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**Information Sharing**

**NEW:** Changes to ICANN’s Five-Year Operating and Financial Plan and FY21 Budget  
From: Maarten Botterman, ICANN Board Chair; and Göran Marby, President and CEO

In December 2019, the draft Five-Year Operating and Financial Plan and draft Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21) Budget were submitted to the ICANN community for Public Comment. Both plans were the subject of broad participation and engagement from the ICANN community, and we want to thank everyone who submitted their feedback and thoughts on these drafts.

Since concluding the Public Comment process, quite a lot has changed. The COVID-19 pandemic has had a profound economic impact on the world, and as a result, ICANN expects that its planned activities and financial position for both the remainder of FY20 and FY21 will be significantly impacted.

While it is difficult to predict long-term economic impacts, ICANN, as a steward of public funds, has a responsibility to ensure that its activities are planned with absolute fiscal responsibility. Following its assessment, ICANN org acted quickly and responsibly to revise its plans, with the goal of ensuring that they take into account this new reality and the uncertainties of our rapidly changing world.

[Read more.]

**NEW:** Moving Toward Implementation: Next Steps for Work Stream 2  
From: Theresa Swinehart, Senior Vice President, Multistakeholder Strategy and Strategic Initiatives

Following the conclusion of the work of the Cross-Community Working Group on Enhancing ICANN Accountability, Working Stream 2 (WS2), the ICANN Board passed a resolution in November 2019 to adopt the consensus recommendations contained in the WS2 Final Report. This blog provides an update on completed work and notes areas in which the community plays an important role in prioritization, planning, and executing implementation work.

[Read more.]
Public Technical Identifiers (PTI), the ICANN affiliate responsible for performance of the IANA functions, invites the community to engage with IANA staff and members of the PTI Board to discuss the development of its first comprehensive strategic plan.

When the PTI board and IANA staff attended ICANN66, they shared a timeline for the publication of the draft strategic plan that included face-to-face engagement during ICANN67 in Cancún, Mexico. Due to the COVID-19 outbreak and change to a remote participation-only meeting, we will now host two interactive webinars in parallel with a Public Comment proceeding that is running from 20 April to 1 June 2020.

**Webinar #1**
Thursday, 14 May, 14:00-15:00 UTC
Remote Participation
Passcode: 30i524!6

**Webinar #2**
Thursday, 14 May, 23:00-00:00 UTC (Friday, 15 May 2020)
Remote Participation
Passcode: a10s646$*

**REMINDER:** Call for Expressions of Interest: Standing Panel for ICANN’s Independent Review Process


Candidates for the IRP omnibus Standing Panel should review the [Expressions of Interest document](#) before submission. The document includes the following information:

- Panel Position Description
- Required or Highly Preferred Skills
- Required or Highly Preferred Experience
- Time Commitment
- Compensation and Selection

Expressions of Interest should be submitted to [irp-standingpanel-eoi2020@icann.org](mailto:irp-standingpanel-eoi2020@icann.org) by 23:59 UTC on Friday, 31 July 2020.

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**DESIGN DEADLINE WEDNESDAY:** ICANN68 Publication Support

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

**Design and Translation Deadline**
If you require design assistance for your publication, you need to provide all the text, images, layout, and publication type/size requirements (i.e., newsletter vs. 1-pager vs. trifold, etc.). You will receive a maximum of 2 iterations of the publication. **Please provide everything by Wednesday, 13 May 2020.** Please keep in mind that all materials, new or updated, need to be evergreen.

**Translation-only Deadline**
If your publication requires translation, **please provide the final material(s) by Monday, 25 May 2020.** This ensures that there is enough time to translate the publication by the below 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.

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

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**Public Comment**

**CLOSES TOMORROW:** Guidelines for Developing Reference Label Generation Rules (LGRs) for the Second Level Version 2

**Close Date:** Tuesday, 12 May 2020

**ICANN Africa Regional Plan for Fiscal Years 2021-2025**

**Close Date:** Wednesday, 27 May 2020

**Draft PTI FY21-24 Strategic Plan**

**Close Date:** Monday, 1 June 2020

**NEW:** Proposal for Malayalam Script Root Zone Label Generation Rules – Second Public Comment Proceeding
**NEW**: Name Collision Analysis Project (NCAP) Study 1: Proposed Final Report  
**Close Date**: Wednesday, 17 June 2020

**ccNSO PDP3**: Initial Proposals for Process to Retire ccTLDs  
**Close Date**: Friday, 10 July 2020