ICANN Community Digest

The ICANN organization Policy Development Support function publishes this twice-weekly digest to help ICANN community groups track requests and follow updates.

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

Do you have any ideas for improving the ICANN Community Digest?
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Prep Week Schedule Now Available!

ICANN78 Prep Week will be held from Monday, 9 October, to Wednesday, 11 October.

Read more.

Registration for ICANN78 is Now Open

Registration is now open for the ICANN78 Annual General Meeting, which will be held both virtually and in-person from 21-26 October 2023 in Hamburg, Germany. ICANN78 will mark the organization's 25th Annual General Meeting. Click here to learn more about how to register.

Information Sharing

NEW: ICANN Interim President and CEO Shares Goals for Fiscal Year 2024

This year, the goals are grouped thematically to focus on specific aspects of fulfilling ICANN's mission.

Read more.

NEW: Join Us in Shaping ICANN's FY26-30 Strategic Plan

During this session, ICANN will conduct an environmental scan and identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats that will inform its strategic planning efforts.

Read more.

NEW: Chair's Blog: September Board Workshop Recap

Please find the highlights from the September 2023 Board Workshop here.

NEW: ICANN Seeks Input on Pilot Holistic Review Revised Draft Terms of Reference

The Third Accountability and Transparency Review Team recommended the development of a new Specific Review, the Holistic Review. The ICANN Board approved the review as a pilot, "pursuant to a community-agreed Terms of Reference."

Read more.

NEW: FY23 Report Captures Current State of UA-Readiness in Technology

The information provided in the report can help determine whether your systems are UA-ready and provide the current resources and training materials to address and fix UA-related issues.

Read more.

NEW: ICANN's "Day of DNS Abuse Discussions" Draws More Than 125 Participants

The event's goal was for participants to gain a solid understanding of the proposed obligations and new tools to give them the confidence to support the pending contractual amendments and better combat DNS abuse.

Read more.

Webinars

TODAY: ICANN to Provide RDRS Early Access for Registrars and Supporting Webinars

ICANN will host two webinars to go over early access and answer any questions registrars might have.

Webinar #2: **Thursday, 28 September 2023 at 15:00 UTC for 60 minutes**

Read more and find the links to register here.

Action Items

☐ **ACTION ITEM: Calling for NextGen@ICANN Applications for ICANN79**

ICANN wants to hear from university students living and studying in the North American region who are interested in the future of the Internet and in participating in the ICANN79 Community Forum Meeting. ICANN79 is scheduled to be held in San Juan, Puerto Rico from 2–7 March 2024.

Application Deadline: 13 October 2023

Read more.

☐ **ACTION ITEM:** NextGen@ICANN Mentor Program Nominations

The NextGen@ICANN Program seeks nominations for the 2024 Mentor Program. This appointment will serve for the ICANN79, ICANN80, and ICANN81 meetings.

Nominations must be submitted no later than Friday, 1 November 2023.

The community-nominated mentor will be responsible for overseeing the mentor process. Communities may choose to appoint program alumni and are encouraged to appoint active community members who have an interest in mentoring students.

Guidelines for the program can be found here. Interested community groups should select their respective volunteers and notify Deborah Escalera, deborah.escalera@icann.org.

Public Comment

TODAY: ccNSO Proposed Policy for a Specific ccTLD Related Review Mechanism
Open for Submissions: 01 August 2023
Closed for Submissions: 28 September 2023

NEW: Pilot Holistic Review Revised Draft Terms of Reference
Open for Submissions: 28 September 2023
Closed for Submissions: 27 November 2023

NEXT WEEK: Proposed Updates to Existing Rights Protection Mechanisms Documentation
Open for Submissions: 24 August 2023
Closed for Submissions: 03 October 2023

See **upcoming proceedings**.

See **other public consultations**.

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