

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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DEADLINE EXTENDED: ICANN 2023 Nominating Committee (NomCom) Extends Deadline to 30 March

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 **30 March 2023** at 23:59 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC).

[Read more.](#)

TOMORROW: Nominations for the ICANN Community Excellence Award

The nomination period for the ICANN Community Excellence Award will close on **28 March 2023 23:59 UTC**. Winners will be announced at ICANN77 in Washington, D.C., USA.

[Read more.](#)

TODAY: Charting Towards a Multilingual and Inclusive Internet

The inaugural Universal Acceptance (UA) Day will kick off with a keystone event in New Delhi, India on 27–28 March 2023.

UA is essential for a truly multilingual Internet and a key driver to bringing the next billion users online. UA helps to ensure that all valid domain names and email addresses, regardless of length, language, or script, work in all Internet-enabled applications, devices, and systems.

- For more information about UA Day and additional UA Day events, visit the [UA Day webpage](#) and read this [press release](#).
- To register for the event in India, visit the dedicated event website at <https://globaluaday.in>.

[Read more.](#)

NEW: Chair's Blog: Recap of the March Board Workshop and ICANN76

"After [ICANN76](#), the first hybrid Community Forum since before the start of the global pandemic, I assume many participants are feeling the way I am now – optimistic, energized, and ready to take on the next challenge." - Tripti Sinha, Chair, ICANN Board

[Read more.](#)

REMINDER: Sign up for Strategic Outlook Identification Sessions

ICANN's FY25 Planning Process has started, beginning with the strategic outlook program. We are looking for participation from community members in the 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 from March through May 2023.**

This program is a joint effort of the ICANN ecosystem to identify and track trends that are related to ICANN. This ensures that the opportunities and challenges are incorporated into current and future planning.

Once trends are identified, ICANN will conduct a trend analysis and impact assessment. Significant shifts could result in adjustments to the strategic plan. Moreover, new trends or shifts in existing trends also impact the operating plans (five-year or annual) and/or budget, and are factored into the annual iteration of those plans as appropriate.

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.

Thank you for your support in the ICANN planning process.

REMINDER: Planning Prioritization Update

The prioritization process is a step in the annual ICANN planning process, which will permit ICANN to receive input for the development of the FY25 Draft Plans. The Planning Prioritization Group comprises members of the ICANN stakeholder groups. ICANN is seeking from the chairs of the below stakeholder groups to nominate one member and one secondary-member by **7 April 2023**:

ASO | ALAC | GNSO/CSG | GNSO/CPH | GNSO/NCSG | ccNSO | GAC | RSSAC | SSAC

The scope of activities to be prioritized are the Board-approved implementation work, such as PDP recommendations, Specific Review recommendations and the implementation of other non-policy and advice work.

Please email the name of the members that you have nominated to planning@icann.org, with a copy to the Policy Strategic Management team (policy-strat-mgt@icann.org). Moreover, ICANN has published the Planning Prioritization Framework (Version 3) on the ICANN Finance and Planning Community wiki workspace here ([Planning Prioritization Framework V3](#)). The key elements of the framework have not changed; however, based on feedback received from a lessons learned session with the members of the FY24 planning prioritization process, ICANN has incorporated several recommendations into version 3. For additional information on the planning prioritization framework please visit this [link](#) for presentations and webinar recordings or email planning@icann.org.

REMINDER: Join the Second Iteration of ICANN for Beginners: An Introduction Webinar

The webinar is tailored to those new to ICANN and will give a high-level overview of how the Internet works, what ICANN is, what its role in the Internet infrastructure is, and why and how participants get

involved in ICANN.

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

- **25 April 2023 at 1400 UTC**
- Click [here](#) to register.
- **26 April 2023 at 0600 UTC**
- Click [here](#) to register.

Closing date for registration: **24 April 2023**. The webinars are in English only. Recordings will be posted [here](#) after the webinars.

[Read more.](#)

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Open for submissions date: 09 March 2023

Closed for submissions date: 18 April 2023

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