

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: RSSAC Operational Procedures

RSSAC000v7-RSSAC Operational Procedures, was published on 28 November 2022.

[Read more.](#)

NEW: ICANN Announces NextGen@ICANN76 Participants

ICANN has announced the individuals selected to participate in the NextGen@ICANN Program at the ICANN76 Community Forum.

The 12 selectees attend universities in the Latin American region where they study law, economics, and communications.

[Read more.](#)

NEW: 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 Tuesday, 28 March 2023 and the winner(s) will be announced at ICANN77. Learn more

about the [nomination process](#).

[Submit your nominations.](#)

NEW Press Release: ICANN Launches Initiative to Advance Africa's Digital Transformation

Home to the youngest population on the planet, 70 percent of whom are under age 30, Africa has one of the fastest-growing Internet penetration rates in the world. Internet connectivity is growing by leaps and bounds – from 1.2 percent in 2000 to 43 percent in 2021 – driven by a digitally savvy, young, and educated urban workforce for whom adopting and using online services is second nature.

[Read more.](#)

NEW: SubPro ODP Update: Work Track 7, Resources, Staffing, and Logistics

This work track team is responsible for planning around the human resources and facilities needed to implement the next round of new generic top-level domains (gTLDs), without disrupting the org's day-to-day operations.

[Read more.](#)

NEW Added Session: ICANN Grant Program Implementation Update Webinar

The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) invites the community to join a public webinar for an update on the ICANN Grant Program. This webinar will cover identical content as the webinar on 1 December 2022, and is scheduled to accommodate participants in different time zones.

This additional webinar will take place on **7 December 2022 at 6:00 UTC**. [Register here.](#)

[Read more.](#)

NEW: ICANN Holds Webinar on Updating the Root Zone Management System (RZMS)

The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), as part of its responsibilities performing the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) functions, will hold a webinar on Tuesday, 6 December 2022 to provide details about updates to the Root Zone Management System.

For those interested in joining the webinar on **Tuesday, 6 December 2022** from 16:00 to 17:00 (UTC), please be sure to register in advance by following the [registration link](#).

[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.](#)

REMINDER: ICANN Hosts Community Webinar on New gTLD SubPro ODA

ICANN will host a community webinar on the Operational Design Assessment (ODA) for the New Generic Top-Level Domain (gTLD) Subsequent Procedures (SubPro) Final Report.

For those interested in joining the webinar on **Wednesday, 14 December 2022** (13:00–15:00 UTC and 20:00–22:00 UTC), please [register](#).

[Read more.](#)

REMINDER: Register to Attend ICANN's Draft ICANN FY24 Plans Informational Webinar

The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) invites the ICANN community to participate in an informational webinar about the Draft FY24-28 Operating and Financial Plan, and Draft FY24 Operating Plan and Budget. Both webinars will present identical information.

- Thursday, 15 December 2022 at 01:00 UTC, [register](#)
- Thursday, 15 December 2022 at 17:00 UTC, [register](#)

[Read More.](#)

REMINDER: ICANN Restarts the Community Regional Outreach Program for FY23

ICANN organization is restarting the Community Regional Outreach Program (CROP). The [Fiscal Year 2023 \(FY23\) CROP space](#) is now available for use by eligible community groups. FY23 CROP trips will be available starting **Monday, 16 January 2023**.

[Read more.](#)

REMINDER: Call for SOs/ACs to Nominate Fellowship Program Mentors and Selection Committee Members

Supporting Organizations (SOs) and Advisory Committees (ACs) are invited to nominate volunteers to serve as mentors in its Fellowship Program and to serve on the Fellowship Program Selection Committee. There will be a total of seven mentors and seven Selection Committee members, and each group is welcome to nominate one individual for each role.

Interested SOs/ACs should select their respective Fellowship Program mentor and Selection Committee representative by **Tuesday, 31 January 2023** and notify fellowshipconsultation@icann.org. Individual self-nominations will not be considered.

REMINDER: ICANN77 Fellowship Application Round Now Open

ICANN is opening the application round for the ICANN Fellowship Program for the ICANN77 Policy Forum. This round is open only to those who have previously completed an ICANN fellowship. The ICANN77 Policy Forum is scheduled for 12–15 June 2023 in Washington, D.C. If ICANN77 is held virtually, the Fellowship Program will also be held virtually. The deadline to apply is **15 December 2022, 23:59 UTC**.

Successful candidates will be announced on **Friday, 17 February 2023**.

[Read more.](#)

Public Comment

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Open for submissions date: 24 August 2022

Closed for submissions date: 05 December 2022

NEW: [Initial Report on the ccNSO PDP Review Mechanism](#)

Open for submissions date: 29 November 2022

Closed for submissions date: 07 February 2023

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Open for submissions date: 28 November 2022

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