

## 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.

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

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## ICANN76 Resources

### **REMINDER: ICANN76 Registration is now open!**

Registration is now open for the ICANN76 Community Forum, which will be held both virtually and in-person from **11-16 March 2023** in Cancún, Mexico. In-person registration closes **8 March 2023**, while virtual registration closes 16 March 2023.

Please note, ICANN Funded Travelers will receive a personalized registration link in their emails.

[Registration link.](#)

### **REMINDER: ICANN76 Translation, and Print Deadline**

#### **13 January 2023 | TRANSLATION DEADLINE:**

If your publication requires translation, please provide the final material(s) by 13 January. This ensures that there is enough time to translate the publication by the below print deadline. If your materials require design assistance (outlined above), please note that the final materials will have to be complete, including the edit/approval process, by this deadline to be translated.

#### **27 January 2023 | 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 to us along with the

quantity you want printed and dimensions of the publication by 27 January 2023.

Please send materials to [andrea.glandon@icann.org](mailto:andrea.glandon@icann.org)

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### **REMINDER: ICANN76 Community Childcare Grants Pilot Program Application Now Open**

ICANN is opening the application round for its Community Childcare Grants Pilot Program for ICANN76 in Cancún, Mexico. The program facilitates in-person participation of community members with children 12 years or younger at ICANN Public Meetings and eligible ICANN events.

The deadline to apply for the ICANN76 grant is **Friday, 13 January 2023** at 23:59 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC). The application is available [here](#).

[Read more.](#)

## Information Sharing

### **NEW: ICANN Contracted Parties Set to Vote on RDAP Amendments**

On 19 January 2023, contracted parties will begin voting on the proposed 2023 Global Amendments to the Base Generic Top-level Domain (gTLD) Registry Agreement (RA) and 2013 Registrar Accreditation Agreement (RAA). This voting period is an important and decisive step in our [commitment](#) to the Internet community to improve the WHOIS system by updating the underlying technology with the more secure and capable Registration Data Access Protocol (RDAP).

[Read more.](#)

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### **NEW: Apply Now for ICANN and PTI Leadership Positions**

The Nominating Committee (NomCom) of ICANN is accepting applications for key leadership positions within ICANN's Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees, the ICANN Board of Directors, and the Public Technical Identifiers (PTI) Board of Directors.

The deadline to [submit applications](#) is **23 March 2023** at 23:59 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC).

[Read more.](#)

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### **NEW: Coalition for Digital Africa to Launch Study of Continent's DNS Landscape**

The Coalition for Digital Africa is conducting an in-depth study of the African Domain Name System (DNS) landscape aimed at creating a comprehensive picture of the industry. The study, commissioned by ICANN and conducted by PowerSoft Africa, is the fifth major initiative to be deployed under the auspices of the Coalition for Digital Africa. All of the projects are aimed at expanding the Internet infrastructure in Africa.

[Read more.](#)

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### **NEW: ICANN and UA Steering Group Announce Inaugural UA Day and Call for Proposals**

The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) and the Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG) are calling for event proposals for the inaugural Universal Acceptance (UA) Day to be held on 28 March 2023. Organized by the volunteer-led UASG and supported by ICANN, UA Day will be an opportunity to rally local, regional, and global communities and organizations to spread UA awareness and to encourage UA adoption with key stakeholders. Proposals will be accepted until 31 January 2023.

Proposals can be completed at <https://uasg.tech/ua-day/>

Read the [ICANN Announcement](#) for more information.

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### **UPDATED 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.

**Deadline to Submit for ICANN76 CROP Travel: 20 January 2023**

[Read more.](#)

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**REMINDER: Join the ICANN for Beginners Virtual Program Webinar on Universal Acceptance**

In January 2023, ICANN will be holding its second webinar as part of the ICANN for Beginners Virtual Program.

- **17 January 2023** at 14:00 UTC | [Register to attend](#)
- **18 January 2023** at 06:00 UTC | [Register to attend](#)

Closing date for registration: **16 January 2023**. The webinars are in English only. Recordings will be posted [here](#) after the webinars.

[Read more.](#)

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**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](mailto:fellowshipconsultation@icann.org). Individual self-nominations will not be considered.

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**REMINDER: Watch the Recording of the Draft ICANN FY24 Plans Informational Webinar**

The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) posted the Draft FY24-28 Operating and Financial Plan, and Draft FY24 Operating Plan and Budget for public comment on December 14, 2022. See [link](#). And this proceeding closes on **13 February 2023**.

ICANN org hosted two informational webinars about the Draft FY24 Plans, both webinars presented identical information, please watch [the recording](#) to learn more about these Plans.

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**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 **Tuesday, 28 March 2023** and the winner(s) will be announced at ICANN77. Learn more about the [nomination process](#).

[Submit your nominations.](#)

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## Public Comment

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

**Open for submissions date:** 28 November 2022

**Closed for submissions date:** 16 January 2023

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

**Open for submissions date:** 29 November 2022

**Closed for submissions date:** 24 January 2023

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**[Draft FY24–28 Operating & Financial Plan and Draft FY24 Operating Plan & Budget](#)**

Open for submissions date: 14 December 2022  
Closed for submissions date: 13 February 2023

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See [upcoming proceedings](#).

See [other public consultations](#).

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