

ICANN Community Digest



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ICANN81

NEW: Excitement Builds for ICANN81 Annual General Meeting in Istanbul

As the home of ICANN's Middle East and Africa office and the host country for ICANN81, the GSE Middle East team is committed to expanding outreach and engagement efforts across the Republic of Türkiye.

[Read more.](#)

Register Now for ICANN81

ICANN81 will be held 09 - 14 November 2024 at the Istanbul Congress Center.

[Register and Read more](#)

ICANN Reviews team available for engagement during ICANN81

The ICANN Reviews Program encompasses the management of Specific Reviews and Organizational Reviews, including any resulting implementation work that relates to improving the reviews process.

The ICANN org Review Support and Accountability team is available to your group to engage on the status of several initiatives underway to improve ICANN Reviews, including:

- Launch of the Pilot Holistic Review
- Progress of the work led by the community to evolve Organizational Reviews into a Continuous Improvement Program
- Planning for the Fourth Accountability and Transparency Review

Schedule an engagement with us by contacting rsa-coordinators@icann.org.

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NEXT WEEK: ICANN81 Community Childcare Grants Program: Apply Now

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

Deadline: Friday, 4 October 2024, at 23:59 UTC

[Read more.](#)

Information Sharing

NEW: ICANN84 in Muscat, Oman: Addressing Community Concerns

We recognize the concerns surrounding ICANN84, particularly for LGBTQ+ attendees, and we are taking proactive measures to ensure the safety and well-being of all participants.

[Read more.](#)

NEW: ICANN Grant Program Update

The evaluation and assessment of applications for the ICANN Grant Program's first cycle is on schedule and set to conclude at the end of 2024.

[Read more.](#)

NEW: ICANN Seeks Input on Proposed Renewal of the Registry Agreement for .COM

The renewal proposal is the result of bilateral discussions between ICANN and Verisign.

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NEW: Thaana Script Community Forms Root Zone Label Generation Rules Generation Panel

This script is used for writing the Maldivian language known as Dhivehi.

[Read more.](#)

Next Round Champions Toolkit Available in the Six ICANN Languages

ICANN is working with the community to identify potential Applicant Support Program (ASP) applicants – especially in regions that are currently under-represented in ICANN. If you are interested in helping to raise awareness among your own contacts or communities, please use the materials in the [Next Round Champions Toolkit](#).

To stay up to date on the New gTLD Program: Next Round and ASP, join the mailing list: nextroundinfo@icann.org. ASP leads, targets, and ideas can be sent to engagement.newgTLDprogram@icann.org.

ICANNWiki Seeking Volunteers

ICANNWiki is seeking volunteers to assist with creating and editing articles and content for the site. Do you want to help? Getting started is as simple as [requesting an account](#). Then, make sure to read the short [content guide](#) to get a feel for what belongs in the wiki. Also, feel free to take a look at some [data source suggestions](#) on where to find reliable data. Happy editing!

Events

NEW: CTU ICTWeek 2024

Date: Monday 30 September 2024 (13:00 UTC) - Saturday 5 October 2024 (13:00 UTC)

[Read more.](#)

NEW: CyberChess

The CyberChess conference is a cornerstone of cybersecurity events within the Baltic states.

Date: Tuesday 1 October 2024 (07:00 UTC) - Thursday 3 October 2024 (07:00 UTC)

[Read more.](#)

ICANN's Canada Week: Training, Tutorials, and Roundtable Discussions

ICANN is excited to announce its participation in a week of Internet-related activities in Ottawa and Toronto, Canada, from 18 to 25 October 2024.

[Read more.](#)

Webinars

Webinars Introduce ICANN's New gTLD Program: Next Round RSP Evaluation Program

The webinars will provide an overview of the requirements for evaluation, a description of the testing that will be conducted, and an explanation of the overall evaluation process.

[Read more.](#)

NEW: Webinar for Middle East GAC Members

This is a closed webinar for GAC members mainly from the Middle East to update them on some hot topics.

Date: Thursday 3 October 2024 (09:00 - 10:30 UTC)

[Read more.](#)

Action Items

DEADLINE EXTENDED: Participate in ICANN's Operational Design Phase Community Consultation Survey

Community input will help ICANN identify opportunities for continuous improvement regarding ODP objectives and related mechanisms in the policy lifecycle to fulfill the needs of the Board, community, and org.

Deadline: 11 October 2024

[Read more and access the survey here.](#)

NextGen@ICANN82 Applications

ICANN wants to hear from university students living and studying in the North America region who are interested in the future of the Internet and in participating in the ICANN82 Community Forum. ICANN82 is scheduled to be held in Seattle, Washington, from 8–13 March 2025.

Deadline: 11 October 2024

[Read more.](#)

NextGen@ICANN Mentor Program Nominations

The NextGen@ICANN Program seeks nominations to fill three (3) slots for the 2025 Mentor Program. These appointments will serve for the ICANN82-84 meetings. Nominations must be submitted no later than **Thursday, 31 October 2024**.

Interested community groups should select their respective volunteers and notify Fernanda Iunes at fernanda.iunes@icann.org.

NextGen@ICANN Program Selection Committee Nominations

NextGen@ICANN Program is seeking nominations to fill three (3) slots for selection committee members. Each SO/AC is asked to nominate candidates for these positions. Individual self-nominations will not be considered. Interested community groups should select their respective NextGen@ICANN Selection Committee volunteers by **Thursday, 31 October 2024**.

Interested community groups should select their respective volunteers and notify Fernanda Iunes at fernanda.iunes@icann.org. Each selection committee member will serve for a period of two (2) years beginning with ICANN82.

For program details please visit our [page](#).

Public Comment

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Open for Submissions: 26 September 2024
Closed for Submissions: 05 November 2024

CLOSES TODAY: [Initial Report on the Transfer Policy Review](#)

Open for Submissions: 01 August 2024
Closed for Submissions: 30 September 2024

[Second Proceeding for Proposed Language for Draft Sections of the Next Round Applicant Guidebook](#)

Open for Submissions: 10 September 2024
Closed for Submissions: 21 October 2024

[Additional Reference Label Generation Rules and Related Updates](#)

Open for Submissions: 12 September 2024
Closed for Submissions: 24 October 2024

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