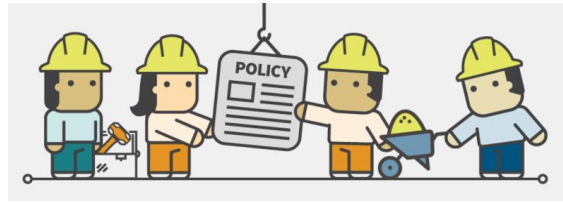


ICANN Community Digest



The next issue of the ICANN Community Digest will be published on 11 March 2024.

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

Do you have any ideas for improving the ICANN Community Digest?
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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.](#)

NEW: Looking Ahead to the March Board Workshop and ICANN79

Whether you are attending this Community Forum in person or joining us online, your participation underscores the strength of our shared commitment to the future of ICANN and to a secure, stable, and unified global Internet.

[Read more.](#)

Information Sharing

NEW: Enhancing Accessibility on the Information Transparency Platform

Findings and recommended changes from the accessibility audit report have been categorized and are being addressed based on priority, with the most critical areas largely addressed.

[Read more.](#)

NEW: A New ICANN Project to Measure Metadata on Domain Names

ICANN Domain Metrica is designed to be modular, extensible, and transparent. It will grow over time with new data points on domain names, as we incorporate new data sources and the output of our research.

[Read more.](#)

NEW: ICANN Seeks Input on Proposed Amendment to Article 4 of the Bylaws

The proposed Bylaws amendment sets out the process through which the ICANN community can limit access to ICANN's Reconsideration Request and Independent Review Processes (collectively, "Accountability Mechanisms") in specific circumstances, and in a streamlined manner.

[Read more.](#)

NEW: ICANN to Generate New DNS Cryptographic Key at April 2024 Ceremony

Generating the new key is slated for 26 April 2024 as part of the 53rd KSK Ceremony. The key will be replicated to an alternate facility in the third quarter of 2024.

[Read more.](#)

NEW: IFR2 Team Starts Review of Key ICANN Function

The review team has determined an initial methodology for conducting detailed fact-finding. An outreach plan to get input from the direct customers of the IANA Naming Function Process, as well as the broader ICANN community, is under development.

[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.](#)

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NEW: [Proposed Bylaws Updates to Limit Access to Accountability Mechanisms](#)

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