

ICANN Community Digest



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

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ICANN77

Starting with ICANN77, we have a change to our typical pre-meeting routine: we are not printing any materials; we are only going to be designing and translating meeting collateral.

27 April 2023 | DESIGN DEADLINE:

If you require design assistance for your publication, you need to provide all the text, images, layout, and publication type/size requirements (i.e. newsletter vs. 1-pager vs. trifold, etc.). You will receive a maximum of 2 iterations of the publication. Please provide everything by **27 April**. Please keep in mind that all materials, new or updated, need to be evergreen.

11 MAY 2023 | TRANSLATION DEADLINE:

If your publication requires translation, please provide the final material(s) by **11 MAY**. This ensures that there is enough time to translate the publication by the start of the meeting, with the possibility of potential

changes to said translations. 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.

All content/requests can be sent to andrea.glandon@icann.org

ICANN77 Registration NOW OPEN

Registration is now open for the ICANN77 Policy Forum, which will be held both virtually and in-person from 12-15 June 2023 in Washington, D.C. In-person registration closes **7 June 2023**, while virtual registration closes **15 June 2023**.

[ICANN77 Website.](#)

Information Sharing

NEW: ICANN Project Explores the Drivers of Malicious Domain Name Registrations

This new project is called Inferential Analysis of Maliciously Registered Domains (INFERMAL), and will be supervised by ICANN's Office of the Chief Technology Officer Security, Stability, and Resiliency team. The project team plans to collect and analyze a comprehensive list of domain name registration policies pertinent to would-be attackers.

[Read more.](#)

NEW: Chair's Blog: April Board Workshop Preview

During the next Board Workshop, taking place 27–30 April in Brussels, we will hold several Listening Sessions with ICANN's Community groups and other parts of the Internet ecosystem. However, the search for ICANN's next leader is not the only item on the agenda. There are several other key areas of focus.

[Read more.](#)

NEW: ICANN Publishes Phase1 Initial Report on the Internationalized Domain Names EPDP

This Public Comment proceeding seeks input on the Phase 1 Initial Report on the Internationalized Domain Names Expedited Policy Development Process.

For more information and to participate in this proceeding, please visit this [webpage](#).

[Read more.](#)

NEW: Middle East DNS Forum Will Provide Insights and Strategies from Leading Experts

ICANN has released the agenda for the 2023 Middle East Domain Name System (DNS) Forum, to be held 9 and 10 May at the Wyndham Grand Istanbul Levent in Istanbul, Republic of Türkiye.

To learn more and to register visit www.mednsf.org.

[Read more.](#)

REMINDER: Calling for NextGen@ICANN Applications for ICANN78

ICANN is calling for [applications](#) for the [NextGen@ICANN Program](#) for the ICANN78 Annual General Meeting.

ICANN wants to hear from university students living and studying in the European region who are interested in the future of the Internet and in participating in the ICANN78 Annual General Meeting. ICANN78 is scheduled to be held in Hamburg, Germany from **21–26 October 2023**.

The NextGen@ICANN Program application window will remain open until **19 June 2023**.

[Read more.](#)

Webinars

WEBINAR: 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.](#)

WEBINAR: Update From the ICANN Board's CEO Search Committee

To gather input from the ICANN Community and the broader Internet ecosystem, the Search Committee has planned a series of Board Listening Sessions, the first of which took place last month during ICANN76.

We have scheduled the next Listening Session with the Community on 16 May at 14:00–15:30 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) via Zoom. Please visit the [Search Committee page](#) for more information and to register.

You may also share your views with the Search Committee at any time by emailing us at ceosearch2023@icann.org.

[Read more.](#)

WEBINAR: EPDP-IDNs Phase 1 Initial Report

The GNSO Expedited Policy Development Process on Internationalized Domain Names (EPDP-IDNs) is tasked to 1) determine the approach for a consistent definition of all gTLDs and 2) develop policy recommendations that will eventually allow for the introduction of variant gTLDs at the top-level. Its Phase 1 Initial Report, which includes 68 preliminary recommendations, is published for Public Comment from 24 April to 5 June.

The EPDP Team will hold a webinar on **17 May at 11:00-12:30 UTC** to help the community learn more about the key recommendations and facilitate participation in the Public Comment.

Please visit this wiki page (<https://community.icann.org/x/HldXDg>) for participation details.

Action Items

□ ACTION ITEM: ICANN Invites Applications for Asia Pacific Internet Governance Academy 2023

ICANN announced that the applications for the Asia Pacific Internet Governance Academy (APIGA) 2023 will open on **Monday, 1 May 2023 00:00 KST (UTC+9)**. Hosted by ICANN and the Korea Internet and Security Agency (KISA), APIGA will be held from **24–28 July 2023** in Seoul, Republic of Korea.

[Read more.](#)

□ 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.](#)

□ ACTION ITEM: SOs/ACs to provide feedback on Fellowship Program outreach and promotion goals

SOs/ACs are asked to contribute to the Fellowship Program's strategy for outreach and promotion by providing feedback on suggested diversity targets for the Fellowship Program. Interested community groups should complete [this form](#) and send it via email to Siranush.Vardanyan@icann.org. Groups should aim to return the forms by **15 May 2023**.

The ICANN organization regularly updates its strategy for targeted outreach and promotion for the Fellowship Program. SOs/ACs are being asked to provide guidance on diversity goals for the program. These may include, but are not limited to, skills and experience, stakeholder group affiliation, region, gender, and language. ICANN org will use this list of goals to inform the program's outreach and promotion strategy. Input is welcome on any specific local, regional, or global events where promoting the Fellowship Program would help identify strong candidates. These goals will be revised by the SOs/ACs every two years.

□ 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.

□ ACTION ITEM: Register for the Asia Pacific Domain Name System Forum 2023

ICANN and the Hong Kong Internet Registration Corporation (HKIRC) invite interested participants to [register](#) for the Asia Pacific (APAC) Domain Name System (DNS) Forum 2023 in Hong Kong, China. A dedicated [website](#) has also launched to provide more information about the forum.

The APAC DNS Forum 2023 will be held **4–5 July 2023** as a hybrid event at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre (HKCEC).

[Read more.](#)

Public Comment

NEW: [Phase 1 Initial Report on the Internationalized Domain Names EPDP](#)

Open for submissions date: 24 April 2023

Closed for submissions date: 05 June 2023

[Initial Report on the RZERC Charter Review](#)

Open for submissions date: 27 March 2023

Closed for submissions date: 08 May 2023

[Proposed Renewal of the Registry Agreement for .NET](#)

Open for submissions date: 13 April 2023

Closed for submissions date: 25 May 2023

[Bylaws Amendments and Documents to Implement the NomCom2 Review](#)

Open for submissions date: 17 April 2023

Closed for submissions date: 29 May 2023

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