

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: ATRT3 Final Report

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

The third Accountability and Transparency Review Team (ATRT3) has submitted its **final report** to the ICANN Board. The report contains five recommendations related to ICANN's accountability and transparency in the following areas:

- Prioritization of review and Cross-Community Working Group on Enhancing ICANN Accountability, Work Stream 2 (WS2) recommendations
- Amending Specific and Organizational Reviews
- Accountability and transparency relating to Strategic and Operational Plans including accountability indicators
- Public input
- Assessment of the implementation of ATRT2 recommendations

The ATRT3 Final Report will be published for Public Comment in the coming weeks as mandated by the ICANN Bylaws. Members of the ATRT3 will host a webinar on the final report during the Public Comment proceeding.

NEW: ICANN69 to be Held as a Virtual Public Meeting Announcement

On 11 June 2020, the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) announced that the ICANN Board of Directors has made the decision that the ICANN69 Annual General Meeting (AGM), which was to be held in Hamburg, Germany, will not proceed as an in-person meeting. Instead, the Board has directed the ICANN org to coordinate with the ICANN community on the best way forward for ICANN69 to meet the expected outcomes of an ICANN AGM and support the community's ongoing policy advice and development work, despite being unable to meet in person.

The meeting, scheduled for 17-22 October 2020, will be the third time ICANN will hold a Virtual Public Meeting as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. ICANN67, originally scheduled for Cancún, Mexico, was held as a virtual meeting, as will the upcoming ICANN68, originally scheduled for Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

The health and safety of the ICANN community is always a top priority, and as such, convening ICANN69 as an in-person meeting is not expected to be feasible by its scheduled date. While progress has been made to mitigate the impact of COVID-19, there are still several barriers remaining that prevent holding large international meetings, such as ICANN's Public Meetings. These include ongoing restrictions on international travel, diminished flight availability, challenges in obtaining visas, physical distancing requirements, the risks posed to the local host community, and the possibility of a resurgence resulting in further lockdowns.

[Read more.](#)

NEW: Revised Community Travel Support Guidelines

From: David Olive, Senior Vice President, Policy Development Support and Sally Costerton, Senior Advisor to the President and Senior Vice President, Global Stakeholder Engagement

Today, ICANN org published the summary report of the [recent Public Comment proceeding](#) on the revised Community Travel Support Guidelines (Guidelines). The revised Guidelines reflect feedback from supported travelers and observations of ICANN Travel Support since October 2018. All edits are captured in the published edited version of the Guidelines [\[PDF, 691 KB\]](#).

The revised Guidelines [\[PDF, 516 KB\]](#) will take effect on 1 July 2020. However, the publication of the revised Guidelines does not reverse the existing travel guidance in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. ICANN org will update its travel guidance as global public health conditions permit.

Please refer to the [ICANN Community Travel Support webpage](#) for more information.

NEW: Selection of the first recipient of the Tarek Kamel Fellowship Recognition Blog Post

ICANN org is proud to announce that Abdalmonem Galila has been selected as the first-ever recipient of the Tarek Kamel Fellowship Recognition. Galila, who lives in Egypt, is among the fellows who were selected to attend ICANN68.

The Tarek Kamel Fellowship Recognition is a tribute to Dr. Tarek Kamel, who served as Senior Advisor to the President and Senior Vice President of Government and Intergovernmental Organization (IGO) Engagement.

The award recognizes the outstanding contributions of fellows in furthering ICANN's capacity development efforts in their respective regions. The recognition is integrated into the existing ICANN Fellowship Program.

Abdalmonem Galila is the Deputy Manager of the .masr (مصر) IDN ccTLD of Egypt. He is also a member of the Task Force on Arabic Script Internationalized Domain Names (TF-AIDN) that focuses on the secure deployment and ease of use of Arabic Internationalized Domain Names.

He is a very active member of the ICANN community, and is currently engaged in the work being done by the Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG). In March 2018, he was elected as a Universal Acceptance ambassador, supporting the equal treatment of all domain names. Since then, he has conducted many Universal Acceptance awareness sessions, training sessions, and hands-on workshops both inside and outside of Egypt.

ICANN org extends its sincere congratulations to Abdalmonem on this very special recognition.

[Learn more about the Tarek Kamel Fellowship Recognition, eligibility, and selection process.](#)

NEW: Introducing the Identifier Research, Operations, and Security Function [Blog Post](#)

In October 2018, ICANN President and CEO Göran Marby announced the decision to place the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) functions under my role as Chief Technology Officer (CTO). Prior to this, my function - the Office of the CTO (OCTO) - was minimally involved in operational matters. Rather, our focus was similar to the role of a “think tank”: conducting research, providing information and training (internally and externally), building capacity, and performing security-related facilitation with different stakeholders.

However, with the inclusion of the IANA functions, I recognized that this would increase OCTO’s operational activity profile. At the same time, it didn’t seem to make a whole lot of sense for the IANA functions to be included within OCTO, since our role as a think tank would remain. As such, a name change seemed appropriate.

[Learn 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.**

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Close Date: Friday, 10 July 2020

[Latin America and Caribbean \(LAC\) Regional Strategic Plan for FY2021-2025](#)

Close Date: Tuesday, 14 July 2020

[Enhancing the Effectiveness of ICANN's Multistakeholder Model](#)

Close Date: Sunday, 2 August 2020