

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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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 Print Deadline

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

Information Sharing

TODAY: 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.](#)

TOMORROW: 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.](#)

NEW: The Year in Review for ICANN's MEA Team and a Look Ahead

As we begin 2023, I would like to take the opportunity to reflect on the past year and all that we have accomplished, and to look forward to the coming year. ICANN offices, including the regional office for the Middle East and Africa (MEA) in Istanbul, remained closed for the greater part of last year. The Istanbul office partially reopened toward the end of September and began working in full operation as of 9 January 2023. Remote working has been the primary mode of operation across the entire region, with some in-person engagement beginning to resume in the third and fourth quarters of 2022. However, in 2023, we anticipate remote engagement to recede as the demand for face-to-face engagement is already on the rise.

[Read more.](#)

NEW: ICANN and Contracted Parties Negotiate About Improved DNS Abuse Requirements

The goal of this shared work is to define improvements to the existing obligations related to DNS abuse in the Registrar Accreditation Agreement and Registry Agreement. This effort is the fulfillment of a concept proposed by the Contracted Parties in a recent exchange of letters between the leadership of the Contracted Parties House and the ICANN organization (org).

[Read more.](#)

NEW: ICANN's Emergency Assistance Program Framework for Continued Internet Access

ICANN organization (org), as requested by the ICANN Board, has developed a new Emergency Assistance Program designed to support access to Internet infrastructure during emergency situations, such as natural or man-made disasters. This program is intended to be a part of ICANN's ongoing activities.

[Read more.](#)

NEW: ICANN's Annual IANA Customer Survey Shows Shift in Engagement Preferences

ICANN published the results of the [2022 Internet Assigned Numbers Authority \(IANA\) Functions Customer Engagement Survey](#), which measures customers and external stakeholders' satisfaction with their interactions with the IANA team.

[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: 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.

REMINDER: 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.](#)

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.](#)

Public Comment

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

Open for submissions date: 29 November 2022

Closed for submissions date: 24 January 2023

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

Open for submissions date: 28 November 2022

Closed for submissions date: 30 January 2023

[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

[Proposed Procedure for Selecting a Top-Level Domain String for Private Use](#)

Open for submissions date: 13 January 2023

Closed for submissions date: 28 February 2023

See [upcoming proceedings](#).

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