

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

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: CIP, PHR, and Timing of ATRT4: Community Progress and Consideration at ICANN79

At the ICANN79 Community Forum in Puerto Rico, community volunteers from the Continuous Improvement Program Community Coordination Group met for their first hybrid working meeting, where they made substantial progress toward developing common principles for the ICANN Continuous Improvement Program. This meeting was positive and productive in laying a solid foundation for the Continuous Improvement Program framework. The group's next steps will be to use the principles to build out the draft framework for Public Comment later this year. Click [here](#) to learn more

Follow the Continuous Improvement Project (CIP) [homepage](#) for ongoing progress.

At ICANN79, the community also discussed the timing of the fourth Accountability and Transparency Review and the status of the Pilot Holistic Review. Listen to the ICANN79 recorded session for updates,

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

THIS 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

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

Open for Submissions: 12 February 2024

Closed for Submissions: 02 April 2024

[String Similarity Review Guidelines](#)

Open for Submissions: 07 February 2024

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Open for Submissions: 27 February 2024

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Open for Submissions: 18 March 2024

Closed for Submissions: 29 April 2024

[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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