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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Information Sharing

NEW: The Key to the Internet and Key Ceremonies: An Explainer

The concept of a master key that controls such an essential function sounds like it is lifted from spy novels. Let's explore in simple terms what these keys are and how it's all managed.

Read more.

NEW: ICANN Ombudsman Announces Departure

ICANN announces that ICANN Ombudsman, Herb Waye, has informed the Board of his resignation. Waye's last day will be 30 September 2023.

Read more.

Webinar

NEW: ICANN Webinars Will Provide Information About Service to Request Nonpublic Data

ICANN org will host two webinars this month to provide information about the Registration Data Request Service (RDRS), a new service for requesting access to nonpublic registration data related to generic top-level domains (gTLDs).
**Action Items**

- **ACTION ITEM:** Request for Feedback: Draft Framework for Closed Generic gTLDs

  The community participants in the ongoing Closed Generics Facilitated Dialogue are requesting community feedback on a Draft Framework that can underpin additional policy work for handling closed generic gTLDs in future rounds of gTLDs. Individuals and community groups may provide feedback through their respective staff support teams or via email to closed-generics-feedback@icann.org by 15 July 2023.

  Community feedback on the Draft Framework will inform the group’s development of a final framework, which is expected to be used as a basis for subsequent policy development work should there be broad community support for the final framework.

  The Draft Framework and more information about the Facilitated Dialogue can be found on this wiki page: https://community.icann.org/x/Io6ZDg

- **ACTION ITEM:** ICANN Opens Nomination Period for Dr. Tarek Kamel Award for Capacity Building

  The ICANN Board will evaluate a shortlist of candidates. Please submit nominations via this nomination form by 4 August 2023 23:59 UTC. Any additional information in support of nominations or questions about the award process may be submitted via email to kamelaward@icann.org.

*Read more.*

**Public Comment**

- **EXTENDED:** Amendments to the Base gTLD RA and RAA to Modify DNS Abuse Contract Obligations

  Open for submissions date: 29 May 2023
  Closed for submissions date: 20 July 2023

  See upcoming proceedings.

  See other public consultations.

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