

## ICANN Community Digest



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## ICANN81

**NEW:** Register Now for ICANN81

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

[Register and Read more](#)

**NEW:** 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](mailto:rsa-coordinators@icann.org).

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### **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: Join the Discussion on Next Round Engagement and Outreach**

ICANN org will share its first monthly New gTLD Program: Next Round outreach, engagement, and communications activity report during the Subsequent Procedures (SubPro) Implementation Review Team (IRT) meeting on **10 September at 13:00 UTC**.

The ICANN community is encouraged to join the meeting, where they can learn more about ICANN org's work and how they can help in outreach efforts. To receive meeting dial-in information, email [nextround\\_policyimplementation@icann.org](mailto:nextround_policyimplementation@icann.org). The meeting agenda is available on the [IRT's wiki page](#).

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### **NEW: ICANN Signs Memorandum of Understanding with EDP University of Puerto Rico**

This agreement will advance shared goals and enhance collaboration on initiatives to boost community engagement and capacity building related to ICANN's policy development and the Internet's unique identifier systems.

[Read more.](#)

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### **NEW: September 2024 ICANN Board Workshop Preview**

The ICANN Board of Directors will convene this week in Los Angeles to begin to prepare for ICANN's upcoming Annual General Meeting, taking place at ICANN81 in Istanbul, Republic of Türkiye, in November 2024.

[Read more.](#)

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### **NEW: ICANN Seeks Community Help in Outreach to Next Round Support Candidates**

Community participation is critical to the success of the New gTLD Program: Next Round, which seeks to foster diversity, encourage innovation, and enhance the utility of the Domain Name System.

[Read more.](#)

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### **NEW: MMNOG 6 - Mandalay Event**

This Event offers a unique opportunity to connect with peers, share knowledge, and collaborate on enhancing Myanmar's Network infrastructure.

Date: Sunday 8 September 2024 (07:15 - 08:15 UTC)

[Read more and Register.](#)

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**NEW: Mauritius Stakeholders Breakfast Meeting: Learn About ICANN's Next Round of New gTLDs and Applicant Support Program**

This session aims to create awareness and provide visibility into these exciting initiatives that will shape the future of the Domain Name System.

Date: Monday 9 September 2024 (07:00 - 09:00 UTC)

[Read more.](#)

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**NEW: Mark Monitor Domain Dynamics Event**

Domain Dynamics is a new series of Markmonitor regional events designed to bring together corporate domain management professionals, industry experts and our team for a day filled with actionable insights and useful connections.

[Read more and Register.](#)

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**NEW: Africa Internet Summit 2024**

AIS'24 is a platform for the Internet community to gather to discuss, collaborate, learn, and disseminate information about these key areas of Africa's Internet development.

Date: Tuesday 10 September 2024 (07:00 UTC) - Saturday 14 September 2024 (07:00 UTC)

[Read more and Register.](#)

## Webinars

### GNSO Transfer Policy Review Working Group - Webinars

The Transfer Policy Review Working Group Webinars will provide an overview of their Initial Report, which is out for Public Comment now. We are targeting all communities interested in knowing more about the proposed recommendations and especially those community groups that intend to submit public comments.

Webinar #2: 09 Sep 2024 - (13:00 - 14:30 UTC) | [Read more and Register](#)

The remote participation link will be published 24 hours in advance of each webinar.

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### NEW: 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.

Webinar 1: Tuesday, 1 October 2024 from 15:00–16:00 UTC | [Register](#)

Webinar 2: Wednesday, 2 October 2024 from 00:00–1:00 UTC | [Register](#)

[Read more.](#)

## Action Items

### Draft ICANN FY26–30 Strategic Plan and Operating Plan Framework Open for Public Comment

The Draft ICANN FY26–30 Strategic Plan and Operating Plan Framework is open for Public Comment through **17 September 2024**. [Read More and Participate](#)

The Board Strategic Planning Committee co-chairs hosted two community webinars on 30 and 31 July 2024 to provide an in-depth overview of the plans. The zoom Recordings are posted [here](#).

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### Call for 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: 27 September 2024**

[Read more.](#)

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### 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](mailto:fernanda.iunes@icann.org).

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### 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](mailto: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](#).

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## Public Comment

**CLOSES MONDAY:** [Data Processing Specification for ICANN-Accredited Registries and Registrars](#)

**Open for Submissions:** 29 July 2024

**Closed for Submissions:** 09 September 2024

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**CLOSES ONE WEEK FROM TODAY:** [gTLD IDN Tables Review Process When Reference LGR is not available](#)

**Open for Submissions:** 01 August 2024

**Closed for Submissions:** 12 September 2024

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[IRP-IOT – Proposed updates to the IRP Supplementary Procedures](#)

**Open for Submissions:** 03 July 2024

**Closed for Submissions:** 16 September 2024

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[Proposed Fundamental Bylaws Amendments Related to Grant Program](#)

**Submissions Opening Date:** Wednesday, 7 August 2024

**Submissions Closing Date:** Monday, 16 September 2024

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[Draft ICANN Strategic Plan and Operating Plan Framework for FY26-30](#)

**Open for Submissions:** 23 July 2024

**Closed for Submissions:** 17 September 2024

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

Open for Submissions: 01 August 2024

Closed for Submissions: 30 September 2024

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See [upcoming proceedings](#).

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