

## ICANN Community Leadership Digest



The ICANN org Policy Development Support team publishes this twice-weekly digest to help ICANN community leaders track requests and updates.

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### ICANN66 Planning

#### **DUE TODAY: Preparations for ICANN66 Constituency Day**

**From:** Cherine Chalaby, ICANN Board Chair

**FOR:** All Community Leaders

#### **ACTION ITEM**

Dear Constituency and Stakeholder Group Chairs,

Please reply no later than Monday, 14 October 2019

The Board and I are very much looking forward to engaging with you during our 21st AGM that will take place in Montréal between 2-7 November 2019.

We wish to keep working on improving our interaction with you and, in particular, we want to address some of the requests and feedback we have received and introduce some more flexibility in the format of our valuable face-to-face meetings.

Starting in Montréal, instead of sending up to three questions to the Board, we would like to offer you the alternative option of choosing a single topic and having an open discussion with the Board on that topic.

We are also suggesting that the list of questions or topics received be shared with the entire Community using the Policy digest, in order to increase transparency and allow the groups to improve their own understanding of their peers' point of views on different issues.

As for time allocation, we propose to allocate half of our time together to answer your questions or

discuss your single topic and the other half to address the Board's topic.

In preparation for our meetings, the Board chose the following topic to have an open discussion with you:

"Community, Board and ICANN org readiness to implement the following three critical plans that will shape ICANN's future: (1) Strategic Plan FY 21-25, (2) Operating & Financial Plan FY 21-25, and (3) Work Plan to improve the effectiveness of ICANN's multistakeholder model."

The [Strategic Plan](#) has been adopted by the Board last June at ICANN65 in Marrakech. The two other plans will be completed and posted for public comment in December 2019.

At ICANN64 in Kobe, the Board asked each constituency to provide three suggestions, one for the Board, one for ICANN org and one for the Community of things/aspects that should be done/improved in order to implement these plans successfully, starting 1 July 2020, as mandated by our Bylaws. In addition, the Board asked for one suggestion of something that could be done externally to improve trust and with our partners and alliances (eg. IETF) so that they collaborate effectively with ICANN on some of our strategic objectives (eg. DNS security).

Based on the input received in Kobe, we are compiling a list of suggested actions for the community, Board and ICANN org which we would like to share and discuss with you in Montreal. We will send you that list in advance of our meeting in Montréal on or before Friday, 11 October 2019.

**We would be very grateful if you could send to Board Operations ([board-ops-team@icann.org](mailto:board-ops-team@icann.org)) your single topic or the list of questions (max. 3), in order of priority, no later than Monday, 14 October 2019 or sooner.**

For information, we are not changing the current total time allotted per group nor the room set-up.

We look forward to hearing your thoughts on our suggestions and on how to improve our interaction further.

We thank you in advance for your time on this matter and we look forward to welcoming you in Canada!

Best regards,  
Cherine Chalaby

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#### **NEW: Prepare for ICANN66**

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

**FOR:** All Community Leaders

#### **INFORMATION SHARING**

Two reports are now available to help you prepare for ICANN66.

- The Pre-ICANN66 Policy Report written by the Policy Development Support team provides a high-level overview of the planned work and activities of the Supporting Organizations, Advisory Committees, and Empowered Community at ICANN66. [Read more.](#)
- The GNSO Policy Briefing is written by the GNSO support team specifically in preparation for ICANN Public Meetings to provide the community with concise background information on all relevant GNSO policy efforts. [Read more.](#)

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#### **THIS WEEK: ICANN66 Prep Week**

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

**FOR:** All Community Leaders

#### **INFORMATION SHARING**

ICANN66 Prep Week features a series of seven webinars to prepare the community ahead of its Annual General Meeting in November. [See the schedule.](#)

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#### **REMINDER: Finance Briefings at ICANN66**

**Executive:** Xavier Calvez, Chief Financial Officer

**FOR:** All Community Leaders

#### **ACTION ITEM**

The ICANN org Finance team would like to meet with the Supporting Organizations, Advisory Committees, Stakeholder Groups, Constituencies, and Regional At-Large Regional Organization

groups at ICANN66 to present a short update on planning- and finance-related topics, including:

- Five Year Operating Plan and Financial Plan
- FY21 Operating Plan
- FY19 Financials/FY20 Updates
- Accountability and Transparency reporting – specific reports published by the ICANN org Finance team.

Please let us know by **Monday, 28 October 2019**, if there are time slots that we can present. We appreciate your assistance.

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**REMINDER: Support the ICANN Engagement Booth at ICANN66**

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

**FOR:** All Community Leaders

**INFORMATION SHARING**

I know everyone is busy preparing for ICANN66, but I want to make you aware that you are welcome and encouraged to come and do outreach at the ICANN Engagement booth. The ICANN Engagement booth is in place so that Newcomers, ICANN org members, and ICANN community members to engage in discussions. It is supported by volunteers from the ICANN community, including members of 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 ICANN66. [Sign up here.](#)

Sincerely,  
Deborah Escalera

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**SAVE THE DATE: ICANN66 Community Leadership Reception**

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

**FOR:** All Community Leaders

**INFORMATION SHARING**

The ICANN66 Community Leadership Reception with members of the ICANN Board and Executive Team will be held on **Friday, 1 November 2019**. More details including location and specific time will be shared later.

## Information Sharing

**ENDS THIS WEEK: Invitation to Provide Feedback on the ICANN Board's Proposed Public Interest Framework**

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

**FOR:** All Community Leaders

**INFORMATION SHARING**

From 18 September – 18 October 2019, a community consultation is taking place on the global public interest framework proposed by the ICANN Board. In reviewing the proposal, the ICANN Board is asking the ICANN community to consider the following questions for input to the ICANN Board:

1. What are your thoughts on the proposed framework approach? Do you have any suggestions for how it could be improved?
2. What are your thoughts on the proposed approach for decisions in the ICANN ecosystem to be accompanied by a consideration of their impact on the global public interest (as well as an explanation regarding what is meant by the GPI in the specific case)?
3. How do you see this working for the Supporting Organization (SO), Advisory Committee (AC), constituency, group, review team, or cross-community working group (CCWG) to which you are contributing?

The global public interest is central to many of ICANN's primary governance documents, and the ICANN Board hopes to play a role in facilitating a bottom-up, community-driven process to develop a framework as a toolkit for the ICANN community to consider the global public interest. These considerations would not change the process by which decisions are made but could instead serve as tools for the community to reinforce the commitment to the public interest and to demonstrate how specific recommendations, advice, and public comments are in the global public interest. This includes the ICANN community guiding the ICANN Board about the public interest determination the

latter must make in its decisions.

To learn more about the framework, please read the [discussion paper](#). Community feedback is welcome by **Friday, 18 October 2019 via email at [gpitoolkit@icann.org](mailto:gpitoolkit@icann.org)**. After the community consultation, there will be a public session at ICANN66, followed by a Public Comment proceeding.

For more information, visit: <https://go.icann.org/2kMb7RB>.

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## **REMINDER: ICANN Preparations for IGF 2019: Information for the Community and Requests for Input**

**FOR:** All Community Leaders

### **INFORMATION SHARING**

The 14th Annual Meeting of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) will be hosted by the Government of Germany in Berlin from 25 to 29 November 2019. ICANN org will have a booth, hold sessions, and co-host a reception with other Internet technical organizations.

A few things we would like to share with you:

- **ICANN booth** – The booth will be a resource for the ICANN community. Please contact us (see below) if you or any of your members would like to volunteer at the booth, or use the booth as a place for small meet-ups, etc. Once we have a better idea, we will create a schedule reflecting this.
- **Technical community reception** – Monday, 25 November 2019, 18:30-20:00 (IGF venue). Space will be limited, and the reception will be by invitation only. Please send us (see below) the names of any community members attending the IGF and they will receive an invitation. Deadline: Tuesday, 12 November 2019.
- **Community sessions** – Please send us (see below) details of any session at the IGF your community group and members are planning, and we will share this information online and at the ICANN booth.

### ICANN sessions

#### **IGF Day 0 Pre-Events: Monday, 25 November 2019**

- 15:05-14:35 | Workshop: [The evolving ecosystem: ICANN's role in the security and stability of the Internet](#)

#### **IGF Day 1: Tuesday, 26 November 2019**

- 10:45-11:45 | ICANN Open Forum: [ICANN - DNS, Threats and Opportunities](#)

#### **IGF Day 3: Thursday 28 November 2019**

- 11:05-12:35 | Workshop: [Online Identity in the Multilingual Domain Name Space](#)

ICANN org contact for community members and requests: **Adam Peake**, [adam.peake@icann.org](mailto:adam.peake@icann.org).

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## **REMINDER: 2020 Leadership Program**

**From:** Sally Costerton, Senior Vice President, Global Stakeholder Engagement

**FOR:** All Community Leaders

### **INFORMATION SHARING**

From Wednesday, 2 October to Friday, 15 November 2019, ICANN has issued a call for nominations for the 2020 Leadership Program, scheduled for 5–6 March in Cancún, Mexico, just prior to ICANN67.

The Leadership Program helps current *and* incoming leaders better understand the complexities of ICANN, while also helping to develop the facilitation skills of participants. Understanding ICANN as an organization, the topics discussed within ICANN, and the interaction within other stakeholder groups can be challenging for incoming leaders, but sometimes also for experienced leaders. ICANN org and the community are making considerable efforts to help incoming leaders have a good start to their terms and to provide current leaders the opportunity to strengthen their leadership and facilitation skills.

Opportunities for Leadership Program participants include the following:

- Meet leaders from the other Supporting Organizations/Advisory Committees and get an insight of the functionality and issues in other groups
- Discuss current ICANN topics in an in-depth manner
- Deepen the understanding of key ICANN processes
- Develop facilitation and leadership skills, focused personal effectiveness to run meetings and foster processes

Interested individuals need to be endorsed by their Supporting Organization, Advisory Committee, or stakeholder group.

**Please register [here](#) by Friday, 15 November 2019, 23:59 UTC.** The Leadership Program does not

provide financial support for travel to Cancún but does cover accommodations and offer a stipend for the days a participant is involved in the program.

## Public Comment

**CLOSES TODAY:** [Next Steps to Improve the Effectiveness of ICANN's Multistakeholder Model](#)

**Close Date:** Monday, 14 October 2019

[Competition, Consumer Trust, and Consumer Choice Review Team \(CCT-RT\) Accepted Recommendations – Plan for Implementation and Next Steps](#)

**Close Date:** Monday, 21 October 2019

[Registration Directory Service \(WHOIS2\) Review Team Final Report](#)

**Close Date:** Monday, 25 November 2019

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