ICANN Community Leadership Digest

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

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**NEW:** GDD Industry Summit and DNS Symposium Cancelled

ICANN Announcement

Yesterday, ICANN announced that its annual GDD Industry Summit and ICANN DNS Symposium, which were to be held in Paris, France, in early May 2020, have been cancelled.

The decision to cancel these events was made in light of the rapidly evolving COVID-19 virus outbreak and, for the GDD Summit, included conversations with the Contracted Parties House.

ICANN’s primary concern is for the health and safety of its global multistakeholder community and its staff. We are monitoring this situation closely, and will update the community if there are any new developments or changes to planned meetings and activities.

**NEW:** Participate in Open Strategic Outlook Trends Sessions

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

ICANN invites the community to participate in an open strategic outlook trends session to help ICANN continue to be aware of trends that affect its mission and mandate. These sessions will build on past trend identification work to update our shared understanding of opportunities and challenges relevant to ICANN’s current and future strategy. ICANN will hold two remote sessions for those unable to attend the stakeholder group-specific sessions planned. Participation is limited to 40 participants per session, on a first-come, first-served basis due to the breakout format. Sessions will be held in English.

Session #1
Monday, 30 March 2020, 15:00-16:30 UTC: [https://icann.zoom.us/j/549213104](https://icann.zoom.us/j/549213104)
CLOSES TODAY: Tell Us What You Thought about the ICANN67 Virtual Community Forum  
From: Sally Newell Cohen, Senior Vice President, Global Communications  

Please take our short survey and give us your thoughts on the format, content, and collaboration tools as well as any suggested improvements for future meetings like this. Complete the survey here.

ENDS TOMORROW: EPDP Recommendation 17.2 Questionnaire  
From: Cyrus Namazi, Senior Vice President, Global Domains Division  

As part of ICANN org’s research for Recommendation 17.2 of the Expedited Policy Development Process on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data (EPDP) Phase 1 Final Report, the Global Domains Division (GDD) has prepared a short questionnaire to collect input on the risks, feasibility, and costs of differentiating between legal and natural persons in registration data directory services (RDDS).

Members of ICANN community groups with a view on the subject are invited to fill out and share the questionnaire before Friday, 20 March 2020.

Results will be integrated into the report on Recommendation 17.2 for the EPDP Team.

REMEMBER: ICANN org Responds to Community Questions from ICANN67 Public Forum 1  
From: Sally Newell Cohen, Senior Vice President, Global Communications  

ICANN org has published responses to questions posed during the first ICANN67 Public Forum, which focused on the proposed transfer of ownership of the Public Interest Registry. Click here to read.

EXTENDED: Nomination Period for ICANN Community Excellence Award 2020 Now Open  
From: David Olive, Senior Vice President, Policy Development Support  

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 by Friday, 27 March 2020 here.