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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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Information Sharing

CLOSES MONDAY: Teleconference for Community Leaders about the FY22 SO/AC Additional Budget Request Process

As you may recall, the FY22 SO-AC Additional Budget Request (ABR) process opened on Monday, 9 November 2020. Please consult the wiki page to learn more about the process and to review the timeline and templates.

We would like to offer a teleconference to review the principles of the ABR process and answer any questions that you or other colleagues from your community group may have. By **Monday, 30 November 2020**, please participate in this **Doodle poll** for a teleconference during the week of 7 December 2020. We will announce the date and time and participation details next week. We look forward to working with you and answering your questions.

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CLOSES MONDAY: Call for Expressions of Interest: Chair of the Intergovernmental Organization (IGO) Work Track
From: David Olive, Senior Vice President, Policy Development Support

The Generic Named Supporting Organization (GNSO) is seeking expressions of interest to chair the Intergovernmental Organization (IGO) Work Track, a subteam within an ongoing Policy Development Process (PDP) that will review all trademark-related rights protection mechanisms at the second level of the domain name system.

The deadline to submit Expressions of Interest is **Monday, 30 November 2020, at 23:59 UTC.**

Learn more about the work track and how to apply.

CLOSES MONDAY: Call to Register for the 2020 Chairing Skills Program Webinar

From 9-30 November 2020, ICANN has issued a call for registration for the 2020 Chairing Skills Program Webinar, scheduled for Monday, 7 December 2020 from 15:00-16:30 UTC. This invitation is open only to current and new ICANN community chairs.

The Chairing Skills Program addresses the chairing skills challenges that ICANN community chairs can face when taking up the responsibility of leading a working group or stakeholder group. The target audience for the webinar is new/current ICANN community chairs that want to develop their chairing skills.

Interested individuals should register here by **Monday, 30 November 2020 at 23:59 UTC**.

NEXT WEEK: Information Transparency Initiative Update: New Content Available for Your Feedback
From: Sally Newell Cohen, Senior Vice President, Global Communications

In September 2020, the ICANN org Information Transparency Initiative (ITI) team announced that it added new content and improved previously released content to https://preview.icann.org. The team also announced that it would hold two webinars on **Tuesday, 1 December 2020** to demonstrate the changes it implemented to improve the search experience.

Please register for one of these sessions via the links below:

ITI Webinar 1 | Tuesday, 1 December 2020, 15:00 UTC
Register

ITI Webinar 2 | Tuesday, 1 December 2020, 22:00 UTC
Register

During the webinars, the ITI team will demonstrate the enhancements to Correspondence, Board Materials, and Acronyms and Terms, and answer any questions.

- ***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*** - The team has made upgrades to this content type since its 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*** - Improvements to the existing release include alignment with the new user experience, additional terms added in all six U.N. languages, and a new sub-navigation menu.

Before the webinar, visit the current content on https://icann.org and then experiment with the improved search available via http://preview.icann.org.

During the webinar, let the ITI team know what you think. Are the search filters useful? Are there enhancements you would like to add? What do you not like?

Learn more.

NEW: Improving Our Public Meetings: Timelines and Milestones
From: Sally Costerton, Senior Vice President, Global Stakeholder Engagement; and David Olive, Senior Vice President, Policy Development Support

In an October 2020 blog post, ICANN President and CEO Göran Marby outlined the steps that the ICANN Board and ICANN org are taking, at the community's request, to help facilitate a dialogue on improving our support for ICANN Public Meetings.

We will assess the effectiveness of ICANN Public Meetings, determine which meeting improvements are needed to support the work of the community, and outline features that should be integrated into our return to in-person meetings going forward. The goal is to deliver the recommendations to the Board for their consideration, and implement the approved recommendations accordingly.

Learn more.

REMINDER: Call for SOs/ACs to Nominate Fellowship Program Mentors and Selection Committee Members
From: Sally Costerton, Senior Vice President, Global Stakeholder Engagement

ICANN has announced a call for nominees to volunteer to serve as mentors to the Fellowship Program and as members to its Selection Committee. There will be a total of seven mentors and seven Selection Committee members, and each group is welcome to nominate one individual for each role.

Interested Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees should select their respective Fellowship Program mentor and Selection Committee representative by **Sunday, 31 January 2021** and notify fellowshipconsultation@icann.org. Individual self-nominations will not be considered.

Criteria for mentors and Selection Committee members can be foundhere.

REMINDER: Call for Expressions of Interest: Community Representatives Group to Select Independent Review Process (IRP) Standing Panel
From: David Olive, Senior Vice President, Policy Development Support

In accordance with the ICANN Bylaws and Terms of Reference agreed to by ICANN's Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees (SO and ACs), a Community Representatives Group is being formed that will work with ICANN org to select a slate of nominees for a Standing Panel to hear disputes filed under ICANN's Independent Review Process (IRP). All applications to join the Community Representatives Group will be reviewed by the specific SO or AC whose endorsement is being sought. The closing date is **Friday, 4 December 2020**.

Please review the announcement and Terms of Reference for further details about the role of the Community Representatives Group and the skills sought for membership.

The Bylaws require ICANN org to work with all SO and ACs to ensure that a Standing Panel is constituted for the IRP, an important accountability mechanism under the Bylaws. The requirements and process is documented via the wiki space: **https://community.icann.org/display/ESPFIRP**.

REMINDER: Call for Volunteers: Intergovernmental Organization (IGO) Work Track
From: David Olive, Senior Vice President, Policy Development Support

The GNSO Council is requesting that interested Supporting Organizations (SOs), Advisory Committees (ACs), and GNSO Stakeholder Groups and Constituencies consider appointing members to the Intergovernmental Organization (IGO) Work Track, a group to be formed within an ongoing Policy Development Process (PDP) reviewing all rights protection mechanisms in all gTLDs at the second level of the domain name system.

The composition of the IGO Work Track is as follows:

- The Registries Stakeholder Group: up to 2 members
- The Registrars Stakeholder Group: up to 2 members
- The Commercial Stakeholder Group: up to 3 members
- The Non-Commercial Stakeholder Group: up to 3 members
- Each AC, other SOs and IGOs: up to 2 members per group

Please confirm your appointed members and alternates at the latest by**Monday, 7 December 2020** by notifying the GNSO Secretariat at **gnso-secs@icann.org**.

Learn more about the work track and how to apply.

REMINDER: FY22 Additional Budget Requests Due 29 January 2021

ICANN org has launched the FY22 Additional Budget Request process. This process pertains to a dedicated part of the overall ICANN annual budget that is set aside to fund specific requests from the community for activities that are not already included in the recurring ICANN budget.

Submissions are due on**Friday, 29 January 2021 at 23:59 UTC** to planning@icann.org.

Learn more.

Public Comment

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Close Date: Monday, 30 November 2020

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

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

Recommendations for ICANN's Root Name Service Strategy and Implementation
Close Date: Tuesday, 8 December 2020