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

**REMINDER:** NextGen@ICANN Survey

**Executive:** Sally Costerton, Senior Adviser to President and Senior Vice President, Global Stakeholder Engagement

**FOR:** All Community Leaders

**INFORMATION SHARING**

The ICANN organization is initiating a community consultation to identify improvement opportunities for the NextGen@ICANN Program. The review will start with gathering community input via a survey about several aspects of the NextGen@ICANN Program, including its purpose, goals, processes, and synergies with the ICANN academic community.

The [survey](#) (PDF with background at the beginning and questionnaire questions at the end) is intended for all ICANN community groups; individuals are encouraged to work with their relevant Supporting Organizations, Advisory Committees, stakeholder groups, and constituencies. **Responses are due Monday, 9 September.**

Based on the input received from the survey, ICANN org will draft a proposal for program improvements that will be published for Public Comment. Once all feedback is received, ICANN org will prepare the final proposal for program improvements.

[Sally Costerton's blog about the NextGen@ICANN Community Consultation](#)

**REMINDER:** Update and Information on IRP IOT Re-Composition

**Executive:** John Jeffrey, General Counsel

**FOR:** All SO/AC Chairs
INFORMATION SHARING
As the ICANN Board committee with oversight responsibility of ICANN's accountability mechanisms, the Board Accountability Mechanisms Committee (BAMC) considers the work of the [Independent Review Process (IRP)] Implementation Oversight Team (IOT) to be paramount to ICANN's accountability...we seek your help in finding additional volunteers within the community that meet the qualifications identified in the attached letter, outlining skills and experience requirements, to join the IOT and help to conclude its work in a timely fashion. Read more.

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**RE**MINDER: Planning Assumptions for Subsequent Procedures for New gTLDs
**Executive:** Cyrus Namazi, Senior Vice President, Global Domains Division

**FOR:** All Community Leaders

INFORMATION SHARING
In December 2015, the GNSO initiated a Policy Development Process (PDP) to determine if changes to existing policy recommendations are needed before the next round of gTLDs. The PDP Working Group expects to publish its final report with its recommendations by December 2019. These recommendations may lead to procedural changes for subsequent rounds of gTLD applications, which ICANN org must implement and manage. In the course of our preparatory work toward the planning and implementation of the new policy, ICANN org has compiled a number of fundamental operationally focused assumptions to help with the preliminary planning and operational readiness of the organization. These assumptions have been shared with the ICANN Board, and now ICANN org would like to share them with relevant parts of the community.

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**ICANN66 Planning**

**THIS WEEK:** Plenary Session Topics: Proposals Due Friday, 2 August
**Executive:** David Olive, Senior Vice President, Policy Development Support

**FOR:** All Community Leaders

INFORMATION SHARING
The official submission period to propose plenary session topics for ICANN66 ends on Friday, 2 August. The proposal form is open. An online report of proposals will be shared with the ICANN Public Meeting Community Planning Group as soon as it becomes available.

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**LOOKING AHEAD:** Publication Support Deadlines
**Executive:** David Olive, Senior Vice President, Policy Development Support

**FOR:** All Community Leaders

INFORMATION SHARING

Design Deadline
If you require design assistance for an ICANN66 publication, all text, images, layout, and publication type/size requirements (i.e. newsletter, 1-pager, tri-fold, etc.) are due Friday, 23 August. Due to budget constraints, please keep in mind that all materials, new or updated, need to be evergreen.

Translation Deadline
If your ICANN66 publication requires translation, please provide the final material(s) by Friday, 6 September. 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 ICANN66 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, 20 September.

Please work directly with your Policy support staff to submit these requests to chantelle.doerksen@icann.org and liana.teo@icann.org.

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**Public Comment**

| Evolving the Governance of the Root Server System | Friday, 9 August 2019 |
| Proposed Definition of Name Collisions and Scope of Inquiry for the Name Collisions Analysis Project | Monday, 12 August 2019 |