

ICANN Community Leadership Digest



The ICANN org Policy Development Support function publishes this twice-weekly digest to help ICANN community leaders track requests and follow updates.

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CLOSES TODAY: Call for Volunteers: Intergovernmental Organization (IGO) Work Track

From: David Olive, Senior Vice President, Policy Development Support

The GNSO Council is requesting that interested Supporting Organizations (SOs), Advisory Committees (ACs), and GNSO Stakeholder Groups and Constituencies consider appointing members to the Intergovernmental Organization (IGO) Work Track, a group to be formed within an ongoing Policy Development Process (PDP) reviewing all rights protection mechanisms in all gTLDs at the second level of the domain name system.

The composition of the IGO Work Track is as follows:

- The Registries Stakeholder Group: up to 2 members
- The Registrars Stakeholder Group: up to 2 members
- The Commercial Stakeholder Group: up to 3 members
- The Non-Commercial Stakeholder Group: up to 3 members
- Each AC, other SOs and IGOs: up to 2 members per group

Please confirm your appointed members and alternates at the latest by **Monday, 7 December 2020** by notifying the GNSO Secretariat at gnso-secs@icann.org.

[Learn more about the work track and how to apply.](#)

NEW: Board Activity on the Third Accountability and Transparency Review

From: Maarten Botterman, ICANN Board Chair

Earlier this year, the third Accountability and Transparency Review Team (ATRT3) delivered its [Final Report](#) to the ICANN Board. This report was then posted for Public Comment to help inform the Board's action on the final recommendations.

During the Board's 30 November meeting, the Board [resolved](#) to approve the five recommendations in the ATRT3 [Final Report](#), comprised of 15 component parts as enumerated in the [scorecard](#), which call for:

1. Updates to the requirements of ICANN's Public Comment proceedings.
2. ICANN org to review the implementation of the second Accountability and Transparency Review Team (ATRT2) recommendations in light of the ATRT3's assessment, and to complete the implementation of ATRT2 recommendations subject to prioritization.

3. Changes to Specific and Organizational Reviews, including creation of a new Holistic Review of ICANN, and evolution of Organizational Reviews into Continuous Improvement Programs.
4. Improvements to the accountability and transparency of ICANN's Strategic and Operating Plans.
5. The creation of a community-led entity tasked with operating a prioritization process for recommendations made by review teams, cross-community groups, or any other community-related budgetary elements the Board or ICANN org feels appropriate.

On behalf of the Board, I want to extend our thanks to the ATRT3 team for its dedication and hard work. The ATRT3 Final Report is the culmination of 14 months of work by 19 team members, representing more than 2,500 hours of meetings and significant engagement with the wider ICANN community throughout the process. The commitment and efforts of this review team and thoughtful contributions of the wider community via public comments and other engagement with the ATRT3 cannot be underestimated. This illustrates the strength, accountability, and transparency of the multistakeholder model.

[Learn more.](#)

REMINDER: Request for Community Selection Panel Participants – 2021 ICANN Community Excellence Award Program

From: David Olive, Senior Vice President, Policy Development Support

ICANN's Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees will be requested to provide up to two members from their respective group to help choose the recipient of the 2021 ICANN Community Excellence Award.

The 2021 ICANN Community Excellence Award will be presented during ICANN71. A community selection panel will be formed to review the nominations and select the award recipient. Ideally, panelists will serve a maximum of two consecutive terms on the selection panel to ensure diversity and equal opportunity among community members. The time commitment for the selection panel includes weekly one-hour calls between the end of March through June.

Further information will be available in the upcoming weeks.

REMINDER: Call for SOs/ACs to Nominate Fellowship Program Mentors and Selection Committee Members

From: Sally Costerton, Senior Vice President, Global Stakeholder Engagement

ICANN has [announced](#) a call for nominees to volunteer to serve as mentors to the Fellowship Program and as members to its Selection Committee. There will be a total of seven mentors and seven Selection Committee members, and each group is welcome to nominate one individual for each role.

Interested Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees should select their respective Fellowship Program mentor and Selection Committee representative by **Sunday, 31 January 2021** and notify fellowshipconsultation@icann.org. Individual self-nominations will not be considered.

Criteria for mentors and Selection Committee members can be found [here](#).

REMINDER: FY22 Additional Budget Requests Due 29 January 2021

ICANN org has launched the FY22 Additional Budget Request process. This process pertains to a dedicated part of the overall ICANN annual budget that is set aside to fund specific requests from the community for activities that are not already included in the recurring ICANN budget.

Submissions are due on **Friday, 29 January 2021 at 23:59 UTC** to planning@icann.org.

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Close Date: Tuesday, 8 December 2020

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Close Date: Friday, 22 January 2021