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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UPDATE: **Register for the SSAD ODP Project Update Webinar**

On **Tuesday, 13 July 2021 at 16:00 UTC** ICANN org will host a webinar to provide the community with an update on the System for Standardized Access/Disclosure to Non-Public Registration Data (SSAD) Operational Design Phase (ODP). The webinar will give an update on the work being done by the ICANN org SSAD ODP project team, including the recently opened [Request for Information](#) (RFI), outline next steps in the project, and provide a timeline as to when the Operational Design Assessment (ODA) is expected to be delivered to the ICANN Board. The webinar will also include a general overview of the org's [ODP process](#), and a question and answer session with community participants.

This will be the first webinar, and the ICANN org SSAD ODP project team would like as much ICANN community participation as possible.

Please **[register](#)** in advance to receive details on how to join the webinar.

[Read more](#).

NEW: **"The UN, the EU, and Your Business, What Comes Next?" Webinar**

On **Tuesday, 20 July 2021 at 16:00 UTC**, the ICANN org North America Engagement team will host a webinar related to deliberations on how the infrastructure layer of the Internet is governed that are happening at the United Nations (UN) and within the European Union (EU). These discussions and proposed actions could affect the business sector.

[Register here](#).

NEW: DNS Security Threat Mitigation Program Webinar

ICANN will host a webinar on **Thursday, 22 July 2021 at 16:00 UTC** to provide the ICANN community with updates on its DNS Security Threat Mitigation Program, community-facing initiatives, Domain Abuse Activity Reporting System (DAAR), and Domain Name Security Threat Information Collection and Reporting (DNSTICR) project. **Register here**.

Read more.

NEW: ITI Update: Register Now for ICANN Public Comment Submission Training Webinars

ICANN org will hold a series of training webinars outlining the new Public Comment submission process. During these sessions, our teams will provide the ICANN community with step-by-step instructions on how to draft and publish a Public Comment submission and outline how to manage your current and past submissions. You are encouraged to ask questions throughout these webinars to ensure you are well-prepared to use this improved feature. Read more.

Webinar 1 | Tuesday, 3 August 2021 | 14:00 UTC | **RSVP**

Webinar 2 | Wednesday, 4 August 2021 | 21:00 UTC | **RSVP**

Information Sharing

NEW: Strengthening Collaboration: A Framework for ICANN Board Liaisons to ICANN Community Groups

The ICANN Board announced that it has adopted a framework of guidelines and best practices for how ICANN Board members can effectively contribute to community initiatives as liaisons. The framework was adopted as one of its operational priorities aimed at supporting ICANN community policy development.

Read the full framework **here**.

NEW: Successful Candidates Announced for ICANN72 Fellowship

ICANN org announced that 34 people from 27 countries have been selected to participate in the ICANN Fellowship Program during ICANN72.

The ICANN Fellowship Program Selection Committee also awarded the Tarek Kamel Fellowship Recognition to Isaac Maposa from Zimbabwe, who is one of the ICANN72 Fellowship Program participants.

Read more.

REMINDER: Request for Information on Identity Verification Methods for SSAD Now Open

ICANN org announced that it has now opened the Request for Information (RFI) to better understand what may be commercially available in the marketplace to deliver some or all of the System for Standardized Access/Disclosure to Non-Public Registration Data (SSAD), including existing methods for identity verification. The RFI overview document can be viewed **here**.

Indications of interest are to be submitted to ssad-odp-rfi@icann.org with the following information, upon which access will be provided to the RFI:
- Name of the organization
- Name of the contact
- Email address of the contact

The RFI will be open until **23:59 UTC on Monday, 19 July 2021. Read more.**

REMINDER: Ninth Africa DNS Forum to Take Place Virtually 27-28 July 2021

The ninth Africa DNS Forum will be held virtually **Tuesday and Wednesday, 27-28 July 2021** with the theme of "Evolving the DNS Ecosystem in Africa." The Africa DNS Forum is organized by the Africa Top Level Domains Organization (AFTLD), the Africa Registrar Association (AfRegistrar), and ICANN.

The 2021 edition will take place as a two-day virtual event open to stakeholders in the African domain name industry. Sessions will cover topics including the evolution of the DNS ecosystem in the region, national and regional DNS Forum initiatives, emerging technical issues, financing and insurance in the DNS business, and compliance in the domain name industry.

Participants will be able to join sessions through Zoom, and view through YouTube and Facebook streaming.

To register, click **here**.

REMINDER: Nomination Period Opens for Dr. Tarek Kamel Award for Capacity Building

Today, ICANN org opened a one-month nomination period for the Dr. Tarek Kamel Award for Capacity Building. Please submit your nominations via this **nomination form** by **23:59 UTC on Monday, 2 August 2021**. Any additional information in support of nominations or questions about the award process may be submitted via email to kamelaward@icann.org.

Read more.

REMINDER: Request for Early Input - GNSO Transfer Policy Review Policy Development Process Working Group

The GNSO Transfer Policy Review PDP Working Group requests input from Supporting Organizations, Advisory Committees, Stakeholder Groups, and Constituencies on topics within the PDP charter. The request was sent on Wednesday, 30 June 2021 to ICANN community leaders. A copy of the letter is available here: https://community.icann.org/x/tIT8CQ.

Responses to **gnso-secs@icann.org** are requested by **Wednesday, 4 August 2021.**

REMINDER: Nominations for NextGen@ICANN Mentor Positions Now Open

The NextGen@ICANN Program seeks nominations for its Mentor Program through **Tuesday, 31 August 2021**. The community-nominated selection committee will be responsible for overseeing the mentor selection process. Communities may choose to appoint program alumni and are encouraged to appoint active community members who have an interest in mentoring students. Guidelines for the program can be found here.

Interested community groups should select their respective volunteers and notify **deborah.escalera@icann.org**.

Public Comment

Initial Report of the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data Team – Phase 2A
Close Date: Monday, 19 July 2021

NEW: Proposed Renewal of the .AERO Registry Agreement
Close Date: Monday, 16 August 2021