

## 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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### Information Sharing

#### **REMINDER: ICANN68 Travel Support Deadline**

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

#### **INFORMATION SHARING**

Community travel support requests for ICANN68 are due to the relevant community group support team by **Friday, 21 February 2020**.

The deadline for submissions is critical to allow for Office of Foreign Assets Control review, travel arrangements, and confirmed reservations as required for visa applications.

Benefits of having community travel support requests 120 days before the next ICANN Public Meeting include:

- Allow ICANN org to gather the documentation required (hotel and flight confirmations) for supported travelers to apply for their visa.
- Allow enough time for supported travelers to complete and submit their visa application, which often vary per ICANN Public Meeting location.
- Allow enough time for supported travelers to apply for a transit visa (if required), which often vary per ICANN Public Meeting location.
- Allow ICANN org to purchase less expensive airfares.
- Allow supported travelers to plan their pre-and-post ICANN Public Meeting travel in advance.
- Allow ICANN org to set-up supported travelers in advance as vendors with Finance allowing us to wire their per diem/stipend funds in a timelier manner.

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#### **REMINDER: Participate and Make Your Voice Heard on ICANN's Future!**

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

### INFORMATION SHARING

ICANN org is seeking your input on the Draft FY21-FY25 Operating and Financial Plan and the Draft FY21 Operating Plan and Budget. Both plans include descriptions of the work ICANN org will assume to achieve its [strategic plan](#). ICANN org also seeks your input on the annex, "Evolving ICANN's Multistakeholder Model Work Plan," as part of the FY21-FY25 Operating and Financial Plan. Over the years, ICANN's multistakeholder model has evolved, addressed important issues, and developed policies for the Internet's domain name and numbering resources. Review the full documents and participate in the via [Public Comment](#).

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### REMINDER: Nomination Period for ICANN Community Excellence Award 2020 Now Open

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

### INFORMATION SHARING

The nomination period for the ICANN Community Excellence Award 2020 is now open. Formerly known as the Multistakeholder Ethos Award, the ICANN Community Excellence Award recognizes ICANN community members who substantively contribute to policymaking within the ICANN ecosystem and who are deeply invested in developing consensus-based solutions within ICANN's multistakeholder model. Learn more about the [nomination process](#) and submit your nominations [here](#).

## ICANN67 Planning

### BY TOMORROW: Register for ICANN67 Prep Week Webinars

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

### INFORMATION SHARING

ICANN org released the schedule for [ICANN67 Prep Week](#), which features a series of nine webinars to prepare the community ahead of the upcoming Community Forum. Register and submit questions by **Friday, 14 February 2020**.

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### REMINDER: Participate in Newcomers Day at ICANN67

**From:** Deborah Escalera and Siranush Vardanyan, Public Responsibility Support

### INFORMATION SHARING

The Public Responsibility Support function will host **Newcomers Day for ICANN67 on Sunday, 8 March 2020**. Newcomers Day will feature two community sessions: The morning session focusing on the work of the Supporting Organizations (SOs) and Advisory Committees (ACs), and the afternoon session highlighting the work of the Stakeholder Groups (SGs) and Constituencies (Cs).

10:30-12:20 | SO/AC Session (broken up by ten-minute slots, e.g., 10:30-10:40, 10:40-10:50, etc.)

13:25-15:30 | SG/C Session (broken up by ten-minute slots, e.g., 13:25-13:35, 13:35-13:45, etc.)

We would like to invite your community group to [designate a representative by Monday, 24 February 2020 to attend the relevant session](#). Your remarks should be focused toward the Newcomers and will be followed by a brief question and answer session. Together, this should not exceed 10 minutes. We will provide standard slides, but you are welcome to send us any slides as well. We will share the deck once it is finalized.

We know not every community group will be available to participate in the program because Sunday is a busy working day at ICANN67. We will distribute a schedule of suggested meetings/sessions throughout ICANN67 and encourage newcomers to attend them to learn more about the ICANN community. Please confirm your participation with us as soon as possible.

Calendar invitations will be sent as appropriate. Please contact [deborah.escalera@icann.org](mailto:deborah.escalera@icann.org) and [siranush.vardanyan@icann.org](mailto:siranush.vardanyan@icann.org) with any questions.

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### REMINDER: Areas of Interest from the ICANN Board for ICANN67 Constituency Day

**From:** Maarten Botterman, ICANN Board Chair

### INFORMATION SHARING

Our first meeting of the year is approaching fast! The Board and I are very much looking forward to engaging with you during our Community Forum in Cancun, which is taking place from 7-12 March 2020.

As we continue working with you on the format of our engagement with your groups, we would like to experiment a new way of interacting by offering you to choose one or two area(s) of interest and having an open discussion with the Board on those, instead of asking you to come up with specific questions.

We are also suggesting that the list of areas of interest 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 the first part of our time together to be spent on your specific areas of interest, and to allow sufficient time to address the areas of interest indicated by the

Board, if they have not been covered by that time.

In preparation for our meetings, the Board proposes the following areas of interest to have an open discussion with you:

1. Key priorities for action of ICANN constituencies in 2020 (e.g. prioritization of recommendations, streamlining of reviews, improve effectiveness of ICANN's multistakeholder model, ...)
2. Specific developments coming up that ICANN constituencies feel need to be addressed when updating the ICANN Strategic Plan.

We would be very grateful if you could send Board Operations [board-ops-team@icann.org](mailto:board-ops-team@icann.org) your area(s) of interest, in order of priority, no later than **Monday, 24 February 2020**.

So you are aware, we are not changing the current total time allotted per group.

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

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

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**REMINDER: Opportunity for Strategic Outlook Trends Identification Sessions at ICANN67**

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

**INFORMATION SHARING**

ICANN org will hold Strategic Outlook Trends Identification sessions with the community at ICANN67. To prepare for that exercise, ICANN org will be seeking community feedback on possible formats and arrangements which will be sent through each community group's leadership.

The [Strategic Outlook program](#) is a joint effort among ICANN org, the community, and ICANN Board to identify and track trends that relate to ICANN and its mission and to make sure that relating opportunities and challenges are incorporated into ICANN's current and future strategy. New trends or shifts in existing trends impacting the operating plans (five-year or annual), and/or budget, will be factored into the annual iteration of those plans as appropriate. Significant shifts could also result in adjustments to the strategic plan.

## Public Comment

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**Close Date:** Friday, 14 February 2020

**CLOSES TOMORROW: [Proposed Final Report of the New gTLD Auction Proceeds Cross-Community Working Group](#)**

**Close Date:** Friday, 14 February 2020

**[Draft FY21-25 Operating & Financial Plan and Draft FY21 Operating Plan & Budget](#)**

**Close Date:** Tuesday, 25 February 2020

**[Second Security, Stability, and Resiliency \(SSR2\) Review Team Draft Report](#)**

**Close Date:** Wednesday, 4 March 2020

**[Initial Report of the Expedited Policy Development Process \(EPDP\) on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data Team – Phase 2](#)**

**Close Date:** Monday, 23 March 2020

**NEW: [Draft Proposal for NextGen@ICANN Program Improvements](#)**

**Close Date:** Tuesday, 31 March 2020