

## ICANN Community Digest



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## Information Sharing

### **NEW:** ICANN Renews .COM Registry Agreement with Verisign

ICANN today announced the renewal of its [.COM Registry Agreement \(RA\)](#) with Verisign. A link to the related Board resolution is available [here](#). This follows the closing of a [Public Comment](#) period regarding the renewal, during which time stakeholders had the opportunity to formally and publicly share their opinions and recommendations. All public comments were carefully considered by the ICANN org staff and Board prior to the decision to approve the proposed agreement.

[Read more.](#)

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### **NEW:** Kicking Off Class 2 of the Policy Development Accelerator

Our topic is going to be New gTLD Applicant Support and anyone is welcome to join. We will be meeting on Thursdays at 13:00 UTC and may add additional sessions depending on the amount of interest in this program.

Please fill out this form to indicate your interest and be added to the mailing list:

<https://forms.gle/4U6SUmGjMU46FhGWj7>

Accelerator participants are expected to attend our meetings regularly, participate in our discussions, and learn something new every session.

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### **NEW: A Look Back at ICANN81**

On behalf of the ICANN organization, I'd like to thank everyone who helped make the [ICANN81 Annual General Meeting](#) a success. I'm pleased to share that the attendance at ICANN81 was the highest of any ICANN Public Meeting since 2019: 1,982 people attended the meeting in Istanbul, Republic of Türkiye, in person, while 722 participated virtually.

[Read more.](#)

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### **NEW: ICANN Seeks Input on Draft PTI Strategic Plan Covering 2025 to 2030**

ICANN is publishing a draft document for input on Public Technical Identifier's (PTI) 2025-2030 Strategic Plan. This document is entitled "IANA 2030," and ICANN seeks community review and input prior to finalization and adoption by the PTI Board of Directors. The plan defines PTI's strategy in delivering the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) functions and represents a subset of the ICANN org's strategy. The PTI Board has developed this draft with IANA staff, customers, community stakeholders, and the broader ICANN org.

[Read more.](#)

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### **NEW: ICANN Publishes Fiscal Year 2025 First-Quarter Management Financial Results**

ICANN has published its fiscal year 2025 (FY25) first-quarter (Q1) management financial results. ICANN has also published the FY25 Q1 management financial results for its Public Technical Identifiers (PTI) affiliate.

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### **NEW: Call for SO/ACs to Nominate Fellowship Program Mentors and Selection Committee Members**

ICANN invites its Supporting Organizations (SOs) and Advisory Committees (ACs) to nominate volunteers to serve as mentors in its Fellowship Program and to serve on the Fellowship Program Selection Committee. Each group is welcome to nominate one individual for each role.

Interested SOs/ACs should select their respective Fellowship Program mentor and Selection Committee representative no later than **31 January 2025** and notify ICANN Fellowship Program Manager Siranush Vardanyan at [siranush.vardanyan@icann.org](mailto:siranush.vardanyan@icann.org). Individual self-nominations will not be considered.

#### **Mentors:**

- Mentors generally must plan on a time commitment of approximately 30-40 hours before, during, and immediately after each ICANN Public Meeting. This includes extensive pre-meeting preparation, on-site support for their assigned fellows, and post-meeting reporting.
- Each mentor will serve a term that includes three consecutive ICANN Public Meetings, beginning with ICANN84 (from ICANN84 - ICANN86 inclusive).
- Mentors are expected to follow Fellowship Program guidelines to help ensure consistency in capacity development opportunities for fellows and to help fellows actively participate in ICANN's work.
- Mentors will receive travel funding support (if applicable).

#### **Selection Committee Members:**

- Members should plan on a time commitment of approximately 30-40 hours over four to five weeks for each Public Meeting.
- Selection Committee members will typically serve for two years, which encompasses six Public Meetings.

- Work for this role will begin in April 2025 to select fellows for ICANN84.
- Selection Committee members will not receive travel funding support.

For more information on the guidelines and expectations, please go [here](#) for additional details on the Mentorship program and [here](#) for additional details on the Selection Committee.

Mentors cannot serve on the Selection Committee while serving their terms as mentors.

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### **ICANN Opens Application Period for New gTLD Applicant Support Program**

ICANN has opened the application submission period for the Applicant Support Program (ASP), part the New Generic Top-Level Domains (gTLD) Program: Next Round. The ASP provides financial and nonfinancial assistance to qualified, eligible entities who plan to apply for a new gTLD. The application window will be open for 12 months.

[Read more.](#)

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### **ICANN Opens New gTLD Registry Service Provider Evaluation Program**

ICANN has opened the Registry Service Provider (RSP) Evaluation Program for the New Generic TopLevel Domains (gTLD) Program: Next Round. The RSP Evaluation Program was created to streamline the evaluation of gTLD applications by separating the evaluation of the technical aspects of operating the gTLD from the application for the name.

[Read more.](#)

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### **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](mailto:nextroundinfo@icann.org). ASP leads, targets, and ideas can be sent to [engagement.newgTLDprogram@icann.org](mailto:engagement.newgTLDprogram@icann.org).

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### **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!

## **Webinars**

### **ICANN Community Webinar on the Continuous Improvement Program Framework**

The CIP-CCG will provide an overview of the CIP Framework and the Public Comment proceeding during



a community webinar on **Wednesday, 4 December at 20:00 UTC**. The purpose of this webinar is to help promote awareness of the framework and its implementation.

Further questions or comments can be sent to [rsa-coordinators@icann.org](mailto:rsa-coordinators@icann.org). For more information about ICANN Reviews, please visit the [ICANN Accountability page](#) and [ICANN.org Reviews page](#).

## Action Items

### ICANN82 Community Childcare Grants Program: Apply Now

Grants of up to \$750 per family are available for ICANN Public Meeting participants who meet the criteria, are bringing children, and will incur expenses associated with babysitting or local childcare services.

**Deadline: Friday, 24 January 2025**

[Read more.](#)

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### ICANN Community Excellence Award: Now Accepting Nominations

The nomination period will close on **9 January 2025 at 23:59 UTC**.

[Read more.](#)

## Public Comment

### **NEW: IANA 2030 Strategy: Draft PTI Strategic Plan covering 2025 to 2030**

**Open for Submissions:** 16 October 2024

**Closed for Submissions:** 02 December 2024

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### **ICANN Community Participant Code of Conduct on SOIs and General Ethics Policy**

**Open for Submissions:** 16 October 2024

**Closed for Submissions:** 02 December 2024

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### **Proposed Internet Coordination Policy 2 (ICP-2) Version 2 Principles**

**Open for Submissions:** 08 October 2024

**Closed for Submissions:** 06 December 2024

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### **Proposed Revisions to Community Anti-Harassment Policy**

**Open for Submissions:** 04 November 2024

**Closed for Submissions:** 20 December 2024

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### **Continuous Improvement Program Framework**

**Open for Submissions:** 21 November 2024

**Closed for Submissions:** 09 January 2025

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See [upcoming proceedings](#).

See [other public consultations](#).

## Events

These events occur between the dates of 25 November and 28 November 2024. To learn more, please visit our [community engagement calendar](#).

- **NEW:** ICANN Technical Training Europe: Automated DNSSEC
- **NEW:** UK Stakeholders and WSIS+20 Review

- **NEW:** IGF Kyrgyzstan 2024
- **NEW:** Middle East Network Operators Group 2024 (MENOG24)
- **NEW:** 12th AfICTA Summit (Virtual); Theme: Digital Agenda 2030: Shaping Africa's Future Through Innovative Technology & Collaboration
- Africa ccTLD Week
- LAC-i Roadshow Caribbean Edition (Jamaica)
- ICANN LAC-i Roadshow (Caribbean)

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