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Translation/Print Deadlines

TOMORROW: FRIDAY, 29 APRIL 2022: TRANSLATION DEADLINE.
If your publication requires translation, please provide the final material(s) by Friday, 29 April. This ensures that there is enough time to translate the publication by the below print deadline. If your materials require design assistance, please note that the final materials will have to be complete, including the edit/approval process, by this deadline in order to be translated.

FRIDAY, 6 MAY 2022: PRINT DEADLINE ONLY.
If you only need your publication printed, meaning your publication is ready to send directly to the printer and needs no translation or design/layout modifications, please provide the file along with the quantity you want printed and dimensions of the publication by Friday, 6 May.

Please send materials to chantelle.doerksen@icann.org.

Internet Reimbursement Program

Application Opens: Monday, 02 May 2022
Application Deadline: Friday, 27 May 2022

Program details are available here.

The ICANN Pandemic Internet Access Reimbursement Program aims to facilitate the active participation in ICANN Public Meetings Meeting for certain community members with limited Internet capacity by offering financial assistance to increase their Internet bandwidth during the meeting.
Registration for ICANN74 Policy Forum in The Hague, Netherlands is Now Open

Registration for ICANN74 (13-16 June 2022) in The Hague, Netherlands is now open. ICANN74 will take place as a hybrid event to accommodate both in-person and virtual participation.

While the ICANN74 Policy Forum presents the first opportunity for the community to come together in more than two years, the health and safety of all community members and staff continues to be ICANN's key priority.

Read more.

Information Sharing

NEW: ICANN Thanks You for a Successful Inaugural Asia Pacific DNS Forum 2022

We've successfully launched the inaugural Asia Pacific (APAC) Domain Name System (DNS) Forum from 30 March to 1 April 2022.

As mentioned in my previous blog, the goals for this Forum were to bring stakeholders from the region together to exchange information, share views, and collaborate to address the upcoming challenges and opportunities for the DNS. I'm happy to report that we've met all of these goals. I would also like to share the way forward for the APAC DNS Forum.

Read more.

NEW: ICANN Completes New Audit Confirming Proper Controls in Place for IANA Function

ICANN has completed another year of audits of the key systems used to deliver the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) functions. The accounting firm RSM US LLP conducted a Service Organization Control (SOC) 2 audit of the Registry Assignment and Maintenance Systems (RAMS) and a Service Organization Control (SOC) 3 audit of root zone Domain Name System Security Extensions (DNSSEC) services for the 12-month periods ending 30 September 2021 and 30 November 2021.

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NEXT WEEK: Request for Input - GNSO Statement of Interest

The GNSO Council has recently embarked on a review of its Statement of Interest (SOI) requirements to determine whether these are still fit for purpose, and if not, what updates should be considered. To this end, the GNSO SOI Task Force (TF) was formed. As part of its assignment, the TF is reaching out to the ICANN community to solicit input on the current use and experience with SOIs as well as suggestions for possible improvements.

We understand that some of you may use the SOI, either in its current form or a modified format, for your own purposes. We would be interested to hear about those experiences as well as any lessons learned that may help inform our recommendations. You are encouraged to share this information with your respective groups.

To provide input, please complete the following survey by Wednesday, 4 May.

Your input will be much appreciated!

REMINDER: Call for Expressions of Interest: ICANN 2023 NomCom Chair and Chair-Elect

ICANN org seeks Expressions of Interest for the chair and chair-elect of the 2023 Nominating Committee (NomCom). Expressions of Interest, which will be maintained as confidential, should be sent to NomComChair2023@icann.org by no later than Monday, 9 May 2022.

A suggested form for submitting an Expression of Interest is available here.

REMINDER: ICANN's 2022 Middle East DNS Forum to Take Place Virtually in May

ICANN org's eighth Middle East Domain Name System (DNS) Forum will take place virtually from Monday-Wednesday, 16-18 May 2022 and will offer a closer look at the evolving DNS ecosystem from a

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technical and policy perspective. It will have a special focus on regional challenges and opportunities for growth.

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**EXTENDED-CLOSES TOMORROW:** Root Zone Update Process Study

- **Open for Submissions Date:** Monday, 14 March 2022
- **Closed for Submissions Date:** Friday, 29 April 2022

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- **Open for Submissions Date:** Thursday, 24 March 2022
- **Closed for Submissions Date:** Thursday, 05 May 2022

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