

Staff Report of Public Comment Proceeding

Proposed Dates for ICANN Public Meetings 2024 - 2028

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Section I: General Overview and Next Steps

ICANN attempts to post dates for its triannual Public Meetings at least five years in advance to allow participants sufficient time to plan their travel and attendance.

In selecting dates for meetings from 2024 through 2028, ICANN Staff took care to avoid scheduling conflicts with global, national, and religious holidays, as well as other community events.

Before the dates for future meetings are finalized, the proposed dates are shared with the larger community via ICANN Public Comment to help identify any additional conflicts we may have missed.

After review of this Summary of Public Comments, ICANN made revisions to the dates for three of fifteen ICANN Meetings to be held 2024 to 2028. This comment period has been extended to 19 March 2020 to provide the community with an opportunity to comment on the revised dates.

The final step will be for ICANN to announce and publish the official dates for ICANN Public Meeting in 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, and 2028.

2022	Proposed Dates	Rationale / Comments
ICANN75 – Annual General Meeting	8-13 October 2022 17-22 September 2022 (no change to current dates)	Previously approved dates will be retained to respect current planning and avoid conflict with Jewish and Hindu holidays.
2024	Proposed Dates	Rationale / Comments
ICANN79 – Community Forum	2-7 March 2024	Dates do not conflict with Ramadan, which begins 10 March 2024. Dates are the week following APRICOT.

ICANN80 – Policy Forum	10-13 June 2024		
ICANN81 – Annual General Meeting	19-24 October 2024 9-14 November 2024	Revised dates avoid conflict with Jewish holidays and Diwali. Dates are immediately following IETF 121.	
2025	Proposed Dates	Rationale / Comments	
ICANN82 – Community Forum	8-13 March 2025	Conflict with Ramadan is unavoidable. Dates are two days before IETF 122.	
ICANN83 – Policy Forum	9-12 June 2025		
ICANN84 – Annual General Meeting	25-30 October 2025	Dates are two days before IETF 124.	
2026	Proposed Dates	Rationale / Comments	
ICANN85 – Community Forum	7-12 March 2026	Conflict with Ramadan is unavoidable. Dates are two days before IETF 125.	
ICANN86 – Policy Forum	8-11 June 2026		
ICANN87 – Annual General Meeting	17-22 October 2026		
2027	Proposed Dates	Rationale / Comments	
ICANN88 – Community Forum	20-25 March 2027 13-18 March 2027	Revised dates avoid conflict with the week of Easter. Dates are immediately following IETF 128.	
ICANN89 – Policy Forum	14-17 June 2027		
ICANN90 – Annual General Meeting	16-21 October 2027 30 Oct - 4 Nov 2027	Revised Dates avoid conflict with Jewish holidays.	
2028	Proposed Dates	Rationale / Comments	
ICANN91 – Community Forum	4-9 March 2028		
ICANN92 – Policy Forum	12-15 June 2028		
ICANN93 – Annual General Meeting	21-26 October 2028		

Section II: Contributors

At the time this report was prepared, a total of seven (7) community submissions had been posted to the forum. The contributors, both individuals and organizations/groups, are listed below in chronological order by posting date with initials noted. To the extent that quotations are used in the foregoing narrative (Section III), such citations will reference the contributor's initials.

Organizations and Groups:

Name	Submitted by	Initials
At-Large Advisory Committee	ICANN At-Large Staff	ALAC
Registrar Stakeholder Group	Zoe Bonython	RrSG
ICANN Governmental Advisory Committee	Rob Hoggarth	GAC
Non-Commercial Stakeholders Group of the GNSO	Rafik Dammak	NCSG

Individuals:

Name	Affiliation (if provided)	Initials
Kristian Ørmen		KØ
Judith Hellerstein	At-Large Advisory Committee	JH
Alejandra Reynoso	Vice-Chair, ccNSO Council	AR

Section III: Summary of Comments

General Disclaimer: This section intends to summarize broadly and comprehensively the comments submitted to this public comment proceeding but does not address every specific position stated by each contributor. The preparer recommends that readers interested in specific aspects of any of the summarized comments, or the full context of others, refer directly to the specific contributions at the link referenced above (View Comments Submitted).

Comments related to proposed revised dates for ICANN75 – Annual General Meeting in 2022

- KØ suggests a late change to the dates for the AGM in 2022 may be disruptive for attendees who have already made travel plans.
- JH, ALAC and NCSG suggest moving the proposed revised dates of the AGM in 2022 two or three weeks later to avoid conflict with Jewish holidays.
- The GAC identified the next ITU Plenipotentiary Conference scheduled from 26 September to 14 October as a conflict with the proposed revised dates for the AGM in 2022.

Comments related to proposed dates in 2024

- The NCSG identified Ramadan as a conflict for **ICANN79 – Community Forum** in March 2024.

- JH, ALAC and NCSG recommend moving the dates for **ICANN81 – Annual General Meeting** in 2024 at least one week later to avoid conflict with Jewish holidays in October.

Comments related to proposed dates in 2025 and 2026

- ALAC and NCSG identified Ramadan as a conflict for **ICANN82 – Community Forum** in 2025 and **ICANN85 – Community Forum** in 2026.

Comments related to proposed dates in 2027

- KØ, AR, RrSG, and NCSG identified the week of Easter as a conflict for **ICANN88 – Community Forum** in March 2027. AR suggests moving the dates one week earlier to avoid conflict while RrSG suggest moving the dates three weeks earlier.
- JH, ALAC and NCSG identified Jewish holidays in conflict with **ICANN90 – Annual General Meeting** in 2027 and suggest moving the dates two weeks later.

Other Comments

- JH, ALAC, and NCSG believe that important holidays should be prioritized over the avoidance of scheduling the ICANN meetings back to back with other community events such as the IETF.

Section IV: Analysis of Comments

General Disclaimer: This section intends to provide an analysis and evaluation of the comments submitted along with explanations regarding the basis for any recommendations provided within the analysis.

The dates proposed by JH, ALAC, and NCSG for ICANN75 – Annual General Meeting in 2022 would create conflict with the Hindu holiday of Diwali. Therefore, ICANN will retain the previously confirmed dates of 17-22 September 2022 to avoid Hindu and Jewish holidays as well as the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference in October.

ICANN reviewed the conflict submitted by the NCSG for ICANN79 – Community Forum in 2024 with Ramadan and determined the proposed dates of 2-7 March 2024 do not conflict with Ramadan, which is from the evening of 10 March to 8 April 2024.

ICANN accepts the suggestion to move ICANN81 – Annual General Meeting in 2024 to reduce conflict with Jewish holidays. However, moving them one week later as proposed by JH, ALAC and NCSG would create conflict with Diwali. Alternatively, ICANN has selected dates three weeks later from 9-14 November 2024 to avoid conflict with important holidays and community events.

ICANN recognizes the concerns submitted by ALAC and NCSG regarding the proposed dates for ICANN82 – Community Forum from 8-13 March 2025 and conflict with Ramadan from 1-30 March 2025. While the proposed dates coincide with Ramadan, ICANN org took care to avoid the important Islamic holidays of Lailat-al-Qadr on 27 March and Eid-al-Fitr on 31 March 2025.

The APRICOT meeting is scheduled in the final weeks of February and IETF is scheduled the third week of March. Therefore, the proposed dates remain the least conflicted.

ICANN recognizes the concerns submitted by ALAC and NCSG regarding the proposed dates for ICANN85 – Community Forum from 7-12 March 2026 and conflict with Ramadan from 18 February to 19 March 2026. While the proposed dates coincide with Ramadan, ICANN org took care to avoid the important Islamic holiday of Eid-al-Fitr on 20 March 2026. If we move the meeting one week later, the dates conflict with IETF; two weeks later would require attendees to travel during Eid-al-Fitr, and three weeks later would conflict with the Easter holiday. Dates before Ramadan in early February are too soon following ICANN81. Therefore, the proposed dates remain the least conflicted.

ICANN accepts the suggestion to move ICANN88 – Community Forum in March 2027 one week later to avoid conflict with the week of Easter.

ICANN accepts the proposal to move ICANN90 – Annual General Meeting in October 2027 two weeks later to avoid conflict with Jewish holidays.

ICANN is sensitive to the importance of religious dates and holidays around the world. We make every effort to avoid scheduling the meetings immediately before, or after another community event. This consideration was made at the request of the community, to address volunteer burnout and continuous time away from home for travelers. Past consultation with the community also suggested that individual labor laws may prohibit some of our attendees from extended periods of travel with no breaks.

Regrettably, there are a number of proposed dates for meetings in 2024 through 2028 which are adjacent to IETF or APRICOT meetings. While some of the comments submitted to this forum suggest this would be convenient, ICANN remains mindful that this may be a burden for others.

Please see the table above for the final proposed dates for ICANN meetings from 2024 through 2028 or click [here](#) to view a full calendar of all dates.