

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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NEW: Engagement Booth Outreach

You are welcome to come and do outreach at the ICANN Engagement booth @ICANN79. The ICANN Engagement booth is in place for Newcomers, ICANN org and the ICANN community to engage in discussions. It is supported by volunteers from the community, including members of ICANN's Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees. We would like to offer 1-hour slots during the ICANN79 meeting week.

[Sign up here.](#)

Information Sharing

NEW: Executive Team Update

David Olive, Sr. Vice President, Policy Development & Support, will retire at the end of May. His contributions and impact on ICANN have been immeasurable.

[Read more.](#)

NEW: Phase 2 Officially Opens: Expansion of ICANN Managed Root Server Singles in Africa

In collaboration with the Association of African Universities, we invite Expressions of Interest (EOIs) from eligible organizations interested in hosting an Africa-based IMRS single server instance. This collaboration aims to broaden the initiative's reach and effectiveness in raising awareness throughout the continent.

[Read more.](#)

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

 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.](#)

□ **ACTION ITEM: ICANN Invites Applications for Asia Pacific Internet Governance Academy 2024**

The application window for the Asia Pacific Internet Governance Academy (APIGA) 2024 will open on Monday, 26 February 2024 00:00 KST (UTC+9).

Deadline: **Sunday, 24 March 2024 23:59 KST (UTC+9)**

[Read more.](#)

Webinars

ICANN for Beginners: Join the Policy and Advice Development Webinar

"ICANN for Beginners: Policy and Advice Development," will introduce newcomers to policy and advice development at ICANN.

Register for the one that suits you best:

3 April 2024 at 14:00 UTC | [Register to attend](#)

4 April 2024 at 6:00 UTC | [Register to attend](#)

[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](#)

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Closed for Submissions: 12 March 2024

[Proposed Language for Draft Sections of the Next Round Applicant Guidebook](#)

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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

[Review of the Draft Applicant Support Program \(ASP\) Handbook – New gTLD Program](#)

Open for Submissions: 12 February 2024

Closed for Submissions: 02 April 2024

See [upcoming proceedings](#).

See [other public consultations](#).

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