

ICANN Community Digest



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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: Laying the Groundwork for the Next Phase of the New gTLD Program

Throughout 2023, the ICANN Board, community, and organization have made significant steps toward launching another round of applications for new generic top-level domains (gTLDs). I wanted to share an update as we approach the year's end.

[Read more.](#)

NEW: Enhancing ICANN Account Security with Multi-Factor Authentication Options

In an ever-expanding digital world, ICANN continues its effort to secure the systems and applications integral to ICANN Board, staff, and community members. As password attacks become more common, relying solely on passwords to protect user accounts is no longer the safest option. That's where multi-factor authentication (MFA) comes in. It serves as a safeguard for accessing ICANN Account and enhancing the security of our services.

[Read more.](#)

NEW: ICANN Webinar: Framework for Public Interest and Registry Voluntary Commitments

ICANN invites the community to participate in a webinar to kick off a community consultation on Public Interest Commitments and Registry Voluntary Commitments in the New Generic Top-Level Domain (gTLD) Program: Next Round. The webinar will provide an overview of a proposed implementation framework and specific questions posed for community feedback, as well as an opportunity for the community to ask questions.

Date: **Monday, 18 December 2023**

Time: **19:00–20:30 UTC**

Please see participation details on the dedicated [webpage](#).

NEW: Call for SOs/ACs to Nominate Fellowship Program Mentors

ICANN invites the Supporting Organizations (SOs) and Advisory Committees (ACs) to nominate volunteers to serve as Fellowship Program Mentors. Each group is welcome to nominate one individual for this role. Individual self-nominations will not be considered.

- Mentors generally must plan on a time commitment of approximately 30-40 hours before, during, and immediately after each ICANN Public Meeting. This includes extensive pre-meeting preparation, on-site support for their assigned fellows, and post-meeting reporting.
- Mentors will serve a term that includes three consecutive ICANN Public Meetings, beginning with ICANN81 (from ICANN81 - ICANN83 inclusive).
- Mentors are expected to follow Fellowship Program guidelines to help ensure consistency in capacity development opportunities for fellows and to help fellows actively participate in ICANN's work.
- Mentors will receive travel funding support (if applicable).

For more information on the guidelines and expectations, please read about the mentorship program [here](#).

Mentors cannot serve on the Selection Committee at the same time they are serving as mentors.

Interested SOs/ACs should select their respective Fellowship Program mentor representative by **31 January 2024** and notify ICANN Fellowship Program Manager, Siranush Vardanyan at siranush.vardanyan@icann.org.

THIS WEEK: 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 and Budgets. Both webinars will present identical information on these plans.

13 December 2023 at 01:00 UTC, please register [here](#)

13 December 2023 at 17:00 UTC, please register [here](#)

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□ TODAY: 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>

□ **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: 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: 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.

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