

## 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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## ICANN80

### **NEW:** ICANN80 Community Childcare Grants Program Now Accepting Applications

The program facilitates in-person participation of community members with children 12 years old or younger at ICANN Public Meetings and other eligible ICANN events.

[Read more.](#)

## Information Sharing

### **NEW:** The ICANN Grant Program: Now Accepting Applications

The ICANN Grant Program will award millions of dollars in funding to develop projects that support ICANN's mission of a single, open, and globally interoperable Internet. The program will fund projects across the world that are aligned with the program's objectives and themes outlined in the Applicant Guide which you can review [here](#).

[Read more.](#)

**NEW: Participate in ICANN's Asia Pacific DNS Forum 2024 in Bali, Indonesia**

The APAC DNS Forum 2024 is expected to convene regional experts from the Internet and domain name industry to discuss the latest developments, opportunities, and challenges in the Internet and domain name marketplace.

[Read more.](#)

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**NEW: ICANN Seeks Input on Proposed Design for the New Registry System Testing Service**

ICANN is seeking feedback from the technical community on the proposed test specifications and API for Version 2.0 of the Registry System Testing service.

[Read more.](#)

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**NEW: ICANN Continuous Improvement Program Makes Progress on a Draft Framework**

The CIP-CCG meeting held during ICANN79 was positive and productive in laying a solid foundation for the CIP-CCG to advance this mission.

[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

**NEW: [Summary Report Phase 1 Final Report of the EPDP on Internationalized Domain Names](#)**

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**NEW: [Review of the Registry System Testing 2.0 Test Specifications and API](#)**

**Open for Submissions:** 26 March 2024

**Closed for Submissions:** 06 May 2024

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**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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**Open for Submissions:** 27 February 2024

**Closed for Submissions:** 15 April 2024

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**Open for Submissions:** 13 March 2024

**Closed for Submissions:** 22 April 2024

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**Open for Submissions:** 18 March 2024

**Closed for Submissions:** 29 April 2024

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