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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Information Sharing

NEW: ICANN79 Governmental Advisory Committee Communiqué Now Available

The Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) issued the ICANN79 GAC Communiqué.

Read more.

NEW: ICANN Seeks Input on Draft Registry Service Provider Handbook – New gTLD Program: Next Round

The draft RSP Handbook describes the RSP Evaluation Program, which is a part of ICANN's New Generic Top-Level Domain (gTLD) Program: Next Round.

Read more.

NEW: ICANN Publishes U.S. Tax Returns for Fiscal Year Ending 30 June 2023

The publication of ICANN's financial and tax information is part of ICANN's fundamental commitment to accountability and transparency.

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 ICANN 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.

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

Action Items

CLOSES TOMORROW ☐ 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 SUMMARY REPORT: Draft NCAP Study 2 Report and Responses to Questions Regarding Name Collisons

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Open for Submissions: 13 March 2024
Closed for Submissions: 22 April 2024

NEXT WEEK: Proposed Language for Draft Sections of the Next Round Applicant Guidebook

Open for Submissions: 01 February 2024
Closed for Submissions: 19 March 2024

NEXT WEEK: 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

Proposed Bylaws Updates to Limit Access to Accountability Mechanisms
Open for Submissions: 27 February 2024
Closed for Submissions: 15 April 2024

See **upcoming proceedings**.

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