

## 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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#### **DUE TOMORROW:** FY22 Additional Budget Requests Due Friday, 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](mailto:planning@icann.org).**

[Learn more.](#)

#### **DUE SUNDAY:** 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](mailto:fellowshipconsultation@icann.org).** Individual self-nominations will not be considered.

### **UPDATED: ICANN Continues the Pandemic Internet Access Reimbursement Program**

Interested community members must apply in advance of ICANN70, and those who meet the eligibility requirements will be selected to participate. The application process will open **Monday, 8 February 2021** and program details are available here. The application deadline is **Friday, 5 March 2021 at 23:59 (UTC)**.

This program aims to facilitate participation in ICANN Public Meetings during the pandemic. It offers community members who have limited Internet capacity financial assistance to increase their Internet bandwidth.

#### **NEW: Internet Nominations by Community Leaders Procedure**

Community leaders will have the opportunity to nominate recipients to the program. This includes **up to five nominees from each** of the three Supporting Organizations, four Advisory Committees, four GNSO Stakeholder Groups and five GNSO Constituencies, and five RALOs from At-Large.

In order to be reimbursed, all applicants must:

- Require additional bandwidth at home to facilitate their active participation in ICANN70.
- Have a valid personal bank account for ICANN org to wire the reimbursement funds.
- [Register](#) for ICANN70.
- Attend a minimum of four official ICANN70 sessions.

Once community leaders have established their nominees, they can inform their nominee to apply for the program through: <https://events.icann.org/icann70/bandwidthprogram> [Application site will open **Monday, 8 February 2021**].

Chairs should their list to [travelsupport@icann.org](mailto:travelsupport@icann.org), for ICANN org to verify the applications. SO/AC chair and community leaders will have until **Monday, 01 March 2021** to complete this nomination process.

[Learn more.](#)

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### **NEW: The ICANN Nominating Committee Application Period Is Now Open**

The Nominating Committee (NomCom) invites interested individuals to submit applications for key leadership positions within ICANN. Selected individuals will have a unique opportunity to work with accomplished colleagues from around the globe to help shape the Internet's technical coordination and policy development.

The deadline to submit applications is **Thursday, 18 March 2021 at 23:59 UTC**. Applications should be submitted via the online [candidate portal](#). All applications are confidential.

[Learn more.](#)

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### **NEW: Recording Now Available of ICANN Board Workshop Open Session on FY21 Operational Priorities**

ICANN Board Chair Maarten Botterman discussed the January workshop in a recent [blog](#). On 24 January 2021, the ICANN Board held an open session during the workshop to discuss its priorities for 2021. The recording can be found [here](#).

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### **REMINDER: Volunteers Needed for Advisory Group on ICANN North America Stakeholder Engagement Plan**

**From:** Naela Sarras, Vice President, Global Stakeholder Engagement, North America

Community members are invited to join a short-term regional advisory group, that will help advise the GSE North America team on the development of the next iteration of the North America Stakeholder Engagement Plan. This effort seeks community input to enhance the important work of stakeholder engagement across North America by actively soliciting input into ICANN policy and work processes.

This advisory group will be time-limited (February - May 2021), will include two webinars, and be directed toward answering specific questions. With help from the community, the team hopes to surface implementable ideas with measurable impact to enhance engagement.

**Kindly send your reply with one or two named volunteers for this activity by Friday, 12 February 2021. Please send your reply to [naela.sarras@icann.org](mailto:naela.sarras@icann.org) and [joe.catapano@icann.org](mailto:joe.catapano@icann.org).**

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### **REMINDER: Nomination Period for the ICANN Community Excellence Award Now Open**

**From:** David Olive, Senior Vice President, Policy Development Support

The nomination period for the ICANN Community Excellence Award 2020 is now open. The deadline for submissions is **Monday, 29 March 2021**, and the winner(s) will be announced during ICANN71. The

ICANN Community Excellence Award recognizes ICANN community members who substantively contribute to policymaking within the ICANN ecosystem and who are deeply invested in developing consensus-based solutions within ICANN's multistakeholder model. Learn more about the [nomination process](#) and **submit your nominations [here](#)**.

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