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:** Submission Deadline for NCAP Study 1 RFP Extended  
**Executive:** David Conrad, Chief Technology Officer (CTO)

**FOR:** All Community Leaders

**INFORMATION SHARING**

On 9 July 2019, the ICANN org opened an RFP to select a contractor to research and write Study 1 of the Name Collision Analysis Project (NCAP), a project overseen by SSAC at the request of the ICANN Board. Very few organizations indicated their intention to bid on this work, so the ICANN org decided to **extend the deadline for proposal submission to Friday, 23 August**. [More information](https://example.com). All community leaders are encouraged to share this information with any organizations they believe might be interested and capable of performing the work.

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**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](https://example.com) to identify improvement opportunities for the [NextGen@ICANN Program](https://example.com). 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](http://example.com)

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**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)](http://example.com) 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](http://example.com).

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**REMINDER: 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 are working assumptions informed by the current work of the Subsequent Procedures PDP Working Group. Depending on outcome of the PDP Working Group and community input, the assumptions may be updated.

These assumptions have been shared with the ICANN Board, as well as the PDP Working Group and other parts of the community. ICANN org has held discussions and/or received input from the Subsequent Procedures PDP Working Group, GAC, ALAC, and RSSAC. ICANN org plans to summarize the community input received on the operational planning assumptions and share with the ICANN Board at its September workshop. Any community input received by Friday, 30 August will be included in the summary.

To submit additional feedback, please contact Trang Nguyen, <trang.nguyen@icann.org>.

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**ICANN66 Planning**

**TOMORROW: 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](http://example.com) 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.

Public Comment

CLOSING SOON: Sunday, 4 August 2019

Draft Financial Assumptions & Projections and Operating Initiatives for the Development of the Fiscal Years 2021-2025 Operating & Financial Plan
CLOSING SOON: Monday, 5 August 2019

Evolving the Governance of the Root Server System
CLOSING NEXT WEEK: Friday, 9 August 2019

Proposed Definition of Name Collisions and Scope of Inquiry for the Name Collisions Analysis Project
Close Date: Monday, 12 August 2019

Close Date: Tuesday, 20 August 2019

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