ICANN Community Digest

The Community Digest will resume publication in the new year on 04 January 2024.

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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REMINDER: 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

NEW Publication: **U.N Update: Cyber-Related Development**

This paper provides an update on the proceedings of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), where discussions of cyber-related issues take place. It includes updates from the deliberations at the second Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG) and the Ad Hoc Committee of Experts (AHC)2 between 4 June 2021 and 2 September 2023 as well as more recent discussions on and around the Global Digital Compact in 2023.

Read more.

NEW: **ICANN Publishes Paper on Defense Mechanisms Against Harmful Internet Content**

In our new paper, we argue that understanding the strengths and weaknesses of any one Reputation Block List (RBL), or combination of multiple RBLs, is key to getting a good fit for a particular use case.

Read more.

NEW: **Reflecting on 2023: ICANN in Europe, Eastern Europe, and Central Asia**

ICANN78, held in Hamburg, Germany, was the crowning achievement of the year for our European team. We saw record-breaking attendance from a great diversity of geographies and backgrounds, and we celebrated ICANN's 25th anniversary with panel discussions and parties.

Read more.

NEW: **A Look Back on 2023**

Not only did we celebrate ICANN's 25th anniversary this year, we also recognized 10 years of successes by our Regional Office teams in Istanbul, Montevideo, and Singapore.

Read more.

NEW: **Applications for ICANN80 Fellowship Round Extended to 29 December 2023**

This round is open only to those who have previously completed an ICANN Fellowship. The ICANN80 meeting is scheduled from 10–13 June 2024 in Kigali, Rwanda. The deadline to apply is **29 December 2023, 23:59 UTC.**

Read more.

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

NEW: Questionnaire for the 20-year review of WSIS implementation

Please consider responding to the United Nations Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CTSD) regarding WSIS implementation by **31 January 2024.**

CSTD Submission form

☐ ACTION ITEM: Call for Expressions of Interest: ICANN Ombuds

ICANN is seeking Expressions of Interest for the ICANN Ombuds position. For additional information on the position, please refer to the Call for Expressions of Interest here. Expressions of Interest, which will be maintained as confidential, should be sent to ICANN-Ombuds-EOI-2023@icann.org by no later than **8 January 2024 at 23:59 UTC.**

☐ 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

NEW: Draft Final Report of the 2023 Africa Domain Name Industry Study
Open for Submissions: 21 December 2023
Closed for Submissions: 08 February 2024

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

Draft PTI FY25 Operating Plan and Budget
Open for Submissions: 12 December 2023
Closed for Submissions: 12 February 2024

See **upcoming proceedings**.

See **other public consultations**.

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