

## ICANN Community Digest



The next issue of the ICANN Community Digest will be published on Monday, 17 June 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

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## Status Update: New gTLD Program Next Round

**NEW: A Preview of the ICANN80 Policy Forum**

A global community of stakeholders and participants with different backgrounds and points of view help coordinate and support the unique identifiers of the Internet.

[Read more.](#)

## Information Sharing

**NEW: Chair's Blog: Previewing the June Board Workshop and ICANN80**

As we approach the second ICANN Public Meeting of 2024, the ICANN Board, community, and organization are focused on working together to achieve our shared goals and fulfilling our mission.

[Read more.](#)

**NEW: Ten Interesting Facts About Kigali**

As you pack your bags to attend the upcoming ICANN80 Public Meeting, get ready to experience Kigali, Rwanda – one of Africa's most dynamic cities.

[Read more.](#)

**NEW: ICANN Finalizes New gTLD Registry Service Provider Evaluation Program Handbook**

The handbook provides an overview of the process and requirements to become an evaluated RSP for new gTLD applicants.

[Read more.](#)

**NEW: 2024 ICANN DNS Symposium to be Held in Santa Marta, Colombia**

The symposium invites researchers, developers, and operators (of any description) to present on subjects including, but not limited to, ideas around extending the DNS protocol, optimizing performance, safeguarding DNS communications, and increasing the reliability and availability of DNS service in case of attack or outage.

[Read more.](#)

**NEW: Application Window for the First Cycle of the ICANN Grant Program Closes**

This first cycle of the program will distribute up to \$10 million total in grants to support projects consistent with ICANN's mission and in line with the objectives of the program.

[Read more.](#)

**NEW: Board Discusses Auctions of Last Resort, Private Resolution of Contention Sets**

In cases where there is more than one qualified application for the same or similar strings ("contention"), the Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process Working Group (SubPro PDP) provided recommendations regarding mechanisms to resolve such contention.

[Read more.](#)

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## Get Involved in Shaping ICANN's Next Strategic Plan

The ICANN Board of Directors is in the process of developing the ICANN Strategic Plan for fiscal years (FY) 2026–2030, and input from the community is a key part of this important undertaking.

### ICANN80 Policy Forum Session:

Board-Led Community Engagement on the Draft FY26–30 ICANN Strategic Plan  
Thursday, 13 June 2024, 13:30–15:00 UTC

[Read more.](#)

## Action Items

### **NEW: A Request for FY26 Planning Prioritization Group Nominations: Due 28 June 2024**

The FY26 Annual Operating Plan and Budget Planning Process has launched, and we are seeking nominations from the SO/AC Leadership to the community led Planning Prioritization Group. **The community-led Planning Prioritization Group is scheduled to hold meetings in July 2024.** This timing will permit ICANN org to receive input for the development of the Draft Operating Plan and Budget, which is planned to open for Public Comment in December 2024.

**We ask that the SO/AC Leadership please nominate new members or re-confirm the previous member(s) from your group no later than 28 June 2024.** Previous members by SO/AC are listed [here](#). Please email the name of the members that you have nominated to [planning@icann.org](mailto:planning@icann.org) with a copy to the Policy Strategic Management team ([policy-strat-mgt@icann.org](mailto:policy-strat-mgt@icann.org)).

Please nominate 1 member and 1 secondary member from your group as follows:

ASO | ALAC | GNSO/CSG | GNSO/CPH | GNSO/NCSG | ccNSO | GAC | RSSAC | SSAC

For more information on the Planning Prioritization Group please visit [here](#).

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### **ACTION ITEM: Call for Volunteers: Pilot Holistic Review**

At a high-level, volunteers for the Pilot Holistic Review will be responsible for defining guidelines for the Holistic Review.

Deadline to apply: 19 June 2024  
Work start date: 25 September 2024

[Read more.](#)

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### **ACTION ITEM: Call for Expressions of Interest: ICANN 2025 NomCom Chair and Chair-Elect**

The NomCom Chair is responsible for organizing the NomCom in its activities to select certain ICANN Board members and individuals who will serve in key leadership positions within ICANN's Supporting Organizations (SOs) and Advisory Committees (ACs) in accordance with ICANN's Bylaws.

Deadline to apply: 17 June 2024

[Read more.](#)

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## Public Comment

### [Policy Status Report: GNSO Policy & Implementation Working Group Recommendations](#)

**Submissions Opening Date:** Thursday, 16 May 2024

**Submissions Closing Date:** Tuesday, 02 July 2024

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