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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NEXT WEEK: 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

MONDAY: Nomination Period Closes 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.

NEW: ICANN Board Action and Next Steps on the SSR2 Review

On Monday, 25 January 2021, the Second Security, Stability, and Resiliency (SSR2) Review Team delivered its Final Report to the ICANN Board. This achievement represents more than four years of

research, evaluation, and consideration.

The SSR Review is one of four Specific Reviews anchored in the ICANN Bylaws and relates to key elements of the ICANN Strategic Plan. The ICANN Bylaws require the ICANN Board to take action on the Final Report within six months.

Read more.

NEW: SSAD ODP Community Questionnaire Extended to Thursday, 5 August

The community questionnaire will 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. Input is due by **Thursday, 5 August at 23:59 UTC**.

Read more.

NEXT WEEK: 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.

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