ICANN & Global Partnerships



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What is ICANN?

The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) is an internationally organized, non-profit corporation that has responsibility for Internet Protocol (IP) address space allocation, protocol identifier assignment, generic (gTLD) and country code (ccTLD) Top-Level Domain name system management, and root server system management functions.



Mission Statement

- To coordinate, overall, the global Internet's system of unique identifiers, and to ensure stable and secure operation of the Internet's unique identifier systems. In particular, ICANN coordinates:
 - 1. Allocation and assignment of the three sets of unique identifiers for the Internet:
 - Top level domain names (gTLDs & ccTLDs)
 - Internet protocol (IP) addresses and autonomous system (AS) numbers
 - Protocol port and parameter numbers
 - 2. Operation and evolution of the DNS root name server system
 - 3. Policy development reasonably and appropriately related to these technical functions

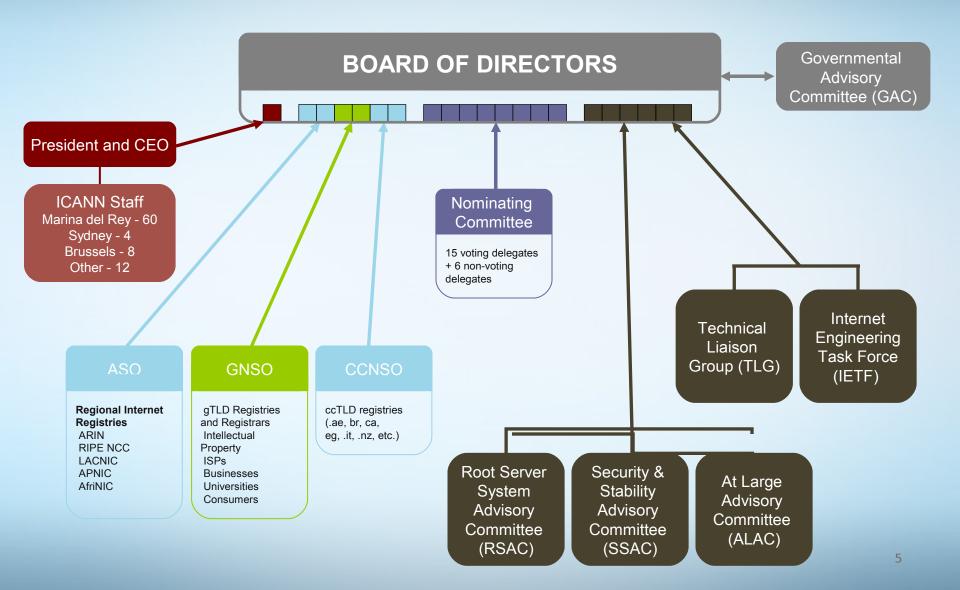


Principles of Operation

- Contribute to stability and security of the unique identifiers system and root management
- Promote competition and choice for registrants and other users
- Forum for multi-stakeholder bottom-up development of related policy
- Ensuring on a global basis an opportunity for participation by all interested parties



ICANN's Community



Diverse Representation & Open Participation



- ICANN maintains diverse representation in its Board of Directors
- ICANN's Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees maintain the same diversity in their Councils
- Bottom-up technical policy development and consensus-based decision making
- Participation in ICANN is open to all
- Online forums and mailing lists
- Public meetings are held three times each year each time on a different continent
- Remote participation is also available: http://public.icann.org/



Current Topics

- New gTLDs introduction in the root
- Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs)
- Registry failover plan
- Single letter domains
- Whois changes



Fellowships Programme

- The programme aims at providing financial scholarships to individuals from developing countries to facilitate participation in ICANN meetings
- Fellowships Committee (FC) is responsible for qualifying and selecting applicants and is advising ICANN staff on how the programme could be improved
- Application forms are available online: http://www.icann.org/fellowships/



Fellowships Programme

Statistics:

- San Juan Meeting:
 - 125 applications received
 - 43 accepted
 - 34 attended
 - 10 deferred to LA
- Los Angeles:
 - 167 applications received
 - 35 accepted
 - 25 attended
 - 10 deferred to Delhi

Strategic Plan: Challenges & Opportunities



- In developing the strategic objectives for the years ahead, the ICANN community identified a number of challenges and opportunities:
 - Increased globalization of the Internet
 - Increased threats to stability and security of the Internet
 - The need to engage with a broader range of international entities
 - The need to be closer and more responsive to all stakeholders
 - The need to design appropriate structures and processes in completing the transition of technical coordination of the Internet system of unique identifiers



Global Partnerships

- The Global Partnership Strategy has been designed to help meet these challenges through the deployment of a Regional Liaison network
- The role of the Regional Liaisons is to engage proactively with their respective stakeholders and end-user community in their respective regions and respond to the needs of the Internet community and ICANN staff



Global Partnerships Team

Current Liaisons are:

- Africa: Anne Rachel Inné, annerachel.inne@icann.org
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Vacancies

- Manager, Regional Relations East Asia
- Manager, Regional Relations South Asia
- Manager, Regional Relations Europe
- Manager, Regional Relations Caribbean



What do Regional Managers do?

- Engage proactively with all stakeholders and members of the Internet community in the regions and respond proactively to their needs
- Provide information to stakeholders on how to participate in policy development processes and identify how policy development can be improved to address needs of various stakeholders in regions
- Strengthen relationships with organizations which have expressed interest in participating in the ICANN multi-stakeholder environment
- Act as help-desk on any domain names and IP issues (e.g. registries, registrars, ccTLDs, At-Large, governments, participation, etc.)

Thank You

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