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2026 Round The TLD Application Management System (TAMS)

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Welcome Message

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Readiness Content Disclaimer

The authoritative source for all information about New gTLD Program: 2026 Round rules, evaluations, restrictions, processes, and systems is the English version of the [New gTLD Program: 2026 Round Applicant Guidebook](#). All New gTLD Program: 2026 Round readiness and training content is supplementary to the Applicant Guidebook, and has been developed to provide a high-level summary of key topic areas of interest to prospective applicants and the broader ICANN community. In case of discrepancy, the Applicant Guidebook prevails.

The examples shown reflect TAMS as it exists today. The system may change as ICANN completes development and testing.

New to the gTLD Program?

ICANN85 attendees **who are new to the New gTLD Program** are encouraged to review the foundation webinars below to build knowledge of the program. The webinars provide context for ICANN85 sessions.

	Introduction the 2026 Round	2026 Round Applicant Journey Overview
LINKS	Recording and Presentation	Recording and Presentation
AUDIENCE	All prospective gTLD applicants.	All prospective gTLD applicants.
DESCRIPTION	<p>Foundational information for anyone interested in learning about the New gTLD Program: 2026 Round.</p> <p>The course is designed to equip those who are brand new to the New gTLD Program: 2026 Round to understand everything from generic top-level domains and strings, to the purpose of each stage of the applicant journey.</p>	<p>End-to-end view of 2026 Round application processing stages and milestones.</p> <p>The course creates context for ICANN Community stakeholders and applicants to understand the requirements of the application process, and the role(s) different groups play throughout.</p>

New gTLD Program Sessions at [ICANN85](#)

New gTLD Program sessions at ICANN85 provide a **detailed view of the Application Submission process** and the **TLD Application Management System**, as well as sessions for **specific audiences (RSPs) and applicant types**. All times are in local time (IST).

ICANN85 SESSIONS	SAT 7 March 16:30-17:30	SUN 8 March 16:30-17:30	MON 9 March 13:15-14:30	MON 9-March 16:30-17:30
TOPICS:	Registry Service Provider (RSP) Evaluation Program	IDN and Variant Applicant Journeys with Q&A	Application Submission Overview (PLENARY)	.Brand Applicant Journey with Q&A
AUDIENCE:	Prospective applicants to the RSP Program	Prospective IDN and Variant gTLD applicants	Prospective applicants to the New gTLD Program	Prospective .brand gTLD applicants
ICANN85 SESSIONS	TUES 10 March 13:15-14:30	TUE 10-March 16:30-17:30	WED 11-March 16:30-17:30	THU 12-March 09:00-10:00
TOPICS:	TAMS Introduction & Demo (PLENARY)	Geographic Names and Reserve Name Applicant Journeys	Community Applicant Journey with Q&A	Wrap up and Open Q&A
AUDIENCE:	Prospective applicants to the New gTLD Program	Prospective geographic names and reserved names gTLD applicants	Prospective community gTLD applicants	All prospective gTLD applicants

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Session Objectives

- Understand the purpose of TLD Application Management System (TAMS).
- Understand how Applicants will use TAMS to submit an application.
- Understand Applicant role permissions.
- Be able to access TAMS when the application round opens
- Be able to move confidently from the home screen to core functionality.
- Be able to use TAMS to submit organization and application information.

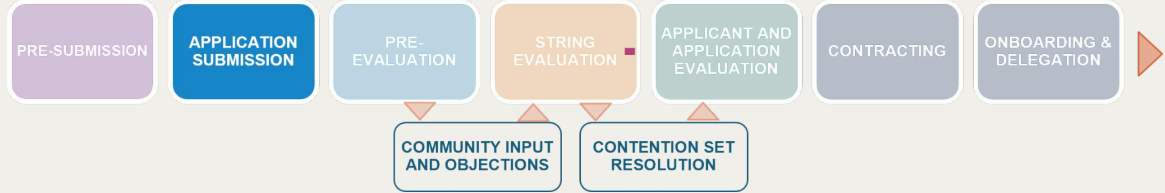


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General Overview

What is TAMS?

What applicants need to know before applying, from required expertise and documents to costs, risks, and system readiness.



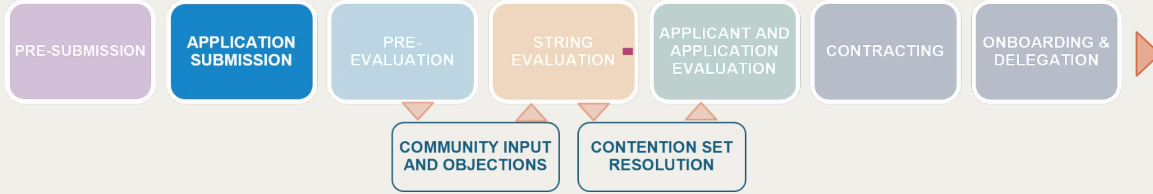
What TAMS Is and What It Isn't

What TAMS is

- Allows applicants, ICANN, and evaluation panelists to manage and process applications.
- Sole input for application submission.
- Allows communication between applicants and ICANN.

What TAMS is NOT

- Not a tool that judges your application quality.
- Not a tool that will make your string eligible for delegation.
- Does not replace the Applicant Guidebook (AGB) or the official program requirements.



TAMS in the Bigger Picture

▶ Context within the program

- TAMS is the official system of record for the 2026 Round application process.
- It's designed to manage the entire application process.



▶ Enables AGB requirements

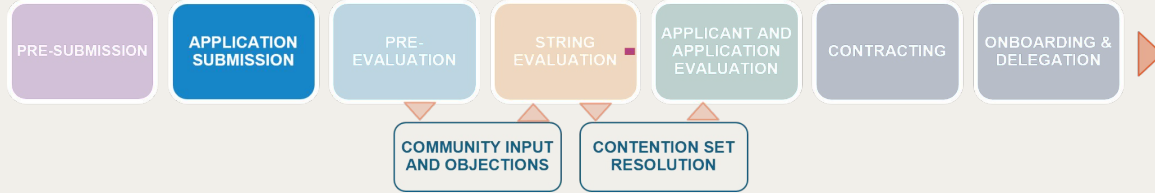
- TAMS is built to align with the New gTLD: 2026 Round Applicant Guidebook (AGB) and program rules
- Designed to provide consistent processing through system checks and automation.



▶ Security

- Built with privacy and data security in mind.





TLD Application Management System (TAMS)

▶ TAMS

The secure online system that is one-stop shop for applicants, ICANN, and evaluation panels to manage new gTLD applications from submission to signing a Registry Agreement.

▶ Core Functionality

Applicants

- Application submission
- Submit and respond to inquiries
- Respond to Clarifying Questions
- Respond to application comments
- Submit Change Requests
- Monitor application status and progress
- Monitor payment and refund status

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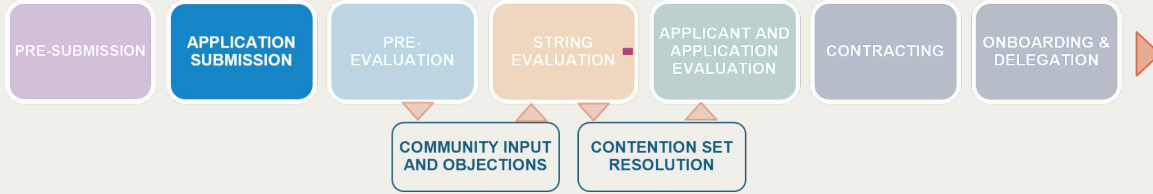
- Process applications (e.g. Contention Set management, process Change Requests, update application status, process evaluation and publish evaluation result report, contracting, etc.)
- Provide invoicing information to ICANN's finance system
- Communicate with applicants and panelists
- Track Program related activities per application (e.g. GAC Advice, High-Risk string, Accountability Mechanism)
- Reporting and statistic gathering

Evaluation Panelists

- Submit conflict of interest attestation
- Receive application information to perform evaluations
- Provide evaluation determinations

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Accessing TAMS and Roles

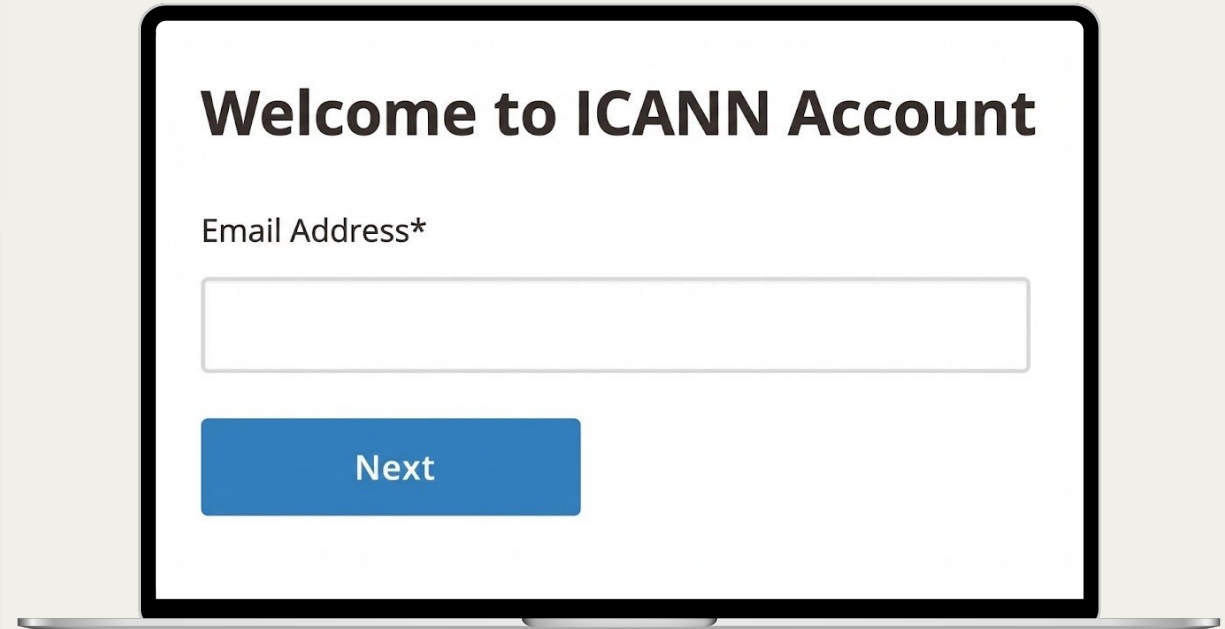


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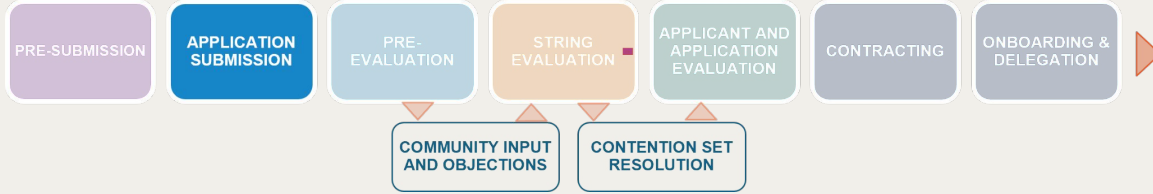
▶ All applicant system users must create an **ICANN Account** to access the **TAMS** and begin the application process.

▶ Applicants must designate **2 Primary TAMS users** who complete and submit the application, and optionally up to **5 additional users** who can assist with drafting application content for the primary users to submit.

▶ **Secure login** via your ICANN Account with **multi-factor-authentication** is required to ensure application information is secure.

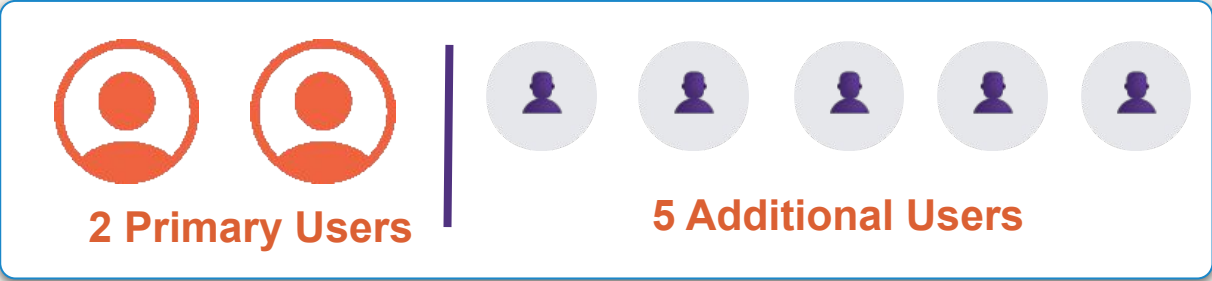


Create an account at: <https://account.icann.org/registeraccount>



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Application Users



Primary Users
Full Access

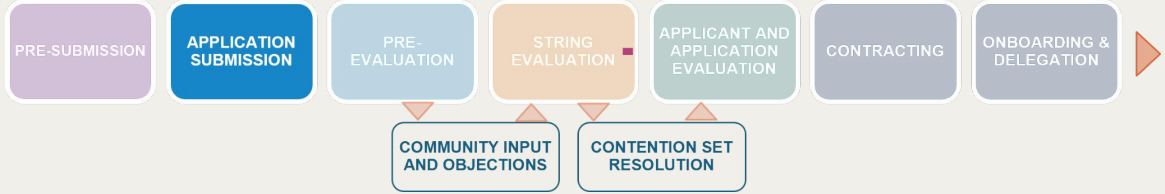
Only primary users can take significant actions:

- ✓ Submit Application
- ✓ Submit Change Request
- ✓ Withdraw Application
- ✓ Answer Clarifying Questions

All Users

Additional Users have limited access. Primary and additional users can take support actions:

- ✓ Draft Applications
- ✓ Save Work in Progress
- ✓ Draft Answers to Clarifying Questions
- ✓ Communicate via Inquiry Function
- ✓ View Notifications



Evaluator Roles



Limited Data Access

Evaluator panelists receive only applicable application information for their evaluation area — not all application data, with privacy in mind.



Assignments

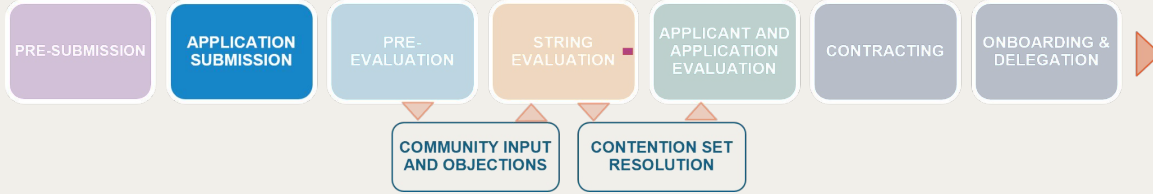
Evaluator panelists can provide their evaluation determinations for the applications assigned to their review area.



Evaluators see only what they need for their specific evaluation responsibilities.

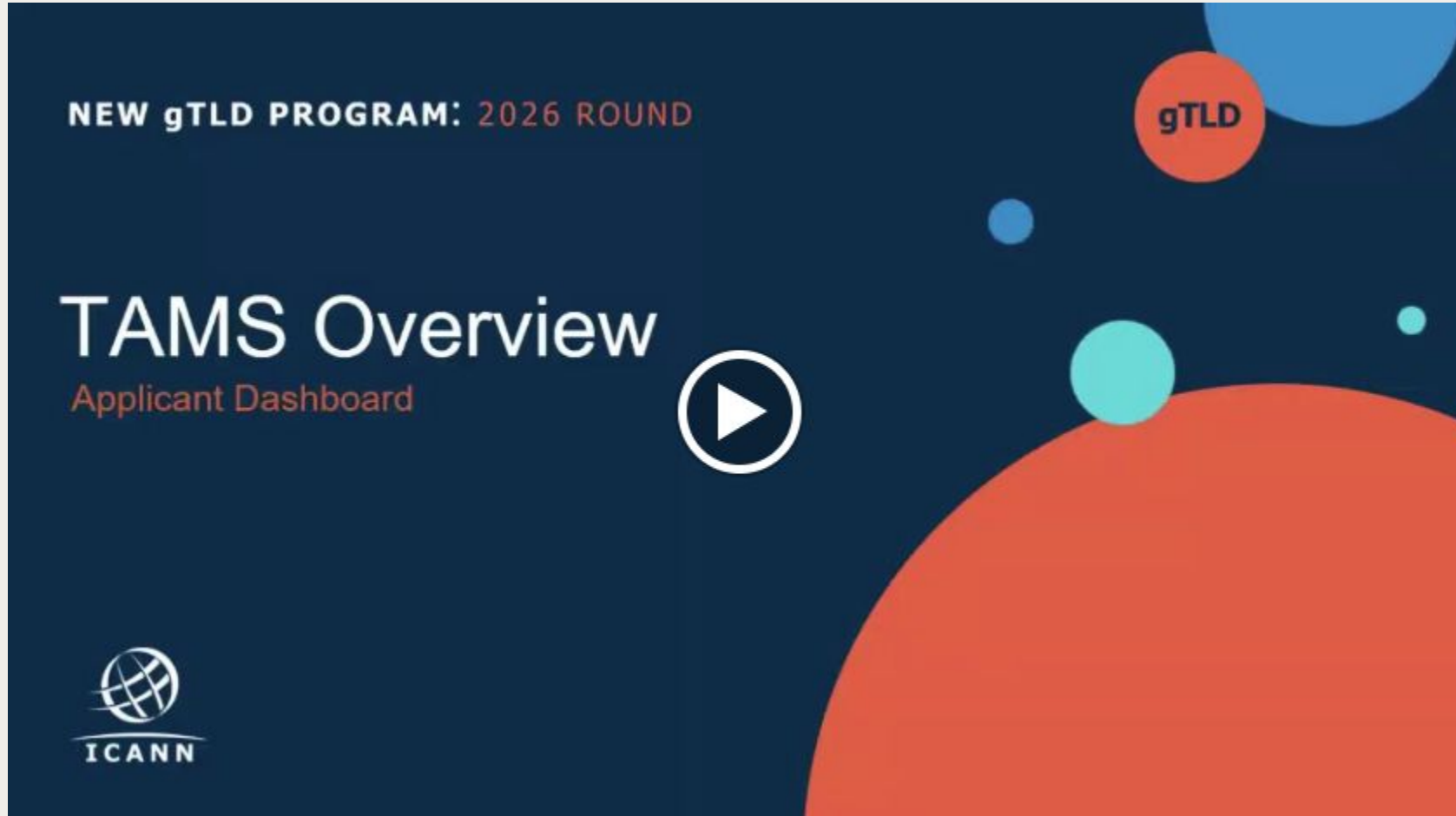
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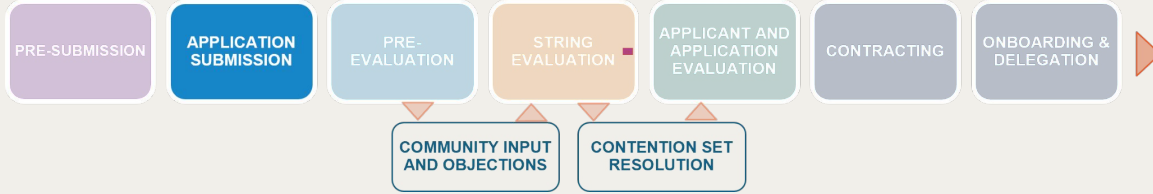
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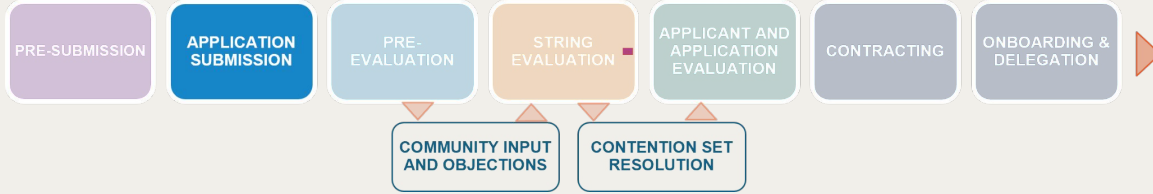
Applicant Dashboard





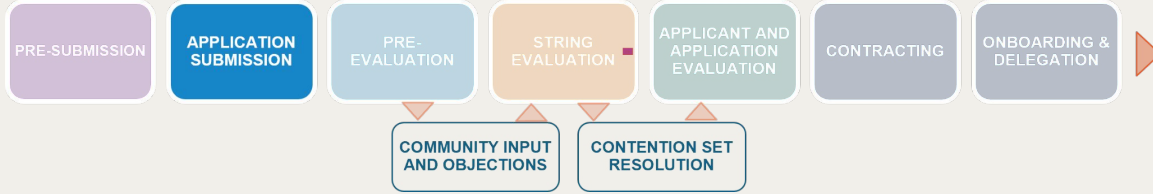
Tooltips and Required Fields



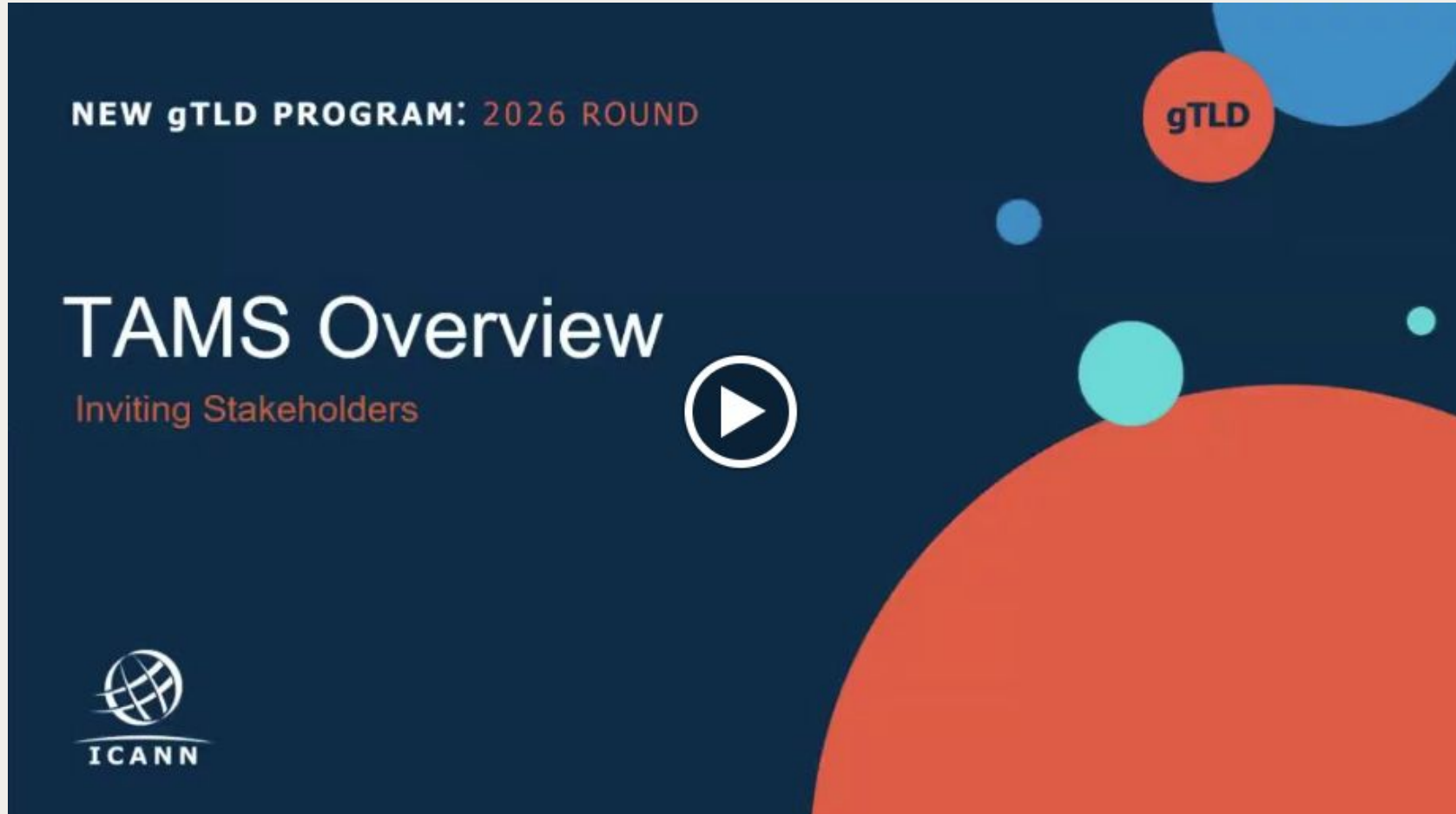


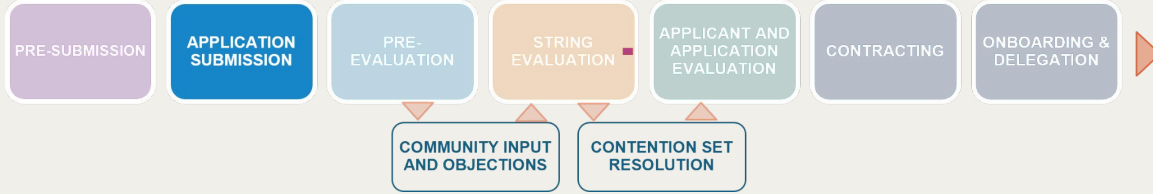
Overview of the Organization, Stakeholder, and Financial Capability Profile sections



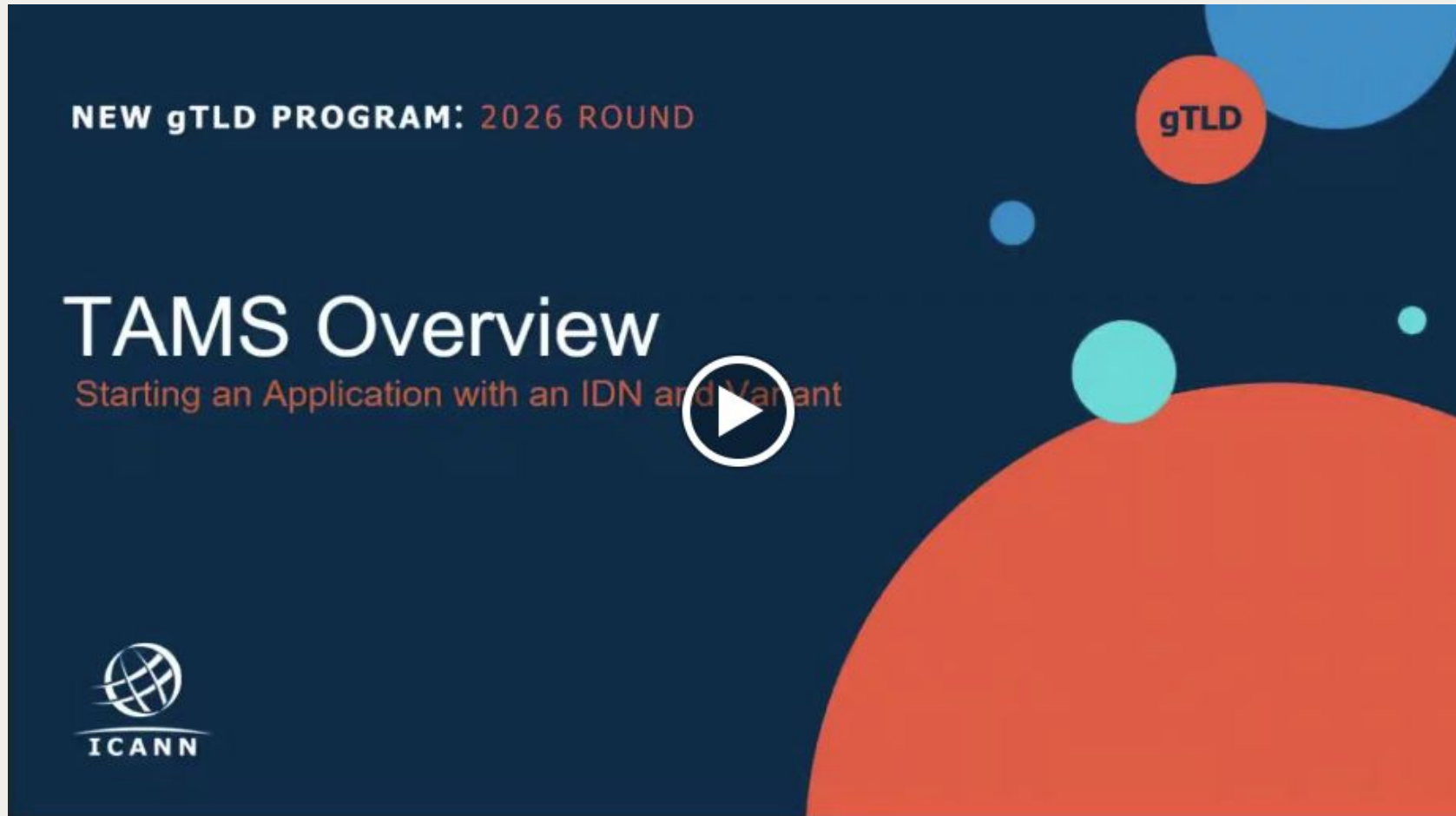


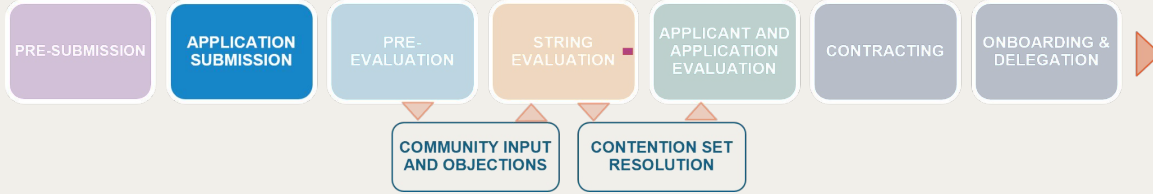
Inviting Stakeholders to TAMS





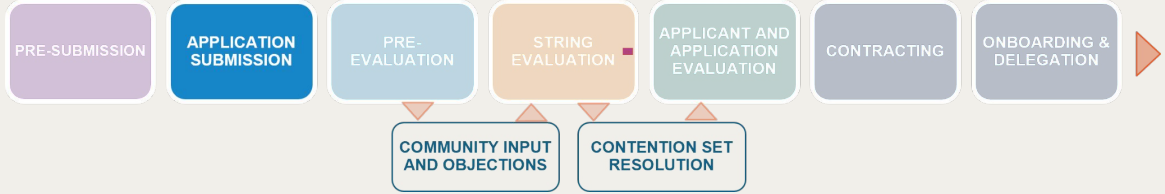
Starting an Application with an IDN and Variant





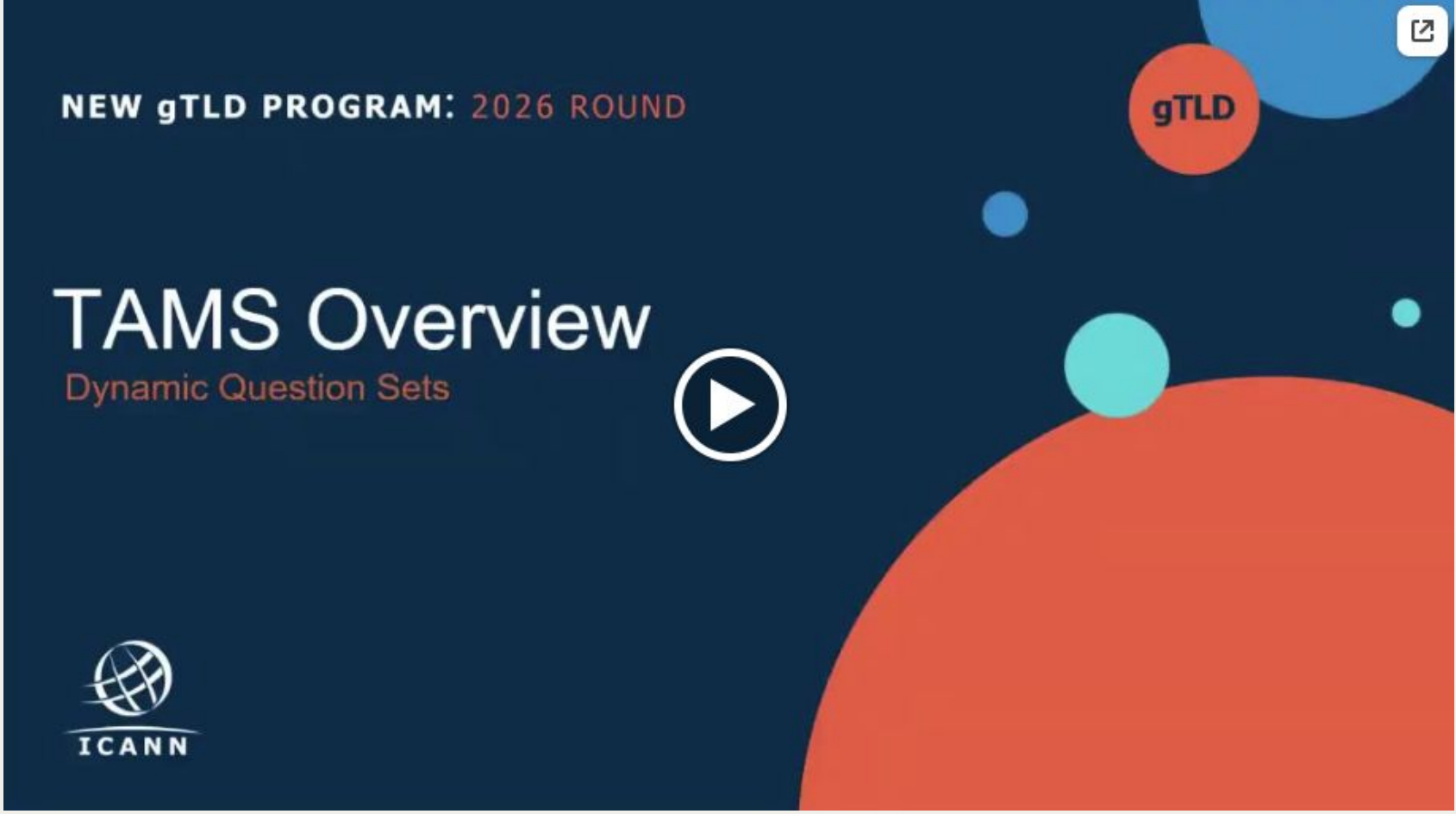
Blocked Name and String Validation Challenge

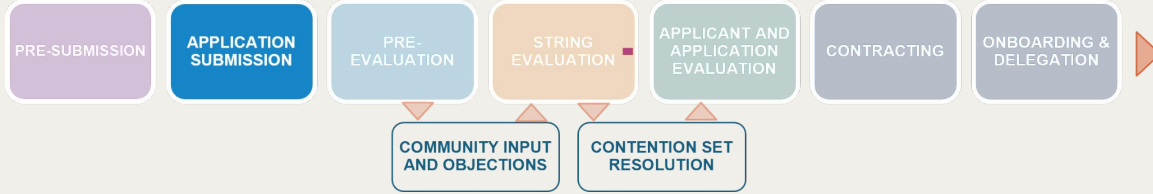




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Dynamic Question Sets






Replacement Strings and Copying Existing Application Responses

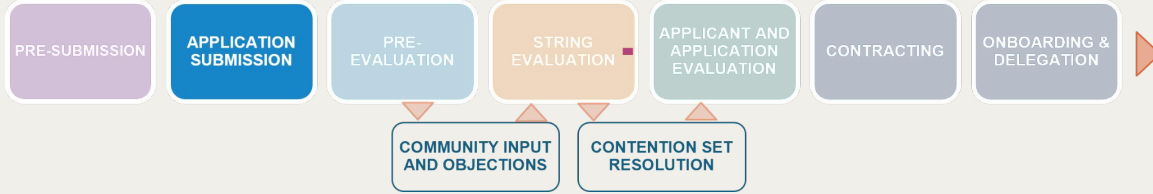
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Creating Replacement Strings and Copying Existing Applications





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Creating an Inquiry

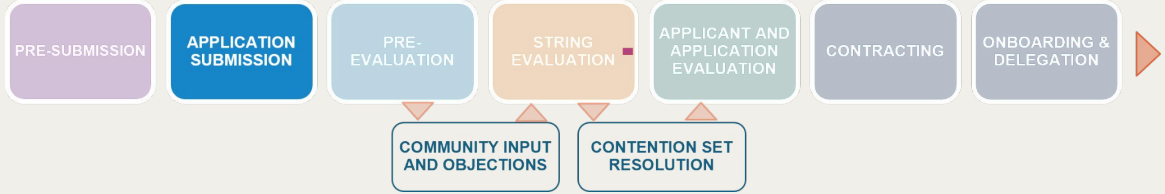
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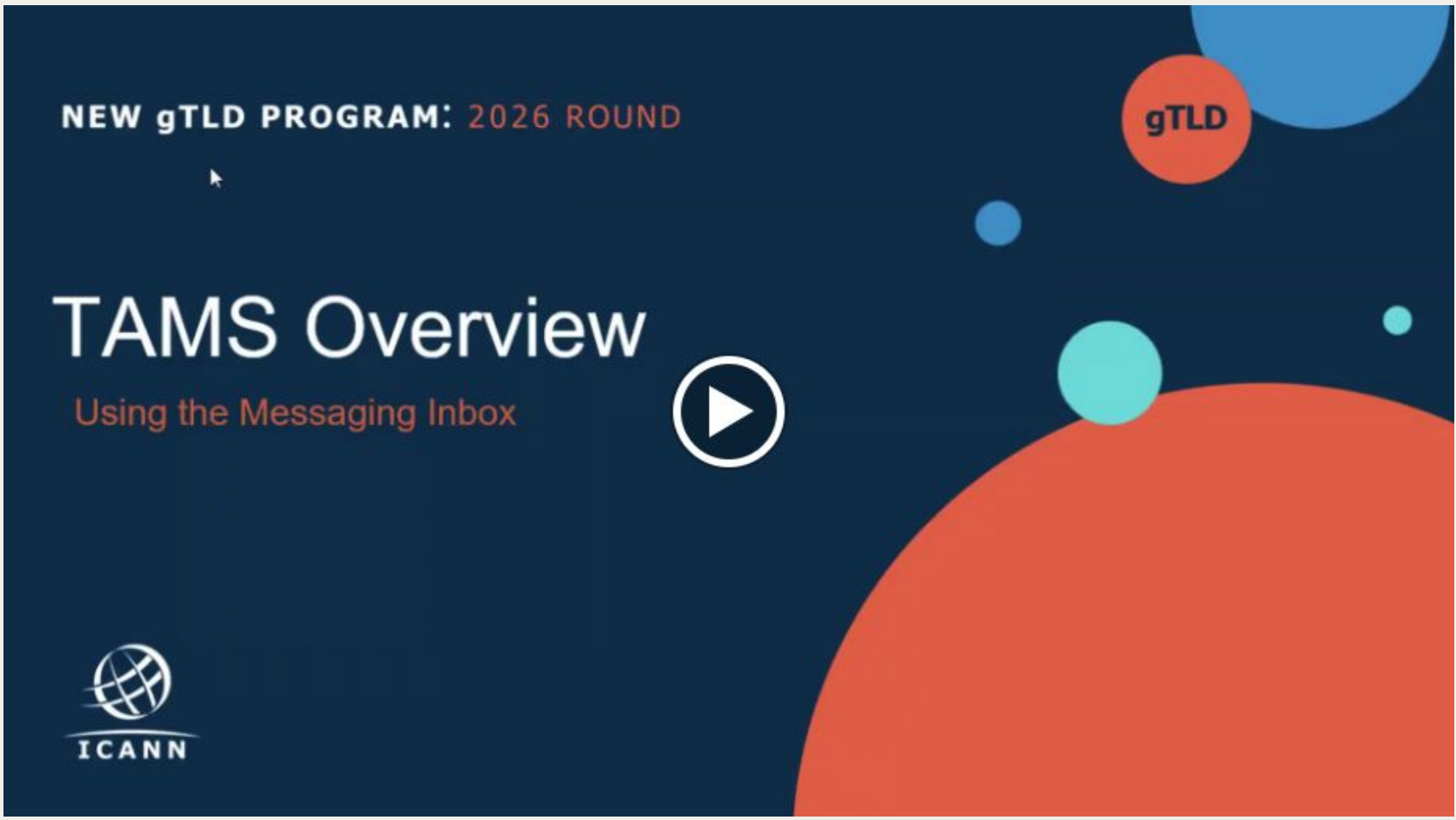
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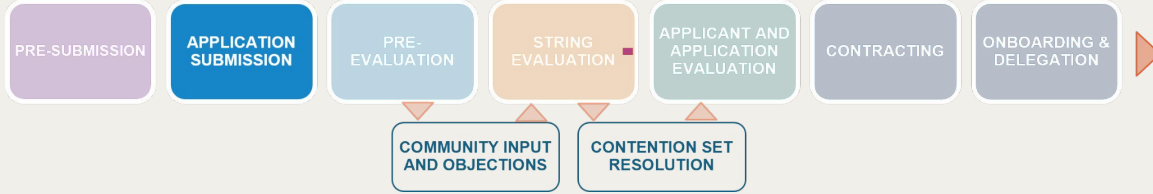
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Using the Messaging Inbox






Submitting – What Happens After Submission

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Submission + Confirmation

Your application is officially in the system and moves into processing.
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Payment and Status Tracking

You'll monitor payment and application status directly in TAMS as it progresses. **Note:** Payments will be made outside TAMS.
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Pre-Evaluation and Admin Processes

After the Application Window closes, key milestones begin (Reveal Day, replacement string window, and String Confirmation Day).
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Evaluations Start

Once String Confirmation Day happens, evaluations begin and may run in parallel (string evaluations first, then applicant/application evaluations).
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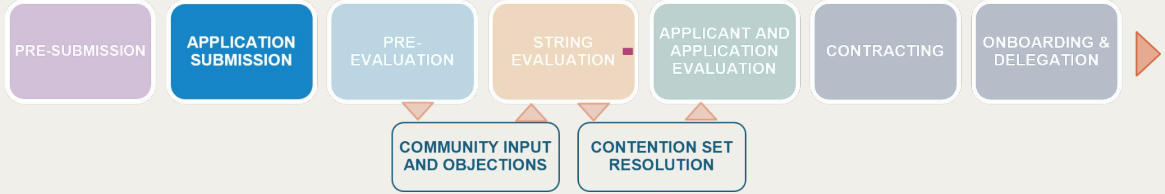


Requests and Updates

Depending on your application, you may see notifications, inquiries, or clarifying questions during processing.

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Tips and Best Practices



Tips and Best Practices

01 Session Timeout

TAMS has a 4-hour timeout limit. Save your work periodically — the system does NOT auto-save. Unsaved progress will be lost if your session times out.

02 Document Types

Documents must be in PDF format unless otherwise noted. Maximum file size is 5 MB per document.

03 Save Time

Use the “duplicate/copy application” function for multi-application applicants or for replacement string applications.

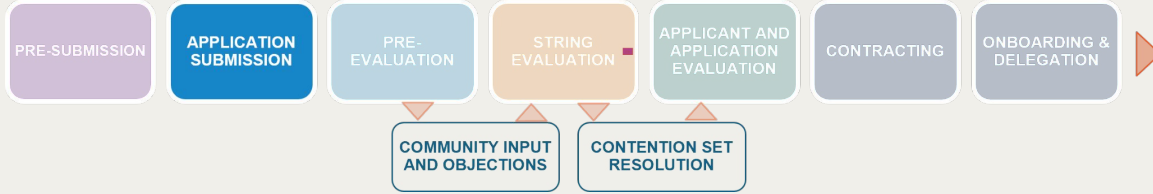
04 Accepted Language

All applications must be completed in English.

05 Document Translations

When submitting a document that is not in English, you must upload three items in TAMS:

- 1** The original document
- 2** A complete English translation
- 3** A signed certification of translation



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Users Are Tied to the Applicant

Users are tied to the APPLICANT regardless of the number of applications submitted — not to specific APPLICATIONS.

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Financial Info Covers ALL Applications

Financial information MUST account for ALL applications the applicant intends to submit, not just the first.

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Primary Users Must Hold Legal Authority

Any individual (e.g., a consultant) may serve as Primary User, but they must hold legal authority to make application decisions and bind the applicant entity to the Program's Terms and Conditions.

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Published Data:

Some data submitted via TAMS will be published. Before completing your application, please refer to the Application Questions (AGB Appendix 1) to understand which answers will be visible to the public.



Critical: Profile Locks After First Submission

Once the first application is submitted, the Organization and Financial Capability Profile will be LOCKED. Pay close attention to the Organization, Stakeholder, and Financial Capability Profile sections before submitting. These sections cannot be changed unless the applicant submits a Change Request — available only after String Confirmation Day.

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Resources and Next Steps

Key Applicant Resources

New gTLD Program: 2026 Round Applicant Guidebook

→ The authoritative document outlining the rules and procedures of the 2026 Round.

New gTLD Program: 2026 Round Website

→ Source of 2026 Round news, announcements, information, and resources.

ICANN Learn

→ eLearning courses to build knowledge of ICANN and the DNS Industry.

Applicant Readiness Pathway

→ Curated learning resources organized by phases and learning outcomes (coming soon)

2026 Round FAQs

→ Frequently asked questions, organized by category.

ICANN Global Support

→ Dedicated ICANN team available to answer inquiries and provide support throughout the application process.
globalsupport@icann.org

New gTLD Program Webinars

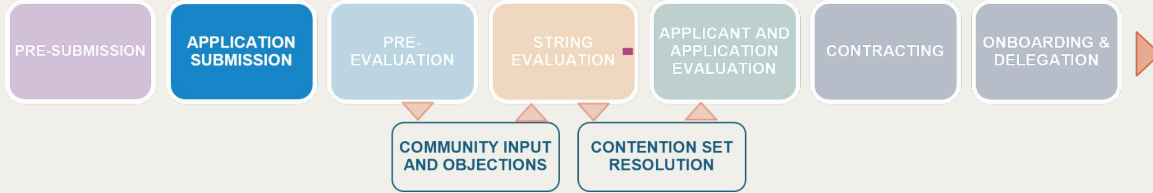
→ Register for future webinars, or access recordings of past events.

Question and Answer



Q&A

Submit further questions to: globalsupport@icann.org



Where to Direct Questions

General Program Questions

- Open public forums (ICANN meetings, webinars)
- Refer to New gTLD Program resources, including the AGB
- Email: globalsupport@icann.org

Application-Specific Questions

- After an application has been submitted, applicants may use the **Create Inquiry** button in the TLD Application Management System (TAMS).



Important: ICANN staff members have been directed not to field questions from individual applicants – whether by email, social media messaging, or in-person – in the interest of fairness, transparency, and equal access for all program participants.

Evaluation Survey

We kindly request you to take a few minutes to complete this brief feedback form.



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