

Summary Report of Public Comment Proceeding

Proposed Dates for ICANN Public Meetings 2021–2023				
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Section I: General Overview and Next Steps				
<p>The ICANN organization 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.</p> <p>In selecting dates for meetings from 2021 to 2023, ICANN staff took care to avoid scheduling conflicts with global, national, and religious holidays, as well as other community events.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>After review of this summary of public comments, the ICANN organization made revisions to the dates for five of the nine ICANN Public Meetings to be held 2021 to 2023. This comment period will be extended for 10 days following the posting of this report to provide the community with an opportunity to comment on the revised dates. The final step will be for the ICANN organization to announce and publish the official dates for ICANN Public Meetings in 2021, 2022, and 2023.</p>				

2021	Proposed Dates	Revised Dates	Conflict / Rationale
ICANN70 Community Forum	20-25 March 2021	no change	
ICANN71 Policy Forum	28 June-1 July 2021	14-17 June 2021	Midsummer Holiday; Canada Day
ICANN72 Annual General Meeting	23-29 October 2021	no change	
2022	Proposed Dates	Revised Dates	Conflict / Rationale
ICANN73 Community Forum	5-10 March 2022	no change	
ICANN74 Policy Forum	20-23 June 2022	13-16 June 2022	Midsummer Holiday
ICANN75 Annual General Meeting	15-21 October 2022	17-23 September 2022	Sukkot, Shmini Atzeret, Simchat Torah
2023	Proposed Dates	Revised Dates	Conflict / Rationale
ICANN76 Community Forum	25-30 March 2023	11-16 March 2023	Ramadan; ensure sufficient time before June meeting.
ICANN77 Policy Forum	19-22 June 2023	12-15 June 2023	Midsummer Holiday
ICANN78 Annual General Meeting	21–27 October 2023	no change	

Section II: Contributors

At the time this report was prepared, a total of four (4) 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	Yrjo Lansipuro	ALAC
Registries Stakeholder Group of the GNSO	Stéphane Van Gelder	RySG
Intellectual Property Constituency of the GNSO	Greg Shatan	IPC
Non-Commercial Stakeholder Group of the GNSO	Rafik Dammak	NCSG

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 dates in 2021

- The GNSO Non-Commercial Stakeholders Group (NCSG) identified Canada Day (1 July 2021) as a conflict with the proposed dates for **ICANN71 – Policy Forum** in 2021.
- The At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) identified the Midsummer Holiday as a conflict with the proposed dates for **ICANN71 – Policy Forum** in 2021. ALAC suggested moving the dates two weeks earlier to resolve the conflict.

Comments related to proposed dates in 2022

- The GNSO Non-Commercial Stakeholders Group (NCSG) identified the Internet Freedom Festival in Valencia, Spain as a conflict with the proposed dates for **ICANN73 – Community Forum** in 2022.
- The At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) identified the Midsummer Holiday as a conflict with the proposed dates for **ICANN74 – Policy Forum** in 2022. ALAC suggested moving the dates one week earlier to resolve the conflict.
- The At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) and the GNSO Intellectual Property Constituency (IPC) both identified major Jewish holiday conflicts with the proposed dates for **ICANN75 – Annual General Meeting** in 2022. ALAC suggested moving the dates one week later to avoid conflict.

Comments related to proposed dates in 2023

- The At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) identified the beginning of Ramadan as a conflict for **ICANN76 – Community Forum** in 2023.
- The At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) identified the Midsummer Holiday as a conflict with the proposed dates for **ICANN77 – Policy Forum** in 2023. ALAC suggested moving the dates one week earlier to resolve the conflict.

Other Comments

- The GNSO Registry Stakeholders Group (RySG) expressed concern about the tendency to shorten the meetings by moving important sessions upfront in the schedule and reducing the meetings and events on the last day. They feel that the schedule itself has become incentive to skip the last day which results in wasted time and money, and overall frustration for attendees. The RySG requests that the announced meeting dates of the ICANN Meetings guarantee constructive use of participants' time.

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 ICANN organization accepts the suggestion to move ICANN71 – Policy Forum in 2021 two weeks earlier (14-17 June 2021) to avoid conflict with Canada Day and the Midsummer Holiday.

The ICANN organization reviewed the conflict identified by the GNSO NCSG for ICANN73 –

Community Forum with the Internet Freedom Festival and determined that the original dates proposed remain the least conflicted due to APRICOT and IETF community events scheduled in March 2022. The ICANN organization will however, add the Internet Freedom Festival to the list of potential conflicts for determining future meeting dates.

The ICANN organization accepts the suggestion to move both ICANN74 – Policy Forum in 2022 and ICANN77 – Policy Forum in 2023 one week earlier to avoid conflict with the Midsummer Holiday.

The ICANN organization recognizes the conflict with important Jewish holidays over the proposed dates for ICANN75 – Annual General Meeting in 2022. Moving the dates one week later as suggested by ALAC would create a conflict with the Diwali holiday. Therefore, new dates of 17-23 September 2022 have been identified.

The ICANN organization has also moved the proposed dates for ICANN 76 – Community Forum two weeks earlier (11-16 March 2023) to avoid clashing with the start of Ramadan and to ensure sufficient time before the June meeting.

The ICANN organization recognizes the concerns submitted by the RySG related to scheduling on the last day of the meetings and will discuss these comments separately with the SO/AC Scheduling Group for ICANN61 schedule planning and any subsequent review of the current meeting strategy.