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: Expanded Interpretation Services for ICANN68
From: Sally Newell Cohen, Senior Vice President, Global Communications

ICANN org is pleased to announce that the upcoming ICANN68 Virtual Policy Forum will once again include two-way interpretation in all six United Nations languages: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, and Spanish. Additionally, Portuguese will be available for Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) sessions.

For the ICANN68 Virtual Policy Forum, the Language Services and Meeting Technical Services teams will utilize a remote simultaneous interpretation platform to support the increased remote language services offering. The expanded language services are an enhancement to what was offered at the ICANN67 Virtual Community Forum and will be available for all ICANN68 sessions with interpretation.

Community members who plan to use simultaneous interpretation services in their preferred language will need to download and install the application Congress Rental Network on their mobile device. A demonstration of the interpretation platform will be held **today at 22:00 UTC** as part of ICANN68 Prep Sessions. Register **here**.

Read more.

NEW: Remote Participation Tools and Services for the ICANN68 Virtual Policy Forum
Executive: David Olive, Senior Vice President, Policy Development Support

Read about remote participation tools and services for the ICANN68 Virtual Policy Forum and how to use them **here**.

REMINDER: Pre-ICANN68 Policy Report and GNSO Policy Briefing ICANN68 Edition
Executive: David Olive, Senior Vice President, Policy Development Support

The **Pre-ICANN68 Policy Report** and the **GNSO Policy Briefing ICANN68 Edition** are now available. These reports provide background information for the ICANN68 Virtual Policy Forum scheduled for 22-25 June 2020.

Information Sharing

NEW: Next Steps for Enhancing the Effectiveness of ICANN's Multistakeholder Model
From: Maarten Botterman, ICANN Board Chair

One of the Board's high-priority topics for 2020 is to continue working on the Enhancing the Effectiveness of ICANN's Multistakeholder Model initiative, building on the work that the community has completed to date. As a result of our ongoing work, we developed a paper that has been published for Public Comment, "Enhancing the Effectiveness of ICANN's Multistakeholder Model – Next Steps," and we would like your feedback.

We Want to Hear From You
To continue this work, the Board is seeking the community's feedback on three key areas:
1. The Work Plan: We are interested in your input on the priority work areas and whether the mechanisms or actions outlined sufficiently address the identified gaps in work already underway. We encourage your feedback on the gaps identified in the Work Plan, and whether there are any additional gaps that should be considered.
2. Remaining Work Areas: While we focused the updated Work Plan on the priority areas mentioned above, we also welcome any community-driven actions to help address the remaining work areas. We would like to know if your community group would like to initiate or coordinate any other actions.
3. Evaluation Mechanism: The Work Plan includes a proposed evaluation mechanism to gauge whether the project is achieving its goals. We would like to hear your thoughts as to whether periodic evaluation should be conducted and if so, whether it should be done by using existing structures such as the strategic plan review process, or if you believe other more suitable means should be considered.

Read more.

NEW: Organizational Changes Coming to ICANN org
From: Göran Marby, President and Chief Executive Officer

In this day and age, all organizations experience change; whether planned or unplanned, change is inevitable. This requires us to be responsive and adaptable. As stewards of ICANN org, my Executive team and I take this responsibility seriously. Whenever changes occur, it is our duty to evaluate the impacts of the change and leverage the opportunity to evolve our support for the community to maximize efficiency, collaboration, and resources.

Read more.

NEW: ICANN and the Schools on Internet Governance
From: Sally Costerton, Senior Advisor to the President and Senior Vice President, Global Stakeholder Engagement

The ICANN community has devoted significant resources to developing ICANN's Strategic Plan for fiscal years 2021-2025, which in part focuses on building capacity on the technical and operational objectives. To ensure alignment with the goals in the Strategic Plan, ICANN has conducted a review of Schools on Internet Governance (SIGs) around the world and identified a set of good practices to guide our future support of these initiatives.

We will engage with our current SIG partners to share our thinking about how we can align our participation in individual schools that share our core objectives. We also plan to simplify how new school organizers can engage with us in the future.

We will be sharing updates as this effort progresses.

Read more.

REMINDER: Call for Expressions of Interest: Standing Panel for ICANN's Independent Review Process
Announcement

On 31 March 2020, ICANN opened a call for Expressions of Interest for panelists to serve on the omnibus Standing Panel for ICANN's Independent Review Process (IRP).

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** by **23:59 UTC on Friday, 31 July 2020.**

Public Comment

Proposal for Malayalam Script Root Zone Label Generation Rules – Second Public Comment Proceeding
Close Date: Wednesday, 17 June 2020

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

Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) Regional Strategic Plan for FY2021-2025
Close Date: Tuesday, 14 July 2020

NEW: Enhancing the Effectiveness of ICANN's Multistakeholder Model
Close Date: Sunday, 2 August 2020