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.

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NEW: ICANN72 Board Workshop: DNS Abuse Informational Discussion

The ICANN Board of Directors holds a regular workshop prior to each ICANN meeting. For ICANN72 the Board workshop program will include a Board discussion with a panel of security professionals and experts, to enhance the Board's understanding of what constitutes DNS abuse and how various organizations are approaching its mitigation. This session will be held on **Friday 22 October, from 16:00 - 19:30 UTC.** It will be open to the community to attend, although, as is customary with other open Board sessions, attendees will not be able to interact directly with the speakers. Further details about the session, including speakers and how to register, will be published shortly on the ICANN org website.

NEW: ICANN 2021 Nominating Committee Publishes Summary Report

The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) 2021 Nominating Committee (NomCom) has published its summary report, which reviews its progress since convening at the conclusion of the ICANN69 Annual General Meeting (AGM). The report outlines the criteria that the NomCom was given when searching for potential candidates, and recaps its outreach activities and pre-selection process. It also provides a list of the final selections and a message from the 2021 NomCom Chair.

Read more.

NEW: ICANN Announces 2022 Nominating Committee Chair and Chair-Elect

The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) announced that the ICANN Board has appointed Michael Graham to serve as 2022 Nominating Committee (NomCom) Chair, and J. Damon Ashcraft as 2022 NomCom Chair-Elect. Please note that Tracy Hackshaw, the 2021 NomCom Chair-Elect, withdrew his candidacy for 2022 NomCom Chair due to a new professional role he has taken. He looks forward to working with the NomCom in the future.

NEW: DNS Security Facilitation Technical Study Group Delivers Final Report

Merike Käo
I'm pleased to report that the Domain Name System Security Facilitation Technical Study Group (DSFI-TSG) has delivered our Final Report to the ICANN CEO for his consideration. The TSG was established by the CEO in May 2020 to investigate mechanisms to strengthen collaboration and communication on security and stability issues related to the Domain Name System (DNS).

Read more.

NEW: ICANN Strengthens its Technical Engagement in Africa and the Middle East

Beginning in 2020, the ICANN organization's (org's) Office of the Chief Technology Officer (OCTO) has been strengthening its team in charge of technical engagement with the Internet community. The result, in part, is that we have joined ICANN as technical engagement specialists and are actively providing training, promoting research, and disseminating standards and best practices related to the security, stability, and resiliency of the DNS in the African and the Middle Eastern (MEA) regions. To learn more about improvements to the Technical Engagement team, please read this blog.

Read more.

REMINDER: NextGen@ICANN Application Round for ICANN73 Now Open

Applications for the NextGen@ICANN program at ICANN73 are now being accepted. The deadline for applications is **Monday**, **25 October 2021**.

Read more.

Public Comment

Proposal for Japanese Script Root Zone Label Generation Rules

Open for Submissions Date: Thursday, 30 September 2021
Closed for Submissions Date: Tuesday, 16 November 2021

Proposal for Latin Script Root Zone Label Generation Rules

Open for Submissions Date: Thursday, 23 September 2021
Closed for Submissions Date: Tuesday, 23 November 2021

[Draft PTI and IANA FY23 Operating Plan and Budgets](#)

Open for Submissions Date: Wednesday, 15 September 2021
Closed for Submissions Date: Monday, 25 October 2021

[Initial Report from the EPDP on Specific Curative Rights Protections for IGOs](#)

Open for Submissions Date: Tuesday, 14 September 2021
Closed for Submissions Date: Sunday, 24 October 2021

[Proposed Amendment 5 to the .name Registry Agreement](#)

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

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!](#)

See **[upcoming proceedings](#)**.

Infographic: What is Public Comment?

Step-by-Step Public Comment Submission Guidelines

Zoom Replay: Public Comment Submission Training

Zoom Replay: Public Comment User Experience Demonstration