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ICANN79

THIS WEEK: 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

CLOSING TODAY Last Call: Nominations for the ICANN Community Excellence Award

The ICANN Community Excellence Award recognizes ICANN community members who have deeply invested in consensus-based solutions and contributed substantively to the ICANN multistakeholder model.

Deadline: **8 January 2024 23:59 UTC**

[Read more.](#)

NEW: ICANN Launches the Continuous Improvement Program Community Coordination Group

This work will serve the public interest by contributing to the fulfillment of ICANN's commitment to maintaining and improving its accountability and transparency.

[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

CLOSES TODAY □ **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**.

CLOSES TODAY □ **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: 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](#)

NEW: Apply Now for ICANN Leadership Positions

Selected individuals will have a unique opportunity to work with accomplished colleagues from around the globe to help shape the policy development and technical coordination of the Internet's unique identifiers.

Deadline: **15 March 2024 at 23:59 UTC**

[Read more.](#)

Public Comment

[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

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