

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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CLOSES TOMORROW: ICANN Continues the Pandemic Internet Access Reimbursement Program

Interested ICANN community members must apply in advance of ICANN76, and those who meet the eligibility requirements will be selected to participate.

The application deadline is **Friday, 24 February 2023** at 23:59 UTC.

Since ICANN76 will be conducted as a hybrid meeting, only applicants that attend virtually are eligible for this program. The program details are available [here](#)

[Read more.](#)

Information Sharing

NEW: ICANN Quarterly Updates on Specific Reviews Recommendations

We are pleased to inform you that the [ICANN Specific Reviews Q4 2022 Quarterly Report](#) has been released.

[Read more.](#)

NEW: ICANN Convenes Design Team to Evolve Root Zone Security

ICANN is pleased to announce the members of a newly formed Root Zone Algorithm Rollover Study Design Team, marking an important step in the advancement of this project.

The newly formed design team is composed of ICANN and its Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) staff, key stakeholders, and seven volunteer experts.

[Read more.](#)

NEW: ICANN Calls for EOI to Provide Internet Access During Emergencies

ICANN is seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI) to identify eligible organizations that lead projects to provide Internet access and recovery for local populations during emergencies and disasters.

Any questions or requests for additional information should be sent to emergency.assistance@icann.org by **23:59 UTC on 3 March 2023**.

[Read more.](#)

[Read the press release.](#)

NEW: Kick-off of FY25 Planning Process

These are requests for Strategic Outlook trend identification session participation and upcoming nominations for Planning Prioritization Group Members

ICANN is kicking off the FY25 Planning Cycle, beginning with the strategic outlook trend program. Community members can participate in trend identification sessions through their Supporting Organization (SO) or Advisory Committee (AC). ICANN will collaborate with SO and AC chairs and support teams to schedule sessions in March and April 2023.

This program is a joint effort of ICANN org, community, and Board to identify and track trends that are related to ICANN. This ensures that these opportunities and challenges are incorporated into current and future planning. Every year, new trends or shifts in existing trends impacting the operating plans (five-year or annual) and/or budget are factored into the annual iteration of those plans as appropriate. Significant shifts could also result in adjustments to the strategic plan.

Once complete, ICANN org will conduct a trend analysis and impact assessment. All strategic outlook sessions will be conducted virtually, and community members are encouraged to join this important discussion. We look forward to your participation in this dialogue about ICANN planning and strategy.

Additionally, we will begin the FY25 Planning Prioritization Process in April. The Planning Prioritization Group will comprise members from stakeholder groups and constituencies as listed below. The stakeholder group and constituency leadership will be asked to nominate one primary member and one secondary member to participate in the prioritization process. Nominations will be due by the end of March by emailing planning@icann.org, with a copy to the Policy Strategic Management team (policy-strat-mgt@icann.org).

ASO- Address Supporting Organization
ALAC- At-Large Advisory Committee
GNSO/CSG - Commercial Stakeholder Group
GNSO/CPH - Contracted Party House
GNSO/NCSSG - Noncommercial Stakeholder Group
ccNSO - Country Code Names Supporting Organization
GAC - Governmental Advisory Committee
RSSAC - Root Server System Advisory Committee

Thank you for your support in the ICANN planning process.

REMINDER: ICANN77 Community Childcare Grants Pilot Program Application

ICANN is opening the application round for its [Community Childcare Grants Pilot Program](#) for ICANN77 in Washington, DC. The program facilitates in-person participation of community members with children who are 12 years old or younger at ICANN Public Meetings and eligible ICANN events.

Deadline: Friday, 10 March 2023 at 23:59 UTC

[Apply here.](#)
[Read more.](#)

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

NEXT WEEK: [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

[Additional Script-Based Reference Label Generation Rules and Related Updates](#)

Open for submissions date: 19 January 2023

Closed for submissions date: 03 March 2023

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