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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ICANN79 Prep Week Schedule Now Available

ICANN79 Prep Week will be held from **Tuesday, 20 February, to Thursday, 22 February.**

To attend any of the sessions, please register for ICANN79. After registering, you will receive an email confirmation with additional event details.

Read more.

ICANN79 Zoom Backgrounds

ICANN79 Zoom backgrounds can be found here.

Information Sharing

NEW: ICANN and Local Partners Expand DNS Technical Knowledge in Indonesia

A total of 174 highly engaged participants attended these sessions. Participants represented different stakeholder groups, including government agencies, the technical community, DNS industry (registry and registrars), businesses, academia, and end users.

[Read more.](#)

NEW: ICANN Seeks Input on String Similarity Review Guidelines

In preparation for the expanded scope, which will include variant strings in the next round of gTLDs, the ICANN organization is developing detailed guidelines and seeking the community's feedback.

[Read more.](#)

Action Items

□ **ACTION ITEM: Calling for NextGen@ICANN Applications for ICANN80**

ICANN wants to hear from university students living and studying in the African region who are interested in the future of the Internet and in participating in the ICANN80 Policy Forum. ICANN80 is scheduled to be held in Kigali, Rwanda, from 10–13 June 2024.

Deadline: 23 February 2024

[Read more.](#)

□ **ACTION ITEM: 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

NEW: [String Similarity Review Guidelines](#)
Open for Submissions: 07 February 2024
Closed for Submissions: 27 March 2024

CLOSES TODAY: [Draft Final Report of the 2023 Africa Domain Name Industry Study](#)
Open for Submissions: 21 December 2023
Closed for Submissions: 08 February 2024

NEXT WEEK: [Draft ICANN FY25 Plans](#)
Open for Submissions: 12 December 2023
Closed for Submissions: 12 February 2024

NEXT WEEK: [Draft PTI FY25 Operating Plan and Budget](#)
Open for Submissions: 12 December 2023
Closed for Submissions: 12 February 2024

[Draft NCAP Study 2 Report and Responses to Questions Regarding Name Collisions](#)
Open for Submissions: 19 January 2024
Closed for Submissions: 28 February 2024

[Phase 1 Final Report of the EPDP on Internationalized Domain Names](#)
Open for Submissions: 23 January 2024
Closed for Submissions: 12 March 2024

[Proposed Language for Draft Sections of the Next Round Applicant Guidebook](#)
Open for Submissions: 01 February 2024
Closed for Submissions: 19 March 2024

[Proposed Top-Level Domain String for Private Use](#)
Open for Submissions: 24 January 2024
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