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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!! DUE TOMORROW: 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.

☐ ACTION ITEM: ICANN Calls for Volunteers for the New gTLD Program Next Round Implementation Review Team

ICANN org is seeking volunteer participants for the Implementation Review Team (IRT) to assist in the implementation of the policy recommendations in the New Generic Top-Level Domain (gTLD) Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process Final Report.

ICANN org plans for the first IRT meeting to take place no later than the week of **14 May 2023**.

To join the IRT as a participant or observer, please complete this form. Alternatively, if you are not able to access the form, please send an email to nextround_policyimplementation@icann.org.

Read more.

NEW: ICANN Technical Engagement Boosts Cooperation With ccTLD Registry Operators

In almost eight months of collaboration, the total number of identified operations and security issues for the 12 ccTLD operators dropped from 285 to 85, a 70 percent improvement that was the result of technical review webinars and training to develop simple road maps to resolve these issues.

Read more.

NEW: Next Round of New gTLDs: Forming the Implementation Review Team

1. ICANN org will send a note to SO, AC, stakeholder group, and constituency leaders to nominate a representative to the IRT and an alternate.
2. ICANN org will issue an open call for volunteers to act as participants in the IRT.
3. ICANN org expects to hold the first IRT meeting no later than the week of **May 14, 2023**.

Read more.

NEW: Growing Strong: An Update on the Coalition for Digital Africa

Since launching its first project in 2022, the Coalition for Digital Africa has emerged as a major force in driving the digital transformation of the continent. Conceived by the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), the Coalition now counts 10 partner organizations and is spearheading several key initiatives.

Read more.

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.

☐ ACTION ITEM: 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.

Public Comment

IANA Naming Function Review Bylaws Changes
Open for submissions date: 09 March 2023
Closed for submissions date: 18 April 2023

Initial Report on the RZERC Charter Review
Open for submissions date: 27 March 2023
Closed for submissions date: 08 May 2023

See **upcoming proceedings**.

See **other public consultations**.

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