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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

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Information Sharing

NEW: ICANN Launches New Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC) Pages

The new SSAC pages are designed to further the overall goals of the ITP, which are focused on improving ICANN's content governance and infrastructure, while providing a more streamlined and intuitive experience for users.

Read more.

NEW: Consultation Preview: Public Interest Commitments/Registry Voluntary Commitments

The consultation process will have three key components: 1) community review of and feedback on a proposed implementation framework; 2) a community webinar to provide an overview of the proposed framework and an opportunity for initial community questions; and 3) a plenary session on PICs/RVCs at ICANN79 in March 2024.

Read more.

NEW: Over 120 Events: ICANN's North American Engagement Team Closes 2023 Strong

The Washington, D.C. metro area continues to serve as a major hub of Internet activity in the tech policy space. There is a strong ICANN community presence here, which provides incredible opportunities for partnership and collaboration.

Read more.

NEW: ICANN Org Increases Functionality of Label Generation Rules Toolset

The LGR Toolset assists end users in validating IDN labels and determining their variant labels and brings consistency and transparency to the IDN Table review process for registry operators.

Read more.

NEW: Watch the ICANN Reviews Program webinar for updates on key initiatives!

Several initiatives are underway to improve ICANN Reviews, including:

- The Pilot Holistic Review: Third Accountability and Transparency Review Team (ATRT3) Recommendation 3.5 to create a Holistic Review
- The Pilot Continuous Improvement Program: ATRT3 Recommendation 3.6 to evolve Organizational Reviews into a Continuous Improvement Program
- The Lifecycle of Reviews Project: ICANN org initiated the project to understand the current problems faced by Specific Reviews and introduce improvements to the reviews process
- The implementation of the second Organizational Review of the NomCom (NomCom2 Review)

Watch the ICANN Reviews Program webinar here.

For more information about ICANN Reviews, please visit the ICANN Accountability page at and ICANN.org Reviews page

To learn more, contact rsa-coordinators@icann.org or implementationoperations@icann.org.

REMINDER: Formation of a Continuous Improvement Program Community Coordination Group (CIP-CCG)

ICANN org reached out to SO/AC Chairs and sent them a full letter and a draft CIP-CCG terms of reference to propose the formation of a CIP-CCG to convene in December 2023. The goal is to develop a framework for implementation of ATRT3 Recommendation 3.6. The feedback from SO/AC Chairs is expected by **30 November.**

REMINDER: Retirement of Non-Policy Recommendations

ICANN org shared a document named "Draft Process to Retire Non-Policy Recommendations" with SO/AC Chairs and expects their feedback by **30 November.** The process pertains exclusively to non-policy recommendations that emerge from Reviews and Cross-Community Working Groups, aligning with the objective of the implementation of ATRT3 Recommendation 5.

Action Items

ACTION ITEM: ICANN Community Excellence Award Selection Panel

ICANN Supporting Organization and Advisory Committee Leaderships are invited to appoint up to two individuals from their communities to comprise the 2024 ICANN Community Excellence Award Selection Panel by Monday, **11 December 2023.**

2024 ICANN Community Excellence Award will be presented at ICANN79 in San Juan. A nomination period will be open from 13 November 2023 through 8 January 2024. ICANN is convening a community selection panel that will review the nominations and select the award recipient(s).

It would be ideal for panelists to serve a maximum of two consecutive terms on the selection panel to ensure diversity and variety of input and equal opportunity among community members to take part in this

recognition effort.

For more information about the ICANN Community Excellence Award please see Community Excellence Award wiki space: https://community.icann.org/x/YyOAAw

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ACTION ITEM: ICANN80 Fellowship Application Round Now Open

The ICANN80 meeting is scheduled for 10–13 June 2024 in Kigali, Rwanda. If ICANN80 is held virtually, the Fellowship Program will also be held virtually. The deadline to apply is **16 December 2023 at 23:59 UTC.**

Read more.

ACTION ITEM: ICANN Community Excellence Award: Now Accepting Nominations

The nomination period will close **8 January 2024 at 23:59 UTC.**

The revised nomination period reflects that the presentation of the 2024 Community Excellence Award has been moved from the Policy Forum in June to the Community Forum in March.

Read more.

ACTION ITEM: Call for Volunteers: Join the Community Coordination Group (CIP-CCG) that will help design the future Continuous Improvement Program

The leadership of the ICANN Supporting Organizations (SOs), Advisory Committees (ACs), and their constituent stakeholder groups (22 total including the Nominating Committee) will be appointing one representative (with an optional secondary alternate) to join the Continuous Improvement Program Community Coordination Group (CIP-CCG). Appointees are expected to be identified by the end of November 2023, with a view toward an initial meeting in December 2023. Please share your interest in participation with your structure's leadership.

The CIP-CCG will be responsible for helping to design and implement a Continuous Improvement Program. This is a great opportunity to take a leadership role in designing a program which will have lasting impact on the effectiveness and accountability of your community structure. In this work, the Community Coordination Group will be responsible for:
1. Developing a shared understanding of the meaning of Continuous Improvement in the context of ATRT3 Recommendation 3.6, calling for Organizational Reviews to be evolved into a Continuous Improvement Program (CIP),
2. Considering a range of methodologies for effective continuous improvement programs,
3. Agreeing on the methodology that is fit for ICANN purpose, and
4. Formulating a CIP Framework, to be used by each SO, AC and NomCom.

For transparency of the process, input received will be posted on a community page at https://community.icann.org/x/WJRME.

Public Comment

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

Draft Report of the Root Zone DNSSEC Algorithm Rollover Study
Open for Submissions: 19 October 2023
Closed for Submissions: 04 December 2023

See **upcoming proceedings**.

See **other public consultations**.

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