

ICANN Community Leadership Digest



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

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Information Sharing

NEW: Evolving the Governance of the Root Server System

Executive: David Olive, Senior Vice President, Policy Development Support

FOR: All Community Leaders

INFORMATION SHARING

Please read the [latest blog post](#) by ICANN President and CEO Göran Marby, ICANN Board Technical Committee Chair Akinori Maemura, and RSSAC Co-Chairs Fred Baker and Brad Verd about the new Public Comment proceeding on evolving the governance of the Root Server System (RSS).

BACKGROUND

Supporting the evolution of RSS governance contributes to the commitment of ICANN to strengthen the security, stability, and resiliency of the Domain Name System. It also enables direct interaction between the ICANN community and the RSOs. Furthermore, it ensures that global root service remains accountable and sustainable into the future.

Evolving the governance of the RSS will result in significant changes to the ICANN community and ICANN org. The community-driven process to develop a final governance model envisions considerable work and commitment of resources. Any budgetary and financial implications will be handled through ICANN processes that ensure accountability and transparency.

NEW: Get Ready for ICANN65 Prep Week

Executive: David Olive, Senior Vice President, Policy Development Support

FOR: All Community Leaders

INFORMATION SHARING

ICANN released the [schedule for ICANN65 Prep Week](#). The Prep Week will feature eight webinars, including updates on several community-led projects.

This initiative aims to streamline the pre-ICANN Public Meeting experience to enable more substantive conversations during sessions, increase awareness of cross-community and high-interest topics, and enhance briefings and readout sessions.

Register and submit any questions via [this form](#) by Friday, 7 June 2019.

All registered attendees will receive participation details days before the webinar dates.

NEW: ICANN Publishes Revised Draft Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2021-2025

Executive: Theresa Swinehart, Senior Vice President, Multistakeholder Strategy and Strategic Initiatives

FOR: All Community Leaders

INFORMATION SHARING

This [Revised Draft Strategic Plan](#) reflects comments received during a [public consultation](#) held between December 2018 and February 2019 on the Draft Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2021–2025, and at a [public session](#) held at ICANN64 in Kobe, Japan.

A summary of how comments were considered in the Revised Plan is available in a document that lists, sorted by contributor, comments received and ICANN organization's responses. The summary document can be found on the Strategic Plan Public Comments proceedings page.

The Public Comment process and session at ICANN64 yielded helpful and specific clarifications, but no fundamental substantive changes or feedback. Therefore, as a next step, the Revised Draft Plan will be presented to the ICANN Board in June 2019 for consideration and adoption. The affordability of this Strategic Plan will be considered as part of the Five-Year Operating and Financial Plan currently under development.

IN TWO DAYS: End of Rejection Action Petition Period

Executive: David Olive, Senior Vice President, Policy Development Support

FOR: All Community Leaders

INFORMATION SHARING

Under the ICANN Bylaws, the ICANN Board's approval of the FY20 Operating Plan and Budget and updates to the Five-Year Operating Plan on Wednesday, 8 May 2019 triggered a Rejection Action Petition Period for the Empowered Community. This 21-day period will end at **23:59 PDT (Los Angeles being the location of the principal ICANN office) on Wednesday, 29 May 2019, or 06:59 UTC on Thursday, 30 May 2019.**

The ICANN Bylaws also require that Decisional Participants in the Empowered Community "promptly inform their constituents" of the delivery of the relevant ICANN Board notices.

Please refer to [Annex D of the ICANN Bylaws](#) for additional details on the Rejection Process, including all pertinent deadlines and requirements for Rejection Action Petitions.

REMINDER: CCT-RT Recommendations

Executive: Theresa Swinehart, Senior Vice President, Multistakeholder Strategy and Strategic Initiatives

FOR: All Community Leaders

INFORMATION SHARING

The ICANN Board passed a resolution on 1 March 2019 that calls for a set of Competition, Consumer Trust, and Consumer Choice Review Team (CCT-RT) Final Recommendations to be passed through, in whole or in part, to community groups. Notifications will be circulated to the community group the CCT-RT identified for the fourteen passed through recommendations. As articulated in the Board resolution, "passing through these CCT-RT recommendations is not a directive that the groups identified should formally address any of the issues within those recommendations. It is within the purview of each group to identify whether work will be taken on and the topics that the group will address".

BACKGROUND

The CCT-RT released its [Final Report](#) on 8 September 2018. It contains 35 recommendations and is the culmination of nearly three years of work, reviewing how the expansion of top-level domain names impacted competition, consumer trust, and choice. [More information](#) about the CCT Review and Specific Reviews.

The ICANN Board [took action](#) on each of the 35 recommendations produced by the CCT-RT on 1 March 2019 and was informed by [public comment](#) input received on the Final Report.

The Board's decisions on each recommendation are documented [here](#) and a blog post about the Board action can be found [here](#) for more context.

LOOKING AHEAD: ICANN66 Travel Support Timeline

Executive: David Olive, Senior Vice President, Policy Development Support

FOR: All Community Leaders

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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 ICANN66 travel support deadline.

ICANN65 Planning

NEW: Sign up for the Engagement Booth at ICANN65

Executive: Sally Costerton, Senior Advisor to the President and CEO; Senior Vice President, Global Stakeholder Engagement

FOR: All Community Leaders

INFORMATION SHARING

I know everyone is busy preparing for ICANN65, but I want to make you aware that you are welcome to come and do outreach at the ICANN Engagement Booth at ICANN65. The ICANN Engagement Booth is in place for newcomers, ICANN org, and the ICANN community to engage in discussions. It is supported by volunteers from the community, including members of ICANN's Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees. It would be beneficial to have the presence of seasoned ICANN community members to share their knowledge. We would like to offer one-hour slots during ICANN65. Please [click here](#) to sign up for a slot.

Thank you,
Deborah Escalera

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.

REMINDER: Invitation to Meet with Brian Cute in Marrakech

Executive: Theresa Swinehart, Senior Vice President, Multistakeholder Strategy and Strategic Initiatives

FOR: All Community Leaders

INFORMATION SHARING

A high interest topic session on this [the future of the multistakeholder model of governance](#) is planned for ICANN65. Facilitator Brian Cute is interested in updating the community on the work that has been done to date and discuss how a work plan to address the community-identified issues will be developed following ICANN65. Community leaders interested in scheduling time to meet with Brian Cute in Marrakech can email <evolvingmsm@icann.org>.

REMINDER: Meet with the ATRT3 Review Team at ICANN65

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>](mailto: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 work plan, 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

Public Comment

[Evolving ICANN's Multistakeholder Model](#)

Close Date: Tuesday, 4 June 2019

[Label Generation Rules for the Root Zone Version 3 \(RZ-LGR-3\)](#)

Close Date: Tuesday, 4 June 2019

[Study on Technical Use of Root Zone Label Generation Rules](#)

Close Date: Sunday, 30 June 2019

[Process Proposal for Streamlining Organizational Reviews](#)

Close Date: Monday, 15 July 2019

[Evolving the Governance of the Root Server System](#)

Close Date: Friday, 9 August 2019