

ICANN Community Leadership Digest



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Webinars

TOMORROW: FY23 IANA Functions and PTI Planning Webinar

ICANN invites the community to join one of two public webinars to discuss planning for the fiscal year 2023 (FY23) Operating Plan and Budget (OP&B) for delivering the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) functions. The webinar will explain the planning process, the proposed operational priorities for FY23, timelines, and key assumptions. ICANN welcomes the community's questions and comments.

Webinar 1 | Tuesday, 27 July 2021 | 00:00 UTC | [Register](#)

Webinar 2 | Tuesday, 27 July 2021 | 16:00 UTC | [Register](#)

The annual OP&B for the IANA functions has two components: a budget and operating plan for Public Technical Identifiers (PTI), the ICANN affiliate that performs the IANA functions, which outlines the planned activities and resources to deliver the core IANA functions. The second component includes the PTI budget plus additional programs and costs that the ICANN organization incurs overseeing and enabling the IANA functions.

In addition to the webinars, the community has further opportunity to participate in this planning process. The draft plans will be put out for Public Comment in September before being considered for formal adoption in late 2021.

REMINDER: 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.](#)

Information Sharing

THIS WEEK: 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

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/tlT8CQ>.

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

REMINDER: APIGA 2021 Application Period Is Now Open

The 2021 Asia Pacific Internet Governance Academy (APIGA) [announced](#) its application period is now open for their virtual program, which will run from Friday, 1 October through Tuesday, 30 November 2021. Sessions will be held once or twice a week to accommodate the schedules of students and young professionals. Participants will be expected to complete preparatory work between sessions. The final day of the academy will be a hybrid event in South Korea.

Applications are due by **Sunday, 8 August 2021**. Please note that a stable Internet connection is required for participation. The application procedure and more information on APIGA can be accessed [here](#).

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

[Proposed Renewal of the .AERO Registry Agreement](#)

Close Date: Monday, 16 August 2021

[Proposal for Greek Root Zone Label Generation Rules](#)

Close Date: Thursday, 26 Aug 2021

