

ICANN Community Digest



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

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23 AUGUST 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. one-pager vs. trifold, etc.). You will receive a maximum of 2 iterations of the publication. Please provide everything to [Andrea Glandon](mailto:Andrea.Glandon@icann.org) by **23 AUGUST**. Please keep in mind that all materials, new or updated, need to be evergreen.

13 SEPTEMBER 2023 TRANSLATION DEADLINE:

If your publication requires translation, please provide the final material(s) to [Andrea Glandon](mailto:Andrea.Glandon@icann.org) by **13 SEPTEMBER**. This ensures that there is enough time to translate the publication by the start of the meeting, with the possibility of potential changes. 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

Information Sharing

- ICANN Board Accepts Next Round Implementation Plan from ICANN Org**

This is a significant step in the preparation for the New gTLD Program: Next Round, as directed in the

Board [resolution](#) approved at the ICANN76 Community Forum in Cancún, Mexico, in March 2023.

[Read more.](#)

NEW: Approved Resolutions | Special Meeting of the ICANN Board | 27 July 2023

Please find the Approved Resolutions from the 27 July 2023 Special Meeting of the ICANN Board [here](#).

NEW: APAC DNS Forum 2023 Highlights Importance of DNS for Digital Economy

We're pleased that we've achieved our key objective: bringing the regional community together to network and discuss key issues related to the DNS, such as digital transformation, cybersecurity, and the latest technological developments.

[Read more.](#)

NEW: ICANN Learn Course About the Root Server System

This course explains root servers and their role in the Domain Name System resolution process. It also explores common misconceptions about the RSS and the difference between root server instances and identifiers.

[Read more.](#)

NEW: ICANN Seeks Input on a Specific ccTLD Related Review Mechanism Policy Proposal

This is in regard to the final policy recommendations of the Country Code Names Supporting Organization's policy development process on the introduction of a review mechanism for specific decisions pertaining to the delegation, transfer, revocation, and retirement of country code top-level domains.

[Read more.](#)

NEW: ICANN Seeks Input on GGP Applicant Support Initial Report

This report is the output of the efforts of the GGP Team to provide guidance recommendations relating to the identification and prioritization of Applicant Support Program metrics, including indicators of success, as well as those relating to financing the program when qualified applicants exceed allocated funds.

[Read more](#)

Action Items

LAST CALL 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.](#)

ACTION ITEM: ICANN79 Fellowship Application Round Now Open

The ICANN79 Community Forum is taking place **2–7 March 2024** in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The application deadline is **18 August 2023 at 23:59 UTC**. If ICANN79 is held virtually, the Fellowship Program will also be held virtually.

□ **ACTION ITEM: Policy Transition Program on gTLD Registration Data Launches Expression of Interest**

The ICANN Policy Transition Program creates opportunities for newer ICANN community members to cultivate substantive knowledge on a specific policy topic, while fostering relationships and value in service through connections with experienced ICANN community members.

The Policy Transition Program will meet monthly via Zoom, from September 2023 to March 2024, and will explore gTLD Registration Data: The Temporary Specification and Beyond. Expression of Interest

The Policy Transition Program expression of interest is now open [here](#). You can also find this information on the [Policy Transition Program wiki page](#). The submission deadline is **23:59 UTC on 31 August 2023**.

Public Comment

NEW: [GNSO Guidance Process Applicant Support Guidance Recommendation Initial Report](#)

Open for Submissions: 31 July 2023

Closed for Submissions: 11 September 2023

NEW: [ccNSO Proposed Policy for a Specific ccTLD Related Review Mechanism](#)

Open for Submissions: 01 August 2023

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