



Dear Registry and Registrar Partners,

As we approach the end of 2025, ICANN would like to extend its sincere gratitude for your continued partnership and support throughout the year. Your commitment to operating in alignment with your ICANN agreements has played a vital role in maintaining a secure, stable, and interoperable Internet. We greatly value your collaboration on many key initiatives that have contributed to meaningful progress across the domain name industry.

Together, ICANN and the contracted parties achieved several significant shared milestones in 2025. These accomplishments include, but are not limited to, the development of the [2025 Contracted Parties Summit Statement](#) by the Contracted Party House, [DNS Abuse Mitigation work](#), the sunset of WHOIS, and the implementation of the [Registration Data Policy](#). We also want to acknowledge the SubPro Implementation Review Team members' efforts on the publication of the Applicant Guidebook.

Your continued dedication to ICANN's mission is essential to maintaining the stability and security of the Internet's unique identifier systems. We look forward to building on our shared achievements in the year ahead.

A couple of important reminders as we approach the end of the year:

1. **Holiday Break:** ICANN offices will be closed from 01:00 UTC on Wednesday, 24 December 2025, and will reopen at 16:00 UTC on Monday, 5 January 2026.
2. **2025 Annual Certification:** The deadline for the 2025 Annual Certification is 20 January 2026. On 5 January, registry operators will be reminded by email to submit their certification through the Naming Services portal (NSp), and registrars will receive a notification via an electronic signature tool.

On behalf of ICANN, we extend our warmest wishes to you, your teams, and your families for a joyful holiday season and a successful year ahead.

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