



ICANN's Role in Student & Young Professional Programs

CRC Innovation Workshop

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Youth & Young Professional Involvement

ICANN Ecosystem



ICANN's Multistakeholder Community



Regional Capacity Development Program— APIGA

- **APIGA**: Targeted for youths aged 18-35 in the APAC region
- Focus on hands-on interactive components, and networking with peers/mentors
- Co-hosted with the Korea Internet & Security Agency (KISA), partnering regional Internet organizations
- Completed 9th Regional APIGA from 18-22 Aug 2025 in Busan, South Korea

Mongolian participants from 2017, 2019, 2023, 2024, and 2025 cohorts! Still actively participating in the Internet governance space.



APIGA Expansion

First cycle of expansion from Aug 2024-Apr 2025. Local APIGA events conducted at 7 local economies. Second cycle Local APIGA events happening Sep 2025- Mar 2026.

Aims to scale for more youth leaders in the APAC region. Key benefits:

Events
conducted
mostly in local
language

Regional APIGA
alumni take on
leadership
roles—
leads/organizers
for Local APIGA

Local
employment
opportunities—
win-win for
employers and
youths

ICANN Global Programs

Getting Involved in ICANN



Fellowship

Global capacity-building program to support ICANN's multistakeholder community. [Online application process](#) is open three times per year to participate in an ICANN Public Meeting (one meeting for Alumni only).



NextGen

Regionally based program to create awareness and promote future discussions with universities and other regional forums. [Online application process](#) is open three times per year to attend an ICANN Public Meeting.

Applications for ICANN85 Mumbai Meeting Now Open! (until 3 Oct)



Newcomer

Program dedicated to those entering the ICANN community. Options are self-study using the Newcomer web page "[ICANN for Beginners](#)", or participation in person or remotely at the Newcomer meeting at an ICANN Public Meeting.

Watch Fellowship and NextGen video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nrV_ZkDEfIQ



Watch Newcomer video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=da1RQt9-e-g>



Why Is Youth Participation Important?



Welcome
collaboration to
develop youth
leaders from
Mongolia!

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