# ICANN Community Digest

The ICANN org Policy Development Support function publishes this twice-weekly digest to help ICANN community leaders track requests and follow updates.

**How Domain Name System Policy is Developed, and How You Can Get Involved**

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# Webinars

**TOMORROW: Focus on Finance: Learn More about the ICANN Board Finance Committee**

ICANN invites the community to join a webinar on **Tuesday, 14 September 2021 at 18:00 UTC** to learn more about the work of the ICANN Board Finance Committee. Please **register** in advance.

The ICANN Board Finance Committee helps protect ICANN's long-term future by helping ensure ICANN has the resources to fulfill its important mission. The committee's scope of responsibilities focuses mainly on budget oversight and providing strategic oversight on financial matters. Committee members will discuss related topics including their approach to the committee's oversight role, how they provide support to the organization through the annual budget process, and how they help ensure the community is heard in ICANN's financial decision-making.

The webinar will be one hour with a short presentation and then members will welcome questions from the community. The webinar will be presented in English with interpretation in Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian, and Spanish.

**THIS WEEK: FY23-27 Operating and Financial Plan and FY23 Operating Plan and Budget Webinar**

ICANN org invites the ICANN community to participate in one of two webinars on the planning process for the FY23-27 Operating and Financial Plan and FY23 Operating Plan and Budget. Please register for one of the two webinars:

- **Wednesday, 15 September 2021** at 00:00 UTC **Register**
- **Wednesday, 15 September 2021** at 15:00 UTC **Register**

The ICANN org Planning team will discuss the FY23 planning process, key assumptions, and timeline. There will be an opportunity to ask questions.

In addition to the webinars, the ICANN community has further opportunity to participate in this planning process. The draft plans will be published for Public Comment in early December 2021.

Community participation in ICANN's planning process is a cornerstone of transparency and accountability to the global multistakeholder community. ICANN thanks all the community members who contribute to this important process.

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**REMINDER: Register Now for the SSAD ODP Project Update Webinar**

ICANN invites the community to join a follow-up webinar on the System for Standardized Access/Disclosure (SSAD) Operational Design Phase (ODP) on **Thursday, 23 September 2021 at 03:00 UTC (Wednesday, 22 September 2021 at 20:00 PDT)**.

Please **register** in advance for details on how to join the webinar.

The webinar will provide a status report on the progress made during the ODP and share additional details about when the Operational Design Assessment (ODA) is expected to be delivered to the ICANN Board. It will also include a general discussion of the ODP moving forward and lessons learned.

The webinar will be presented in English with interpretation in Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian, and Spanish. Video and audio recordings will be published on the SSAD ODP webpage.

# Information Sharing

**NEW: ICANN Organization Executive Team Update**

David Conrad, Chief Technology Officer (CTO), has made the decision to leave the ICANN organization and will stay until 1 October to ensure a smooth transition.

**Read more.**

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**NEW: ICANN Continues the Pandemic Internet Access Reimbursement Program**

Interested ICANN community members must apply in advance of ICANN72, and those who meet the eligibility requirements will be selected to participate. The application deadline is **Friday, 08 October 2021 at 23:59 UTC**. The application process opens today, and program details are availablehere.

The goal of this program is to facilitate participation in ICANN Public Meetings during the pandemic. It offers community members who have limited Internet capacity financial assistance to increase their Internet bandwidth.

**Read more.**

# Public Comment

**NEW: Proposed Amendment 5 to the .name Registry Agreement**

**Open for Submissions Date:** Friday, 10 September 2021
**Closed for Submissions Date:** Wednesday, 20 October 2021

**Read more.**

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**REMINDER: ICANN Launches Improved Public Comment Feature**

The Information Transparency Initiative (ITI) has reached another important milestone with the release of an improved Public Comment feature. This enhanced feature is part of the ICANN organization's ongoing commitment to increase the findability and transparency of our information.

**Read more about the improvements!**

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See **upcoming proceedings**.

**Infographic: What is Public Comment?**

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