ICANN Community Leadership Digest

This twice-weekly digest helps ICANN community leaders track requests and provides updates from ICANN org.

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Requests

REMIMNDER: Input to Establish IRP Standing Panel
Executive: John Jeffrey, General Counsel and Secretary

FOR: All SO/AC Chairs

REQUEST
ICANN organization needs input on the open questions regarding how the Supporting Organizations (SOs) and Advisory Committees (ACs) will coordinate their participation in the process for the selection of a standing panel to preside over ICANN's Independent Review Process (IRP) proceedings. The questions identified here need to be resolved in order to move forward with the work on establishing a standing panel.

ACTION
Please send your input on the open questions to the public email list: <irp-standing-panel@icann.org>. For more information, please contact Liz Le at <elizabeth.le@icann.org>.

BACKGROUND
The IRP is an accountability mechanism provided by the ICANN Bylaws that allows for third-party review of actions (or inactions) by the ICANN Board or staff that are allegedly in violation of the Bylaws or Articles of Incorporation. The Bylaws provide that an omnibus standing panel shall be established from which panelists shall be selected to preside over specific IRP disputes. The ICANN Bylaws specify that ICANN shall, in consultation with the SOs and ACs, establish the standing panel. The Bylaws requires ICANN, in consultation with the SOs and ACs, to pursue a four-step process to establish the standing panel. As part of the process, the SOs and ACs must collectively agree on one

slate of candidates for the standing panel to be submitted to the ICANN Board for approval.

REMINDER: **Call to Participate in NomCom RIWG**
Executive: Theresa Swinehart, Senior Vice President, Multistakeholder Strategy and Strategic Initiatives

FOR: All Community Leaders

REQUEST
Following the announcement on ICANN.org on 25 March, I would like to request you encourage members of your community groups to participate in the Nominating Committee Review Implementation Working Group (NomCom RIWG). Volunteers should send an email to <reviews@icann.org> with the request to join before **Wednesday, 17 April 2019**.

BACKGROUND
On 14 March 2019, the ICANN Board accepted the NomCom Review Final Report and the NomCom Review Implementation Planning Team's Feasibility Assessment and Initial Implementation Plan. The Board also resolved that "the NomCom Review Implementation Planning Team convene a working group that drafts a detailed implementation plan of the recommendations, as detailed in the FAIIP […]. The working group shall also work with ICANN organization to include expected budgetary implications for each of the implementation steps into its detailed implementation plan." The Board also directed "the NomCom Review implementation working group to oversee the implementation process, once the Board has accepted the detailed implementation plan." See the ICANN Board resolution here.

REMINDER: **Age Diversity Survey**
Executive: Sally Costerton, Senior Advisor to the President and CEO; Senior Vice President, Global Stakeholder Engagement

FOR: All Community Leaders

REQUEST
By **Friday, 19 April 2019**, all community leaders should please complete an age diversity survey, as well as encourage their respective groups to participate in the community-wide survey, which is available at https://go.icann.org/agesurvey.

ACTION
The survey is designed to determine current perceptions of age diversity in the ICANN community and to identify potential barriers to participation. The purpose of this survey is to inform community discussions on diversity, following calls for additional data on this topic.

We invite all community members to take part. Responses will be anonymous and used in accordance with the ICANN Privacy Policy. The survey is available in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish.

It takes only twelve to fifteen minutes to support diverse and meaningful engagement. Please email any questions to agesurvey@icann.org.

Information Sharing

NEW: **ccNSO Review Webinar**
Executive: Theresa Swinehart, Senior Vice President, Multistakeholder Strategy and Strategic Initiatives

FOR: All Community Leaders

INFORMATION SHARING
Meridian Institute will host a **webinar** on the ccNSO Review assessment report:
Date: Wednesday, 17 April 2019
Time: 21:00 – 22:00 UTC (local time)
To participate, please respond to <mssi-secretariat@icann.org> to receive a calendar invite (dial-in details are available here).

BACKGROUND
Meridian Institute, the independent examiner performing the second review of ICANN's Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO), has published its assessment report for community consultation. **Read the report.**

The assessment report contains important and valuable findings on how the ccNSO fulfills its

purpose, manages its structure and operations, and strives for accountability. Meridian Institute's overall determination is that:

- The ccNSO has a strong continuing purpose;
- There do not seem to be significant needs to make structural or operational changes;
- The ccNSO is accountable to its constituencies, including its members.

The goal of the assessment report is to achieve agreement between the wider ICANN community and the independent examiner as to which areas of the ccNSO work well and which may benefit from improvements. Recommendations for continuous improvement based on the findings will be presented in the draft final report, expected to be published for public comment in June 2019.

Your comments are encouraged and can be sent to <reviews@icann.org> until **23:59 UTC on Friday, 26 April 2019**. All comments will be publicly archived.

REMINDER: **CROP Deadline for ICANN65**
Executive: David Olive, Senior Vice President, Policy Development Support

FOR: All Community Leaders

INFORMATION SHARING
The Community Regional Outreach Program (CROP) for FY19 will end on 30 June 2019. For groups planning to use CROP funds to conduct outreach during ICANN65, requests must be submitted no later than **Monday, 6 May 2019**. No exceptions will be made.

When submitting a CROP travel request, please keep in mind the following:

- Trip requests must be approved by your respective community leadership team.
- For FY19, the trip request must be filled in by the CROP participant (you) via the CROP Wiki space.
- In order to access the Wiki space, you must first have an account; please let your CROP Coordinator know if you need an account.
- All individuals requesting CROP funding must also review the CROP Guidelines prior to submitting a request: https://community.icann.org/x/yicFBQ.

Please contact <crop-staff@icann.org> with any questions.

LOOKING AHEAD: **New Travel Support Timeline**
Executive: Sally Costerton, Senior Advisor to the President and CEO; Senior Vice President, Global Stakeholder Engagement

FOR: All Community Leaders

INFORMATION SHARING
All travel support requests are now due 120 days prior to the next ICANN Public Meeting. This was previously a 90-day deadline. Therefore, the deadline for ICANN66 travel support is **Friday, 5 July 2019**. If applicable, community groups will need to adjust their election timelines accordingly to ensure new leaders are eligible in time for the ICAN66 travel support deadline.

ICANN65 Planning

NEW: **Meet with the ATRT3 Team**
Executive: Theresa Swinehart, Senior Vice President, Multistakeholder Strategy and Strategic Initiatives

FOR: All SO/AC Chairs

INFORMATION SHARING
The third Accountability and Transparency Review Team (ATRT3) will meet in Marrakech to advance its work. As some of the team will be in Marrakech we would like to ask for a 30 to 40-minute slot on your community group's agenda, if possible.

Community input is key to the success of this process. If you are able to accommodate us on your agenda, please send us an email to <atrt3-coordination@icann.org> to let us know a day and time that would suit. We will send you a preliminary set of questions ahead of the meeting to aid the discussion. We also welcome any questions you wish to raise in advance.

Our goal for Marrakech is to:
- Socialize our terms of reference and scope;
- Conduct investigation of identified objectives

- Seek input from the community to help us shape our findings and draft recommendations.

BACKGROUND
The ATRT review is mandated by ICANN Bylaws Section 4.6 (b) to examine ICANN's execution of its commitment to maintain and improve robust mechanisms for public input, accountability, and transparency so as to ensure that the outcomes of its decision-making reflect the public interest and are accountable to the Internet community.

Prior to meeting in Marrakech, the review team met on 3-5 April in Los Angeles for its first substantive meeting to develop our terms of reference and workplan, in response to the Board Resolution (2018.10.25.15) requesting that "ATRT3 adopt its Terms of Reference and Work Plan within 60 days of convening its first meeting, and submit these documents to the Board and to the leadership of the Supporting Organizations and the Advisory Committees, to confirm that the team's scope and timeline are consistent with the requirements of the ICANN Bylaws and ICANN community expectations."

We look forward to hearing from you.

Many thanks and best regards,

Cheryl Langdon-Orr and Pat Kane, ATRT3 Co-Chairs

THIS WEEK: Cross-Community and High Interest Topic Proposals for ICANN65
Executive: David Olive, Senior Vice President, Policy Development Support

FOR: All Community Leaders

INFORMATION SHARING
Per the production timeline shared at the ICANN65 Kick-Off Meeting during ICANN64, the submission period for proposed cross-community and high interest topic sessions is **Monday, 15 to Friday, 19 April 2019**. Please submit proposals using this form: <https://icann.wufoo.com/forms/icannn65-topic-proposal-form/>.

FIRST DEADLINE IS THIS WEEK: Publication Support for ICANN65
Executive: David Olive, Senior Vice President, Policy Development Support

FOR: All Community Leaders

INFORMATION SHARING

Design Deadline
If you require design assistance for an ICANN65 publication, *all text, images, layout, and publication type/size requirements* (i.e. newsletter, 1-pager, tri-fold, etc.) are due **Thursday, 18 April.** Due to budget constraints, please keep in mind that all materials, new or updated, need to be evergreen.

Translation Deadline
If your ICANN65 publication requires translation, please provide the *final* material(s) by **Friday, 3 May**. This ensures that there is enough time to translate the publication by the 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 in order to be translated.

Print-Only Deadline
If you only need your ICANN65 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 along with the quantity you want printed and dimensions of the publication by **Friday, 17 May**.

Please work directly with your support staff to submit these requests.

REMINDER: First ICANN65 Schedule Production Teleconference
Executive: David Olive, Senior Vice President, Policy Development Support

FOR: All Community Leaders

INFORMATION SHARING
Please save the date for the first production teleconference for the ICANN65 schedule on **Thursday, 25 April at 14:00 UTC.** Calendar invitations have been sent to the community ICANN Public Meeting planning mailing list.

SAVE THE DATE: ICANN65 Community Leadership Reception
Executive: David Olive, Senior Vice President, Policy Development Support

FOR: All Community Leaders

INFORMATION SHARING
Save the date for the ICANN65 Community Leadership Reception with members of the ICANN Board and Executive Team on **Sunday, 23 June 2019, 18:00-20:00 CET in Marrakech, Morocco**. Details will be confirmed as the date approaches.

Public Comment

GNSO Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data Policy Recommendations for ICANN Board Consideration
Close Date: Wednesday, 17 April 2019

Proposal for Hebrew Script Root Zone Label Generation Rules
Close Date: Thursday, 18 April 2019

Proposed Renewal of .info Registry Agreement
Close Date: Monday, 29 April 2019

Proposed Renewal of .org Registry Agreement
Close Date: Monday, 29 April 2019

Proposed Renewal of .asia Registry Agreement
Close Date: Tuesday, 7 May 2019

Proposed Renewal of .biz Registry Agreement
Close Date: Tuesday, 14 May 2019