

## 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:** ICANN Announces NextGen@ICANN80 Participants

The 12 selectees attend universities in the African region where they study engineering, business, and technology.

[Read more.](#)

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### **NEW:** [Chair's Blog](#): Recap of the March Board Workshop and ICANN79

The Board advanced several areas of our work during the March Board Workshop and ICANN79.

[Read more.](#)

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### **NEW:** A Look Back at ICANN79

For six days during ICANN79, members of the ICANN community, Board, and org came together to advance the discussions and policymaking on the most pressing issues facing ICANN.

[Read more.](#)

## Action Items

### ❑ **ACTION ITEM: ICANN81 Fellowship Application Round Now Open**

ICANN is opening the application round for the ICANN Fellowship Program for the ICANN81 Annual General Meeting, which will take place in Istanbul, Türkiye, from 9-14 November 2024.

**Deadline: 19 April 2024, 23:59 UTC.**

[Read more.](#)

## Webinars

### **NEXT WEEK: 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

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

**Open for Submissions:** 12 February 2024

**Closed for Submissions:** 02 April 2024

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### **[String Similarity Review Guidelines](#)**

**Open for Submissions:** 07 February 2024

**Closed for Submissions:** 10 April 2024

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

**Open for Submissions:** 27 February 2024

**Closed for Submissions:** 15 April 2024

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### **[Review of the Draft Registry Service Provider \(RSP\) Handbook - New gTLD Program](#)**

**Open for Submissions:** 13 March 2024

**Closed for Submissions:** 22 April 2024

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### **[Proposed Renewal of the Registry Agreement for the .XXX top-level domain \(TLD\)](#)**

**Open for Submissions:** 18 March 2024

**Closed for Submissions:** 29 April 2024

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