals to submit applications for key leadership positions within ICANN. 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.

REMINDER: Nomination Period for the ICANN Community Excellence Award 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 deadline for submissions is Monday, 29 March 2021, and 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.

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