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ICANN Launches \$10 Million Grant Program to Boost Global Internet Growth

ICANN, the organization overseeing the Domain Name System, has announced a \$10 million grant initiative to propel projects supporting “the growth of a single, open and globally interoperable Internet.” The first application cycle for grants is set to open in March 2024.

As per the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), 5.3 billion people globally accessed the Internet in 2022, showcasing a 6.1% growth from the previous year. ICANN’s Grant Program aims to bolster the inclusive and transparent development of stable and secure internet infrastructure solutions to support the Internet’s identifier systems.

“With the rapid evolution of emerging technologies, businesses and security models, it is critical that the Internet’s unique identifier systems continue to evolve,” said Sally Costerton, Interim President and CEO, ICANN. “The ICANN Grant Program offers a new avenue to further those efforts by investing in projects that are committed to and support ICANN’s vision of a single, open and globally interoperable Internet that fosters inclusion amongst a broad, global community of users.”

ICANN is set to accept grant applications from March 25, 2024, to May 24, 2024. Following closure, applications will undergo checks for admissibility and eligibility. The Independent Application Assessment Panel will review and announce the grantees tentatively in January 2025.

Source: CircleID

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IP Updates

A comprehensive summary of the most notable IP updates and developments over the last year



TRADEMARKS

- **KSA**
 - Major change to the trademark registration process, where the e-filing system no longer allows selecting class headings upon filing trademark applications.
 - Adoption of the 12th Edition of the NICE Classification.
- **South Sudan**

Although the Intellectual Property Bill has not been passed into law, it became possible to reserve trademarks, where a third party will not be able to register a similar mark once the Bill becomes law.
- **Libya**

The Trademark Office resumed its full activities after a suspension.
- **UAE**

New procedures for trademark renewal allow trademark applications to be renewed without a legalized POA.



DESIGNS

- **Kuwait**

Publication of patents and industrial designs became in electronic format and through the official patent online platform of the Patent Office.



PATENTS

- **UAE**

New patent and design regulations introducing new charges applicable to academic and SME entities, and allowing a grace period of 90 days for the submission of legal documents and Arabic translations following the filing of an application.
- **China**

Release of the Revised Patent Examination Guidelines and Implementing Regulations of the Patent Law.
- **GCC**
 - Introduction of the “WIPO Publish” search system to search for patents granted by the GCCPO.
 - GCCPO started accepting new filings (Paris Convention applications), and performing formality and substantive examination pertaining to Qatar
- **KSA**
 - KSA has officially joined the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) pilot program with the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore.
 - SAIP has been appointed as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT/ISA/IPEA).
- **Lebanon**

The Patent Office resumed its operations after suspension.

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- **Kuwait**

New patent annuities procedures, where the annuities of national/ local applications (Paris route) became due at the beginning of each year subsequent to the year in which the application was filed.



DOMAIN NAMES

- **Oman**

Renewal fees will be deducted automatically for the .OM domains unless instructed otherwise by the Registrar.



LAWS & REGULATIONS

- **KSA**

New amended Patent and Industrial Design Law

- **Pakistan**

- The Trade Marks (Amendment) Act 2023, which amends the Trade Marks Ordinance 2001, has brought significant changes to trademark practices in Pakistan.
- Adoption of New Industrial Designs Rules.

- **Qatar**

Adoption of the GCC Trademark Law and its implementing regulations.



FEES

- **Syria**

Increase in trademarks and designs official fees.

- **UAE**

Reinstatement of the official fees for all zero-rated services affected by the previous Cabinet Resolution No. (20) of 2020, including annuities, publications, assignments, amendments, restorations, and more.

- **Bahrain**

New official fees of patent and utility model registration for individuals.

- **Oman**

Reduction in publication official fees.

- **Egypt**

Increases in official fees of patent examination.



OTHER IP ISSUES

- **China**

China has officially joined the Hague Convention Abolishing the Requirement of Legalization for Foreign Public Documents (Apostille Convention)

- **KSA**

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- **Gaza**

IP applications should be filed through an authorized IP agent or a legal practitioner, duly recognized by the Trademark Office in Gaza

- **Oman**

Establishment of the National Center for Intellectual Property.

ICANN to Hold APAC DNS Forum 2024 in Bali, Indonesia

The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) announced plans for the Asia Pacific (APAC) Domain Name System (DNS) Forum 2024. Organized jointly by ICANN and Pengelola Nama Domain Internet Indonesia (PANDI), the APAC DNS Forum 2024 is scheduled to take place 23–24 July 2024 in Bali, Indonesia.

The APAC DNS Forum 2024 will convene regional DNS experts and the broader community to discuss the latest developments, opportunities, and challenges in the domain name marketplace. Topics may include the digital outlook for the APAC region, cybersecurity, and the future of the DNS and emerging technologies. To provide participants the flexibility to attend in person or remotely, the APAC DNS Forum 2024 will be held as a hybrid event.

“The APAC DNS Forum 2024 provides a unique platform for the APAC community to engage, network, and collaborate. “We are building an exciting agenda that will be meaningful and informational for the community,” said Jia-Rong Low, Vice President, Stakeholder Engagement and Managing Director, ICANN Asia Pacific.

“PANDI’s focus area for advances in DNS technology continues to be in line with ICANN’s mission to create a stable and secure Internet. “We are honored to be the co-host for the APAC DNS Forum 2024, and to contribute to supporting the growth of domain name usage in the APAC region,” said PANDI Chairman John Sihar Simanjuntak. “We also look forward to discussions with stakeholders from across the APAC region because we are passionate about facilitating collaboration, exchanging ideas, and finding innovative solutions through this event. Our deepest warm welcome to Bali, Indonesia.”

Further details about the event, including venue, registration, and requests for session proposals and sponsorships, will be announced in March 2024, and [at https://apacdnsforum.asia/](https://apacdnsforum.asia/).

About ICANN

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Source: ICANN

ICANN Publishes Draft Final Report of the 2023 Africa Domain Name Industry Study

Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) opened a new Public Comment proceeding.

ICANN is seeking feedback on the draft final report of the 2023 Africa Domain Name Industry study, conducted by PowerSoft Africa and funded by ICANN. The study examines the African Domain Name System landscape; and its outcomes are intended to help inform the Coalition for Digital Africa of future growth opportunities and development in the region.

For more information and to participate in this proceeding, please visit this webpage. Submissions Opening Date: Thursday, 21

December 2023

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Amendments to Egypt's Domain Name Registration Rules

CAIRO - The Egyptian Universities Network (EUN), the entity responsible for the administration of domain names in Egypt, announced some amendments to the rules for the registration and administration of .eg, which entered into force on January 1, 2024.

The new rules primarily introduced some arrangements in the domain name system, allowing to register the domain name in the name of corporate products and services, where there is no need to mention that name in the commercial register, on the condition that:

1. The applicant company submits its commercial register or tax card, provided that the name of the company is mentioned in the tax card.
2. The applicant company submits a letter proving its ownership of that domain.
3. The applicant company provides proof of the existence of the product or service, such as an advertising folder, a

picture of the product on the website, an advertising campaign, or any physical image in any way used to promote the product or service.

The Egyptian Universities Network affirmed that it has the right to suspend the domain that has been registered in the name of the product or service and used in bad faith for numerous reasons, such as to disrupt the competitor's business.

On the other hand, the Egyptian Universities Network will continue applying the 50% discount on the registration of new domains under (.eg) for the first year only, provided that the application is submitted for the first time for the required domain name, and that the domain is renewed the next year at no extra fees.

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- 128 GB SSD
+ 512 GB SSD



PRO



- Intel Celeron N4100
- 4 GB LPDDR3
- 256GB SSD
+ 64GB EMMC



UNI C

- Intel® Core i3
10th Generation 1005G1
- 4 GB RAM
DDR4
- 128 GB SSD



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- Intel® Core i7 10th
Generation 10510U
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DDR4
- 128 GB SSD
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PLUS I

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DDR4
- 128 GB SSD
+ 512GB HDD



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1255U
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DDR4
- 256 GB SSD
+ 1 TB HDD

- Intel® Iris®
Xe Graphics

- 4500 mAh

- AX (wifi 6) BT 5.1

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New





Intel® Core™ i5
1235U



Intel® Iris®
Xe Graphics



8 GB RAM
DDR4



5000 mAh



256 GB SSD
+ 1 TB HDD



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Spreadtrum
SC7731E Quad-core



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