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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NEW: Sign up for a session slot-ICANN79 Fellowship Program participants

Want to introduce your group's work to ICANN79 Fellowship Program participants? Sign up for a 15 or 30 minute session on March 2-3, 2024. This outreach session is an opportunity to share information with the fellows and highlight the important work that your group does within ICANN.

The deadline to sign up for a slot is **10 January 2024**.

Click here to sign up for available slots.

For any additional questions, please contact ICANN Fellowship Program Manager, Siranush Vardanyan at siranush.vardanyan@icann.org.

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

TODAY: **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.

REMINDER: **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.

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: 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

Draft ICANN FY25 Plans
Open for Submissions: 12 December 2023
Closed for Submissions: 12 February 2024

Draft PTI FY25 Operating Plan and Budget

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See **upcoming proceedings**.

See **other public consultations**.