The NextGen@ICANN program is currently undergoing a community consultation. One request from the preliminary feedback received to-date was for ICANN org to explore the feasibility of having community volunteer representatives from Supporting Organizations (SOs), Advisory Committees (ACs), Stakeholder Groups (SGs), and Constituencies (Cs) to nominate individuals for the following two roles:

1. NextGen Selection Committee members
2. NextGen mentors

For the Selection Committee, a time commitment of approximately 20 hours over three weeks is required (for each application round). Selection Committee members will typically serve for two years (or six application rounds).

Mentors are expected to devote approximately 24 hours to pre-ICANN Public Meeting preparation with their mentees, to offer advice, networking support, and regular check-ins on-site, and to complete evaluations following the ICANN Public Meeting. Based on previous estimates, mentors spend about two hours per week during the six-week preparation period in advance of the meeting and about two hours per day providing on-site support at the ICANN Public Meeting. Mentors will typically serve for one year (or three meetings).

Is your group interested in nominating individuals for either of these roles? By Monday, 16 December 2019, please take the following poll to help ICANN org gauge the level of community interest. The findings of this poll will inform the proposed NextGen program approach that will be published for Public Comment.

Note: You will not be asked to submit the names of potential volunteers for roles at this time.
INFORMATION SHARING
The Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21) Supporting Organization and Advisory Committee (SO/AC) Additional Budget Request process has begun. This additional budget approval process is part of the overall ICANN annual budgeting process that is for the review of specific requests from the community that are not already included in the budget but serve to further the key objectives of the requesting community group. Your active participation and adherence to procedural guidelines is greatly appreciated.

Information concerning the FY21 SO/AC Additional Budget Request process, including timeline and request template can be found on the finance community wiki. Additional Budget Requests are due Friday, 31 January 2020.

Please email any questions that you may have to planning@icann.org.

We look forward to your continued engagement on the SO/AC Additional Budget Request process for FY21.

REMINDER: ICANN Fellowship Program Mentors
From: Sally Costerton, Senior Vice President, Global Stakeholder Engagement
FOR: All Community Leaders

INFORMATION SHARING
ICANN’s Supporting Organizations (SOs) and Advisory Committees (ACs) are invited to nominate one individual each (total of seven) to serve as a mentor in the ICANN Fellowship Program.

Mentors will serve a term that includes three consecutive ICANN Public Meetings, beginning with ICANN68. They will provide extensive pre-meeting preparation and on-site support for their assigned fellows, as well as complete a survey after each meeting.

Mentors are expected to follow Fellowship Program guidelines to help ensure consistency in capacity development opportunities for fellows. They also play an important role to help fellows actively participate in ICANN’s work. Mentors will receive travel funding support.

Mentors cannot serve on the Fellowship Program Selection Committee at the same time they are serving as mentors. For more information on the guidelines and expectations for mentors, please read about the program here.

SOs/ACs should first select their respective Fellowship Program mentor by Friday, 31 January 2020, and notify fellowshipconsultation@icann.org. Individual self-nominations will not be considered.

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REMINDER: ICANN67 Publication Support
From: David Olive, Senior Vice President, Policy Development Support
FOR: All Community Leaders

INFORMATION SHARING
Design Deadline
If you require design assistance for an ICANN67 publication, all text, images, layout, and publication type/size requirements (i.e. newsletter, 1-pager, tri-fold, etc.) are due Friday, 3 January 2020. Please ensure that all materials, new or updated, are evergreen.

Translation Deadline
If your ICANN67 publication requires translation, please provide the final material(s) by Monday, 27 January 2020. 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 ICANN67 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, 7 February 2020.

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

REMINDER: CROP Deadline for ICANN67
From: David Olive, Senior Vice President, Policy Development Support
FOR: All Community Leaders

INFORMATION SHARING
For eligible groups planning to use Community Regional Outreach Program (CROP) funds to conduct outreach during ICANN67, requests must be submitted no later than Friday, 17 January 2020. No exceptions will be made.
When submitting a CROP travel request, please keep in mind the following: Trip requests must be approved by the respective community leadership team. For FY20, the trip request must be filled in by the CROP participant via the CROP workspace. In order to access it, applicants must first have an account; please let the CROP coordinator know if you need an account. All individuals requesting CROP funding must also review the CROP Guidelines prior to submitting a request.

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

Public Comment

Registration Directory Service (WHOIS2) Review Team Final Report
CLOSES TODAY: Monday, 9 December 2019

Implementation Plan for the GNSO Consensus Policy Relating to the Protection of Certain Red Cross Names
CLOSES THIS WEEK: Thursday, 12 December 2019

Proposal for Future Root Zone KSK Rollover
Close Date: Friday, 31 January 2020