

## ICANN Community Digest



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- These events occur between the dates of 02 December and 09 December 2024.

## Information Sharing

### **NEW:** Reflecting on a Remarkable Year for ICANN in the LAC Region

As 2024 draws to a close, it's the perfect time to reflect on a year of collaboration, impactful initiatives, and achievements for ICANN across the Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) region.

[Read more.](#)

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### **NEW:** 2024 in Review: Stakeholder Engagement Across North America

From local outreach in Puerto Rico to global policy dialogues in Washington, D.C., 2024 showcased the strength of collaboration in supporting a secure and resilient Internet.

[Read more.](#)

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## 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/4U6SUmGmU46FhGWj7>

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

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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 Webinar Series - Europe: Blocking Ads and Trackers at the Domain Level

In this webinar, Peter Lowe will give a mix of history, technical details, policy, and interesting situations from his past 27 years of running a block list for ads and trackers.

Date: Wednesday 11 December 2024 (12:00 - 12:45 UTC)

[Read more and Register.](#)

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## Webinar: Improving DNSSEC Validation in Nigeria

The objective of the webinar is to promote DNSSEC validation and ensure Nigeria achieves increased awareness by the end of the year and at least 50% DNSSEC validation rate by the first quarter of 2025.

Date: Thursday 12 December 2024

[Read more and Register.](#)

## 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.](#)

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### 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.

## Public Comment

**CLOSES TOMORROW:** [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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**[IANA 2030 Strategy: Draft PTI Strategic Plan covering 2025 to 2030](#)**

**Open for Submissions:** 26 November 2024  
**Closed for Submissions:** 29 January 2025

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See [upcoming proceedings](#).

See [other public consultations](#).

## Events

These events occur between the dates of 02 December and 09 December 2024. To learn more, please visit our [community engagement calendar](#).

- Connected Caribbean Summit
- IGF Kyrgyzstan 2024
- Middle East Network Operators Group 2024 (MENOG24)
- 12th AfICTA Summit (Virtual); Theme: Digital Agenda 2030: Shaping Africa's Future Through Innovative Technology & Collaboration

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