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During the session, Board members will host three separate breakout rooms, each covering a different topic.

**Date**: Wednesday, 21 February, at 16:30–17:30 UTC.
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NEW: Ten Things to Do in Puerto Rico

We look forward to greeting the ICANN community in San Juan for the upcoming Community Forum. ICANN selects these meeting locations because the Internet is a global network and our aim is to make it easier for volunteers to participate and to ensure our work represents the entire world.

Read more.

NEW: Request for Proposal: ICANN Support Applicant Review Panel

ICANN seeks to engage experienced and competent suppliers who can carry out a fair, efficient, consistent, and reliable process to assess ASP applicants in advance of the New gTLD Program: Next Round, anticipated to open in Q2 2026.

Read more.

Action Items

NEXT WEEK □ 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.

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