

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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Webinars

TOMORROW ITI Update: 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 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.](#)

WEDNESDAY: 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 gns0-secs@icann.org are requested by **Wednesday, 4 August 2021**.

THURSDAY: 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.](#)

NEW: ICANN Announces NextGen@ICANN72 Participants

The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) has announced the individuals selected to participate in the NextGen@ICANN Program at ICANN72. An independent committee selected the NextGen@ICANN72 participants based on their current studies and interest in global policy and Internet governance.

[Read more.](#)

NEW: Country Code Top-Level Domain Participation in ICANN's DAAR System

In July 2020, we announced the first eight country code top-level domains (ccTLDs) that joined the Domain Abuse Activity Reporting (DAAR) system designed by ICANN's Office of the Chief Technology Officer (OCTO). One year later, I'm happy to report that we now have seventeen ccTLDs included in DAAR. Lithuania (.li) was the most recent to join.

[Read More.](#)

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