



# ICANN updates and priorities

TLDCON 2025

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# ICANN organizational objectives FY2026

## Organization overall:

- ⦿ Organizational excellence
- ⦿ Financial responsibility
- ⦿ Continuous improvement
- ⦿ Deliver IANA strategic and operation plan
- ⦿ Improve policy and advice process
- ⦿ Strengthen Root server governance, RIR support

## How we work:

- ⦿ Enhance and improve ICANN meetings
- ⦿ Regional participation
- ⦿ Support multistakeholder process

## Specific initiatives:

- ⦿ Digital inclusion
- ⦿ Coalition for digital Africa
- ⦿ DNS Abuse mitigation
- ⦿ Ecological responsibility
- ⦿ Digital transformation and E&IT maturity

See ICANN organizational objectives [here](#)

# Key Dates

NOV 2025



**Applicant  
Support Program  
Application  
Submission**

Application  
submission period  
for assistance  
through ASP  
**closes 19 Nov.  
2025**

DEC 2025



**Published List  
of RSPs**

List of RSP applicants  
that have gone through  
RSP Evaluation will be  
published **9 Dec. 2025.**



**Applicant  
Guidebook**

Applicant Guidebook, the  
official 'rule book' for the  
program, estimated to be  
available **December 2025.**

APRIL 2026



**gTLD Application  
Submission**

Application submission period  
for new gTLDs expected to  
open in **April 2026**

Q3 2026

# RSP Organizations by Region

Status as of 31 July 2025

Region	Number of Applicants
AF	1
APAC	11
EUR	17
NA	7
LAC	1
Pending	-
Total number of applicants	37

# ASP Application Status (19 August 2025)

Total ASP Applications

80

## ACTIVE APPLICANT PIPELINE

Process Started

18

Application process has been started by applicants.

Organization Submitted

26

Applicants have submitted required organizational information; now in Phase 1.

Applications Submitted

3

Complete applications that have been submitted; now in Phase 2.

Conditionally Approved

3

Applications that have passed Phase 1 and Phase 2 evaluation awaiting deposit.

Fully Approved

0

Applications that have received final approval after deposit has been received.

29

Applications inactive\*

1

Applications withdrawn by the applicant

0

Applications ineligible

# Functional model for Root DNS governance

Governance Model Overview

Proposed RSS Council with defined principles, committees & roles

Implementation Plan

Three-phase deployment: design → formation → operationalization

Core Functions

Key areas: strategy, finance, performance, security, designation

Engagement Tools

New platforms, communication, and roundtables for transparency

Call to Action

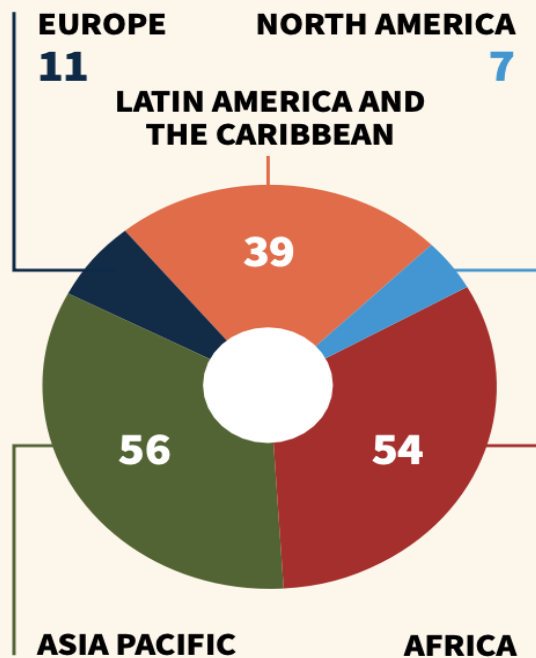
Public comment open: August 11 – September 22, 2025

Please see the full doc [here](#)

# UA Days 2023-2025: At a Glance

## 167 UA Day Events

- 3 years
- 82 countries
- 39 languages



## 23,663 Participants Total Across All Regions

### PARTICIPANTS

2023	9,424
2024	6,544
2025	7,695

## UA Day Event Dates

Organized on or around  
**28 March annually**,  
with events between  
**1 March and 30 May**.

## 167 UA Day Events by Type

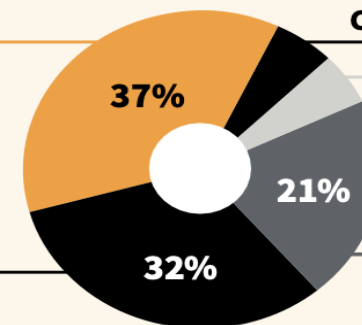
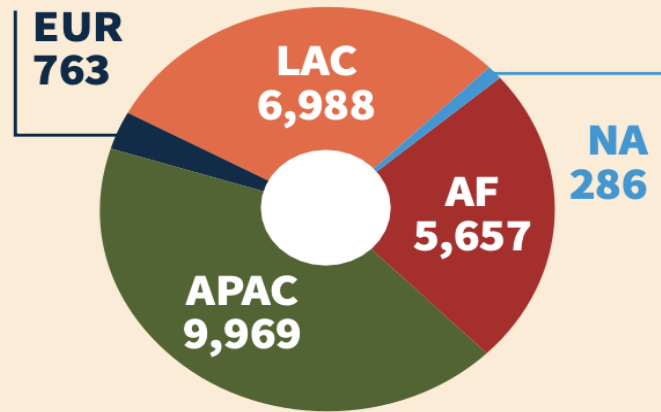
UA Awareness  
Event

UA Technical  
Training Event

UA Academic  
Curricula Event 5%

UA (Multi)  
Regional  
Strategy Event  
5%

UA Adoption  
Event



See UA Day Annual Reports on <https://www.icann.org/ua-day-en> in 7 UN languages.

# UA Day 2026

- UA Day 2026 is being planned to take place between March and May 2026.
- We will announce the call for proposals in October.
- For details, visit <https://www.icann.org/ua-day-en> or follow ICANN's newsletters and social accounts.



Contribute to UA Day 2026 events globally!

# Welcome to ICANN 84!



84 | ANNUAL  
GENERAL  
MEETING

DUBLIN



- Biggest meeting of the year
- 25-30 October 2025
- The registration is open now, please register at <https://meetings.icann.org/en/meetings/icann84/>

# Engage with ICANN – Thank You and Questions



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