NEW: Guidelines for Developing New Courses on ICANN Learn
From: Sally Costerton, Senior Advisor to President & Senior Vice President Global Stakeholder Engagement

ICANN has recently published guidelines for developing new courses on ICANN Learn. Capacity development is a significant way to enhance engagement with the policy development work that takes place in the ICANN community, and ICANN Learn is a particularly effective platform for this during a time when fact-to-face training is not possible. We have provided high-level guidelines that we hope will help the community determine when and how to make requests for the development of online courses for the ICANN Learn e-learning platform. Each request that complies with these guidelines will be considered alongside existing workflows, timelines, and overall objectives for ICANN Learn.

Learn more.

NEW: New ICANN Learn Course: Constructive Dialogue
From: Sally Costerton, Senior Advisor to President & Senior Vice President Global Stakeholder Engagement

What better way to spend this time that we are not traveling than to improve our policy-making skills? ICANN Learn has launched a new course on constructive dialogue. This course contributes to the suite of skill-building courses on ICANN Learn, which includes Unconscious Bias, Holding Effective Meetings, and Writing for Policy and Public Comment. 704.1 Constructive Dialogue gives ICANN-specific advice about communicating productively in the policy-making environment.

Sign up for ICANN Learn and enroll today.

NEW: The Importance of ITHI to You, and How to Participate
From: Gabriella Schittek, Global Stakeholder Engagement Senior Manager – Nordic & Central Europe; and Alain Durand, Principal Technologist

One way ICANN fulfills its mission of ensuring the stable and secure operation of the Internet's unique identifier systems is by monitoring and collecting Domain Name System (DNS) related data. For this purpose, ICANN has launched a number of data-collating initiatives, of which the Domain Abuse Activity Reporting (DAAR) project is perhaps the best known; and is proving helpful when pursuing domain name abuse during COVID-19.
A somewhat less known, but equally important, undertaking is the Identifier Technology Health Indicator (ITHI) initiative, focusing on analyzing trends in DNS operation.

The data from ITHI shows how traffic patterns between recursive resolvers and authoritative servers. This is helpful in mapping and understanding how the DNS actually works and to observe trends in the flow of traffic. One interesting finding, which ITHI uncovered, is that only 208 recursive resolvers (out of millions of resolvers worldwide) were needed to see 50% of the DNS traffic of all Internet users (June 2020). More detailed data on ITHI findings, such as the percentage of resolvers that perform Domain Name System Security Extensions (DNSSEC) validation can be found here.

Learn more.

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**REMINDER:** Information Transparency Initiative (ITI) Webinar

**From:** Sally Newell Cohen, Senior Vice President, Global Communications

The Information Transparency Initiative (ITI) team is hosting two webinars to provide a demo of preview.icann.org. ITI began in January 2018 with the goal of delivering increased and improved accessibility and findability of information on icann.org. The ITI Team completed the development of several content types for the preview website in May 2020. Join us for one of these two upcoming webinars to learn about the new icann.org.

Learn more.

**ITI Webinar 1**  
Monday, 20 July 2020, 20:00 UTC ([all other times](https://www.icann.org/en/events/calendar?year=2020&month=07&day=20))  
[Register](https://www.icann.org/en/events/calendar?year=2020&month=07&day=20)

**ITI Webinar 2**  
Wednesday, 22 July 2020, 14:00 UTC ([all other times](https://www.icann.org/en/events/calendar?year=2020&month=07&day=22))  
[Register](https://www.icann.org/en/events/calendar?year=2020&month=07&day=22)

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

**Announcement**


Candidates for the IRP omnibus Standing Panel should review the [Expressions of Interest document](https://www.icann.org/en/events/calendar?year=2020&month=07&day=22) 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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**Public Comment**

**Third Accountability and Transparency Review Team (ATRT3) Final Report**  
**Close Date:** Friday, 31 July 2020

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

**Label Generation Rules for the Root Zone Version 4 (RZ-LGR-4)**  
**Close Date:** Tuesday, 11 August 2020

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