ICANN Community Digest

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

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Information Sharing

NEW: ICANN and Partners: Celebrating 10 Years of the Africa DNS Forum

The Africa Domain Name System (DNS) Forum, held in Nairobi, Kenya, on 5–6 October 2022, attracted more than 200 participants. This marked the 10th year of this multistakeholder DNS industry event. Over the years, the DNS Forum has evolved to become an annual destination for stakeholders in the domain name industry in Africa, organized by Africa Top Level Domains Organization, the Africa Registrar Association, and the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN).

Read more.

NEW: Two Years of Supporting DNSSEC Deployment in Africa and the Middle East

The Domain Name System (DNS) is a critical service on the Internet. As more and more attacks exploit DNS vulnerabilities, security is increasingly a concern. ICANN has been supporting DNS Security Extensions (DNSSEC) deployment for many years through various initiatives and capacity-building programs. Such efforts have intensified over the past two years with the regionalization of its technical engagement coverage.

Read more.
NEW: ICANN Participation in LACNIC 38 and LACNOG 2022

After two and half years of the pandemic, I had the opportunity to participate in person, along with members from Office of the Chief Technology Officer (OCTO) at the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), in the Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) Internet Addresses Registry (LACNIC 38) and the LAC Group of Network Operators (LACNOG 2022), held jointly from 3 to 7 October in Santa Cruz, Bolivia.

Read more.

NEW: ICANN and PTI Publish Audited Financial Statements for FY22

On 25 October 2022 the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) published its audited consolidated financial statements and Public Technical Identifiers (PTI) published its audited financial statements for the fiscal year (FY) ending 30 June 2022.

Read more.

NEW: OECD Reports on DNS and Routing Security Provide Blueprint for Policymakers


Read more.

REMINDER: RPM Implementation Review Team: Call for Volunteers

ICANN org is seeking volunteers to participate in an Implementation Review Team (IRT) to assist in the implementation of the policy recommendations from the Phase 1 work of the Policy Development Process (PDP) Working Group on the Review of All Rights Protection Mechanisms (RPMs) in All Generic Top-Level Domains (gTLDs).

Read the announcement here.

All relevant information for this IRT will be posted on the dedicated wiki page.

REMINDER: Introducing the ICANN for Beginners Virtual Program

The ICANN for Beginners Virtual Program comprises a series of interactive webinars to provide an overview of the global Internet ecosystem. The program will also guide newcomers on how to join the ICANN community.

The first webinar "ICANN for Beginners: An Introduction" will be held during two time slots (you only need to register for one of the webinars):

- **Wednesday, 2 November 2022 at 14:00 UTC** [Click here to register]
- **Thursday, 3 November 2022 at 06:00 UTC** [Click here to register]
- **Registration closes on Tuesday, 1 November 2022**

For enquiries, please email: beginners@icann.org.

REMINDER: Call for Nominations Begins for ICANN Academy 2023 Leadership Program

ICANN has issued a call for nominations for the 2023 Leadership Program to be held 9-10 March 2023 in Cancún, Mexico, which is just prior to ICANN76.

The ICANN organization will reach out to the Supporting Organization, Advisory Committee, and Stakeholder Group chairs for nominations, and a registration link will be sent directly to individuals who indicate an interest in the process.

Read more.
The deadline for nomination is **Thursday, 10 November 2022**.

Read more.

**REMINDER:** ICANN Launches Fiscal Year 2024 Additional Budget Request Process

The ABR Process reflects potential ICANN community activities that are not already included in the annual ICANN operating plan and budget. The ABR process helps the ICANN Board and ICANN organization (org) better understand and develop resources for present and future ICANN community needs. More information about the FY24 ABR Process can be found on this [workspace](#).

ICANN org will host an informational webinar on **Thursday, 08 December 2022**, at 16:00 UTC. Please [register](#).

Read more.

**Public Comment**

**Closes Today:** Universal Acceptance Roadmap for Domain Name Registry and Registrar Systems  
*Open for submissions date:* 31 August 2022  
*Closed for submissions date:* 31 October 2022

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Pilot Holistic Review Draft Terms of Reference  
*Open for submissions date:* 30 August 2022  
*Closed for submissions date:* 10 November 2022

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Not-for-Profit Operational Concerns Constituency Charter Amendments  
*Open for submissions date:* 04 October 2022  
*Closed for submissions date:* 14 November 2022

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Proposed Updates to the GNSO Operating Procedures  
*Open for submissions date:* 09 September 2022  
*Closed for submissions date:* 14 November 2022

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Proposed Amendments to the Base gTLD RA and RAA to Add RDAP Contract Obligations  
*Open for submissions date:* 06 September 2022  
*Closed for submissions date:* 14 November 2022

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Draft IANA and PTI FY24 Operating Plan and Budgets  
*Open for submissions date:* 15 September 2022  
*Closed for submissions date:* 17 November 2022

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Proposed Amendments to the SLA for the IANA Numbering Services  
*Open for submissions date:* 13 September 2022  
*Closed for submissions date:* 18 November 2022

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Registration Data Consensus Policy for gTLDs  
*Open for submissions date:* 24 August 2022  
*Closed for submissions date:* 21 November 2022

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Initial Report on the Second CSC Effectiveness Review