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: Ramanou Biaou Honored with 2020 Dr. Tarek Kamel Award for Capacity Building**

Last week, ICANN org announced the first recipient of the 2020 Dr. Tarek Kamel Award for Capacity Building is Ramanou Biaou.

The ICANN Board recognizes Biaou’s commitment to local and regional capacity-building programs in his home country of Benin as well as across Africa. He has worked to improve the technical skills of women in Africa and encouraged their participation in endeavors related to the Internet and Domain Name System (DNS). Through his efforts, the diversity and number of new ICANN community members increased.

**NEW: ICANN69 GAC Communiqué Now Available**

The GAC announced that their ICANN69 Communiqué is now available. The GAC provides advice to the ICANN Board on policy matters where there may be an interaction between ICANN’s policies and various laws, international agreements, and public policy objectives.

**NEW: ICANN org Responds to the European Data Protection Board’s Public Consultation on the Board’s Guidelines on the Concepts of Controller and Processor**

ICANN recently announced that it has responded to the European Data Protection Board’s (EDPB) public consultation on its Guidelines 07/2020 on the concepts of controller and processor in the GDPR. The EDPB is an independent European body whose purpose is to ensure consistent application of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and to promote cooperation among the European Union data protection authorities.

The issue of controllership has been critical throughout the work of the Expedited Policy Development Process on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data (EPDP) and remains important for the implementation of a System for Standardized Access/Disclosure as recommended by the EPDP Phase 2 Team.
In ICANN org's response to the public consultation, which closed today, it was noted that while the guidelines are a helpful step, ICANN org believes that further clarity would be beneficial in three areas:

Precise attribution of "control" to particular stages in the processing under a micro-level analytic framework.

When and how is "control" inferred from a contract, absent a party's actual involvement in processing contemplated under any such agreement.

The newly introduced concept of "converging decisions."

The full response submitted by ICANN org is available [here](#). All contributions to the Public Comment proceeding will be available on the EDPB website.

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**REMINDER:** Nominations for NextGen Selection Committee and Mentor Positions EXTENDED

*From:* Sally Costerton, Senior Advisor to the President and Senior Vice President, Global Stakeholder Engagement

The ICANN org NextGen Program [announced](#) that it is seeking nominations for mentors and for the NextGen selection committee. Communities may choose to appoint program alumni and are encouraged to appoint active community members who have an interest in mentoring students.

There are three slots available for mentors, and five slots for selection committee members. Each SO/AC is asked to nominate candidates for both positions. Individual self-nominations will not be considered.

Interested community groups should select their respective NextGen@ICANN volunteers by **Sunday, 15 November 2020** and notify Deborah Escalera at [nextgen@icann.org](mailto:nextgen@icann.org).

Learn more about the guidelines and expectations for [Mentors](#) and for the [Selection Committee](#).

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**REMINDER:** Information Transparency Initiative Update: New Content Available for Your Feedback

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

As ICANN org President and CEO Göran Marby announced in his [May 2020 blog](https://blog.icann.org), the Information Transparency Initiative (ITI) team is releasing new content to [https://preview.icann.org](https://preview.icann.org), and content on [https://icann.org](https://icann.org) has been improved with ITI’s enhanced search features. New and improved content includes:

- **Correspondence** - New findability improvements include keyword(s) search allowing you to narrow your search within Correspondence files, an advanced year selector, a helpful sub-navigation menu, and an improved table layout to enhance accessibility and readability.

- **Board Meeting Materials** - We’ve made upgrades to this content type since the May 2020 release. The keyword(s) search has been implemented and improved, and most Board Meeting files and pages from 1998-2019 are now available via filtered or keyword search.

- **Acronyms and Terms** - Enhancements to the existing release include alignment with ITI’s new user experience, additional terms added in all six U.N. languages, and a new sub-navigation menu.

**We Need Your Feedback**

To support our current release, we invite the community to join us for two upcoming webinars. The team will demonstrate the enhancements to Correspondence, Board Materials, and Acronyms and Terms, and answer any questions.

**ITI Webinar 1**

Tuesday, 1 December 2020, 15:00 UTC

[Register](#)

**ITI Webinar 2**

Tuesday, 1 December 2020, 22:00 UTC

[Register](#)

[Learn more](#).

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**Public Comment**

- **Proposed Amendment 1 to the .JOBS Registry Agreement**
  **Close Date:** Monday, 16 November 2020

- **Recommendations for Early Warning for Root Zone Scaling**
  **Close Date:** Monday, 23 November 2020
DRAFT PTI and IANA FY22 Operating Plan and Budgets
Close Date: Monday, 30 November 2020

Preliminary Issue Report on a Policy Development Process to Review the Transfer Policy
Close Date: Monday, 30 November 2020

IANA Naming Function Review (IFR) Initial Report
Close Date: Wednesday, 2 December 2020