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ICANN79

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.

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.

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

- **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

Public Comment

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  Open for Submissions: 07 February 2024
  
  Closed for Submissions: 27 March 2024

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See upcoming proceedings.

See other public consultations.

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