

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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Join the Board for a Special ICANN79 Prep Week Session

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.

[Read more.](#)

Information Sharing

NEW: Middle East DNS Forum 2024: Shaping the Future of Digital Infrastructure

This year's theme, "Celebrating Progress in the Middle East's DNS Journey," underscores the past ten years' advancements in the region's digital infrastructure and growth in Internet usage.

[Read more.](#)

NEW: Community Consultation On Timing and Potential Deferral of ATRT4 Review

ICANN org is initiating consultation with the community to seek input on the timing of the Fourth Accountability and Transparency Review (ATRT4) and whether there is a need for a deferral of the ATRT4 for a limited time. A consultation approach is being used because it will allow for a targeted conversation with the SO/AC Chairs and their constituencies. While ATRT4 is of general interest to the entire ICANN community, it is important for the Board and org to understand whether the SO/ACs would be available to come together to populate, perform and deliver the recommendations within the ATRT4 while carrying out their other work.

Members of the ICANN org Review Support and Accountability team are available to meet with interested community groups during ICANN79 or after to address questions about ATRT4 Timing and other Review Topics.

To schedule a meeting to discuss, please contact: rsa-coordinators@icann.org

Community consultation and engagement activities leading up to and during ICANN79 include:

- ICANN79 Prep Week Webinar (Thursday, 22 February)
- ICANN79 Community Session on ATRT4 Deferral and Pilot Holistic Review (Tuesday, 5 March)
- ICANN79 briefings (at the request of your community group)

Action Items

FRIDAY 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

[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
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[Proposed Top-Level Domain String for Private Use](#)

Open for Submissions: 24 January 2024
Closed for Submissions: 21 March 2024

[String Similarity Review Guidelines](#)

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

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Open for Submissions: 12 February 2024
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