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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TOMORROW: "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](#).

THURSDAY: 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](#).

NEXT WEEK: 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.

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

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

Information Sharing

TODAY: **Request for Information on Identity Verification Methods for SSAD Closes Today**

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.**

THURSDAY: **Community Input Needed: SSAD ODP Questionnaire**

ICANN has launched the System for Standardized Access/Disclosure (SSAD) Operational Design Phase (ODP) Community Questionnaire to help determine how many potential users are expected to use the SSAD and the anticipated volume of requests if it is implemented. The questionnaire will play a critical role in assessing the feasibility and associated risks, costs, and resources required in the potential deployment of SSAD.

ICANN org is looking for participation from community members who request nonpublic domain name registration data. The **questionnaire** will be open until **Thursday, 22 July (23:59 UTC)**. For questions, please contact jane.sexton@icann.org or isabelle.colas@icann.org.

Read more.

NEW: **ICANN72 to be Virtual Annual General Meeting, ICANN73 Planning Update**

ICANN72 will convene as a Virtual Annual General Meeting due to the continuing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The health and safety of the ICANN community and staff is always a top priority, and as such, holding ICANN72 as an in-person or hybrid meeting would not be feasible by its scheduled date. The resolution and full rationale from the ICANN Board of Directors can be found here.

Read more.

NEXT 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/tIT8CQ.

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

TODAY: 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

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

NEW: Proposal for Greek Root Zone Label Generation Rules
Close Date: Thursday, 26 Aug 2021