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?
Write to us at policyinfo@icann.org!**

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REMINDER: ICANN79 Community Childcare Grants Program: Now Accepting Applications

Grants of up to $750 per family are available for ICANN Public Meeting participants who meet the criteria, are bringing children, and will incur expenses associated with babysitting and/or local childcare services.

Deadline: **Friday, 26 January 2024**, at 23:59 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC).

Read more.

Information Sharing

NEW: ICANN Chief Information Officer Ashwin Rangan Steps Down

Ash, who has led ICANN's technology practice since March 2014 will be greatly missed. During his tenure he championed the digital transformation of our systems and processes, reduced our reliance on disparate platforms, shepherded the technical development of the Information Transparency Platform and Open Data system, and led the Engineering team to excel.

Read more.

NEW: Coalition for Digital Africa: Participants for DNSSEC Roadshows Project Selected

The technical training sessions will provide ccTLD operators with the tools and expertise required to

protect the Internet infrastructure, build user trust, and improve overall Internet security.

Read more.

Attend ICANN's Draft FY25 Operating Plan & Budget Informational Webinar

ICANN invites the community to participate in an informational webinar about the Draft ICANN, InternetAssigned Numbers Authority (IANA), and Public Technical Identifier (PTI) Fiscal Year (FY) 25 Plans andBudgets. Both webinars will present identical information on these plans.

13 December 2023 at 01:00 UTC, please registerhere
13 December 2023 at 17:00 UTC, please registerhere

Announcement

Action Items

⬜ **ACTION ITEM: Call for Expressions of Interest: ICANN Ombuds**

ICANN opened a Call for Expressions of Interest for the ICANN Ombuds position. The deadline to submit Expressions of Interest is **8 January 2024 at 23:59 UTC.**

Read more.

⬜ **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.

Public Comment

See **upcoming proceedings**.

See **other public consultations**.

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