

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.

ICANN offices will be closed from Friday, 24 December 2021 through Friday, 31 December 2021 and reopen on Monday, 3 January 2022.

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Webinars

NEW: Register for ICANN's Next SSAD ODP Project Update Webinar

The ICANN will host a webinar on **Tuesday, 18 January 2022 at 1500 UTC** to provide the community with an update on the System for Standardized Access/Disclosure (SSAD) Operational Design Phase.

The webinar will present background and assumptions around costs and fees, the org's analysis and considerations, and some questions for discussion.

The webinar will be presented in English with interpretation in Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish available through the Adigo dial-in line. Video and audio recordings will be published on the [SSAD ODP webpage](#).

[Register here.](#)

Information Sharing

NEW: Our Thanks and Best Wishes for a Happy 2022

On behalf of the ICANN Board and organization (org), we wish to thank the ICANN community for another year of dedicated work in service of ICANN's mission. The fact that ICANN's work, to preserve a single, interoperable Internet, has continued to progress in a year of challenges and uncertainty is a testament to not only to the strength of the ICANN multistakeholder model, but to the tenacity and dedication of the individuals that make up our community.

[Read more.](#)

NEW: ICANN's 2021 LAC Engagement Sessions Reached over 3,000 Stakeholders

We are pleased to announce that ICANN's Technical Engagement team (OCTO-TE) from the Office of the Chief Technology Officer (OCTO) in collaboration with the Latin America and Caribbean Stakeholder Engagement team (LAC GSE) completed 41 capacity building sessions open to the entire region – with participants from over 45 countries and territories – for the year 2021. Over 3,000 people participated in these events. This included workshops, training sessions, webinars, tutorials, and speeches on topics such as the Domain Name System (DNS), Domain Name System Security Extensions (DNSSEC), Universal Acceptance (UA), Registration Data Access Protocol (RDAP), and WHOIS, among others.

[Read more.](#)

NEW: Update: Sharing Recent ICANN Work Stream 2 Implementation Progress

WS2 of the Cross-Community Working Group on Enhancing ICANN Accountability (CCWG-ACCT) is a fiscal year 2022 (FY22) priority. It represents over 100 accountability and transparency-related [recommendations](#), directed at the org, ICANN Board, and the ICANN community, which serve to ensure ICANN remains accountable to the multistakeholder community.

[Read more.](#)

NEW: Reflecting on 2021 and Preparing for the 2022 January ICANN Board Workshop

Blog post from Maarten Botterman:

On behalf of the ICANN Board, I want to express my gratitude to everyone who has given their time and effort to advancing ICANN's mission during 2021. Despite uncertainty and challenges, the ICANN Community, Organization (Org), and Board worked tirelessly together to ensure that we stay on mission, progress our work, and do so in a spirit of collaboration and productivity. Thank you for all you have done – with a full recognition of all the challenges that the year has brought to us, jointly and individually.

[Read more.](#)

NEW: ICANN Presents Estimated SSAD Costs and Fees to GNSO Council

ICANN org has completed its assessment and potential design for the System for Standardized Access/Disclosure (SSAD) as a part of the Operational Design Phase (ODP). The Operational Design Assessment (ODA) is the final outcome of the ODP, which we expect to deliver to the ICANN Board and publish in February 2022. With this work, we have reached a significant milestone in supporting the Board's preparation to consider the Recommendations 1-18 of the [Final Report](#) of the GNSO [Expedited Policy Development Process \(EPDP\) on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data Phase 2](#).

[Read more.](#)

NEW: Reflecting Back on 2021 at ICANN

Blog post from Göran Marby:

As 2021 comes to a close, I am reflecting on another year where the work of the ICANN Board,

community, and organization has exceeded expectations. While I had hoped that my 2020 end-of-year blog would be the last one in which I spoke about unprecedented challenges, this year has again been a testament to the strength of the multistakeholder model in meeting the demands of an ever-evolving Internet ecosystem, at a time when we all depend on the Internet more than ever.

[Read more.](#)

NEW: ICANN Launches New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Operational Design Phase

On 14 September, we [announced](#) a Board decision that directed the ICANN organization (org) President and CEO to conduct an Operational Design Phase (ODP) for the recommendations contained in the [Final Report](#) of the New Generic Top-Level Domain (gTLD) Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process. As part of this decision, the ICANN President and CEO was to advise the Board when the work of the ODP would be initiated within the org. After three months of preparations on organizing and allocating resources to execute the work, the org has [advised](#) the Board that it is beginning the ODP.

[Read more.](#)

REMINDER: ICANN73 NextGen@ICANN Application Deadline Extended

The deadline to submit applications for the ICANN73 NextGen@ICANN Program has been extended. The closing date for applications is now **Friday, 31 December 2021**.

[Read more.](#)

REMINDER: Nominations for Fellowship Program Mentors Now Open

ICANN's Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees are invited to nominate volunteers to serve as Fellowship Program Mentors for ICANN75-ICANN77. Each group is welcome to nominate one individual for this role, for a total of up to seven mentors. Nominations should be submitted by **Friday, 25 February 2022 to fellowshipconsultation@icann.org**

[Read more.](#)

REMINDER: Apply Now for ICANN and PTI Leadership Positions

Today, the Nominating Committee (NomCom) of ICANN invites interested individuals to submit applications for key leadership positions within ICANN's Supporting Organizations (SO) and Advisory Committees (AC), the ICANN Board, and the Public Technical Identifiers (PTI) Board of Directors.

Selected individuals will have a unique opportunity to work with accomplished colleagues from around the globe to help shape the Internet's technical coordination and policy development.

The deadline to [submit applications](#) is **Friday, 11 March 2022 at 23:59 Universal Coordinated Time (UTC)**.

[Read more.](#)

REMINDER: ICANN Community Excellence Award Nomination Period Now Open

The nomination period for the ICANN Community Excellence Award is now open. The deadline for submissions is **Monday, 21 March 2022** and the winner(s) will be announced at ICANN74. Learn more about the nomination process [here](#). Submit your nominations [here](#).

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Closed for Submissions Date: Wednesday, 12 January 2022

[EPDP Phase 2A Policy Recommendations for ICANN Board Consideration](#)

Open for Submissions Date: Tuesday, 23 November 2021
Closed for Submissions Date: Thursday, 13 January 2022

[ICANN Draft FY23-27 Operating and Financial Plan and Draft FY23 Operating Plan and Budget](#)

Open for Submissions Date: Tuesday, 07 December 2021
Closed for Submissions Date: Monday, 07 February 2022

REMINDER: ICANN Launches Improved Public Comment Feature

The Information Transparency Initiative 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
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