Public Comment at ICANN

What is Public Comment?

Public Comment gives the ICANN community, Internet stakeholders, and the public an opportunity to provide input on ICANN’s work and policies.

It is a vital part of our multistakeholder model, and contributes to our transparency and accountability commitments.

How Does It Work?

1. Proceedings Open
   - A proceeding is the process for gathering input on topics like policy and review recommendations, governance documents, and registry agreements.
   - The ICANN Board, Supporting Organizations, Advisory Committees, or ICANN organization (org) can open proceedings.
   - Proceedings are open for a minimum of 40 days with exceptions.

2. Stakeholders Give Input
   - Read the proposal and determine whether you are impacted.
   - Relevant resources are available on the proceeding webpage.
   - Anyone can make a submission including: ICANN community groups, governments, civil society, corporations, the technical community, and individual end users.
   - Submissions may agree or disagree with the proposal or suggest improvements.
   - All submissions are public.

3. Proceeding Closes
   - ICANN org has at least 14 days to review submissions.

4. Summary Report
   - ICANN org summarizes submissions and identifies themes into a published report.

5. Your Impact
   - The group that opened the proceeding reviews the submissions and summary report, addresses the input, and proposes next steps.

Get Involved!

Read more about ICANN’s Public Comment, and the open and upcoming proceedings by visiting: https://icann.org/en/public-comment.
Have a question? Email us at: public-comment@icann.org.

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