Multistakeholder Model

The ICANN Multistakeholder Community

ICANN follows a bottom-up, multistakeholder model in which individuals, non-commercial organizations, industry, and governments play important roles in its community-based, consensus-driven, policymaking approach.

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MAKING POLICY:

Three Supporting Organizations (SOs) are responsible for developing policy recommendations in the areas they represent: IP addresses, generic top-level domains (gTLDs), and country code top-level domains (ccTLDs).

PROVIDING ADVICE:

Four Advisory Committees (ACs) give advice and make recommendations on ICANN topics. The ACs are made up of representatives from: governments and international treaty organizations, root server operators, Internet security experts, and Internet end users.

What Is the Multistakeholder Community?

The community is a volunteer-based, open collection of global stakeholders that work together through a bottom-up process to give advice, make policy recommendations, conduct reviews, and propose implementation solutions for common problems within ICANN's mission and scope.

How Does the Multistakeholder Model Work?

The ICANN community – through its Supporting Organizations (SOs) and influenced by its Advisory Committees (ACs) – develops and refines policy recommendations.

Who Is in the Multistakeholder Community?

The community is made up of volunteers from across the world and from many different backgrounds, including: businesses, Internet engineers, technical experts, civil society, governments, end users, and many others.

Exploring ICANN's Multistakeholder Structures

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Exploring ICANN's Multistakeholder Community

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Address Supporting Organization

ICANN | ccNSO
Country Code Names Supporting Organization

ICANN | GNSO
Generic Names Supporting Organization

Supporting Organizations (SOs)

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Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO)

Advisory Committees (ACs)

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At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)

Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC)

Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC)

Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)

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Supporting Organizations (SOs)

ASO
The ASO Address Council is composed of 15 volunteers – 3 from each of the Regional Internet Registries (RIRs) – who work on global Internet Protocol (IP) Address Policy.

ccNSO
The ccNSO Council and members work on global policies relating to country code top-level domain names (ccTLD) policies (e.g., .br, .uk).

GNSO
The GNSO Council is composed of 21 members – divided into 2 houses (contracted and non-contracted parties) – who work on generic top-level domain names (gTLD) policies (e.g., .com, new gTLDs).

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ALAC
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GAC
The GAC provides advice on public policy issues, particularly on interactions with policies and national laws or international agreements.

RSSAC
The RSSAC advises the ICANN community and Board on the operation, administration, security, and integrity of the Internet's Root Server System.

SSAC
The SSAC advises on matters related to the security and integrity of the Internet's naming and address allocation systems.

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African Network Information Center (AFRINIC), the RIR for Africa

American Registry for Internet Numbers (ARIN), the RIR for Canada, parts of the Caribbean and North Atlantic islands, and the U.S.

Réseaux IP Européens Network Coordination Centre (RIPE NCC), the RIR for Europe, the Middle East, and parts of Central Asia

Asia-Pacific Network Information Centre (APNIC), the RIR for Asia and Pacific Region

Latin America and Caribbean Network Information Centre (LACNIC), the RIR for Latin America and parts of the Caribbean

Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO)

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The ccNSO (Council and members) works on global policies relating to country code top-level domain name (ccTLD) policies (e.g., .br, .uk).

The ccNSO provides a forum for country code top-level domain (ccTLD) managers to meet and discuss topical issues of concern to ccTLDs from a global perspective.

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Country Code Names Supporting Organization

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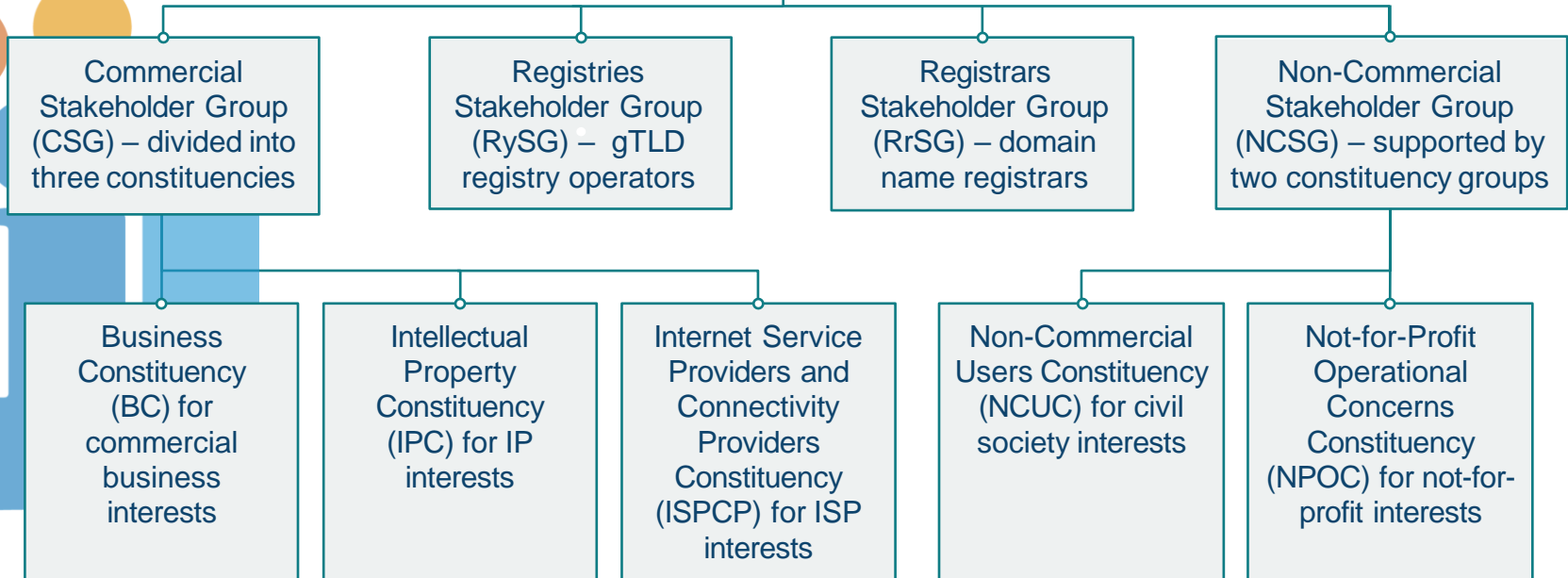
Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO)

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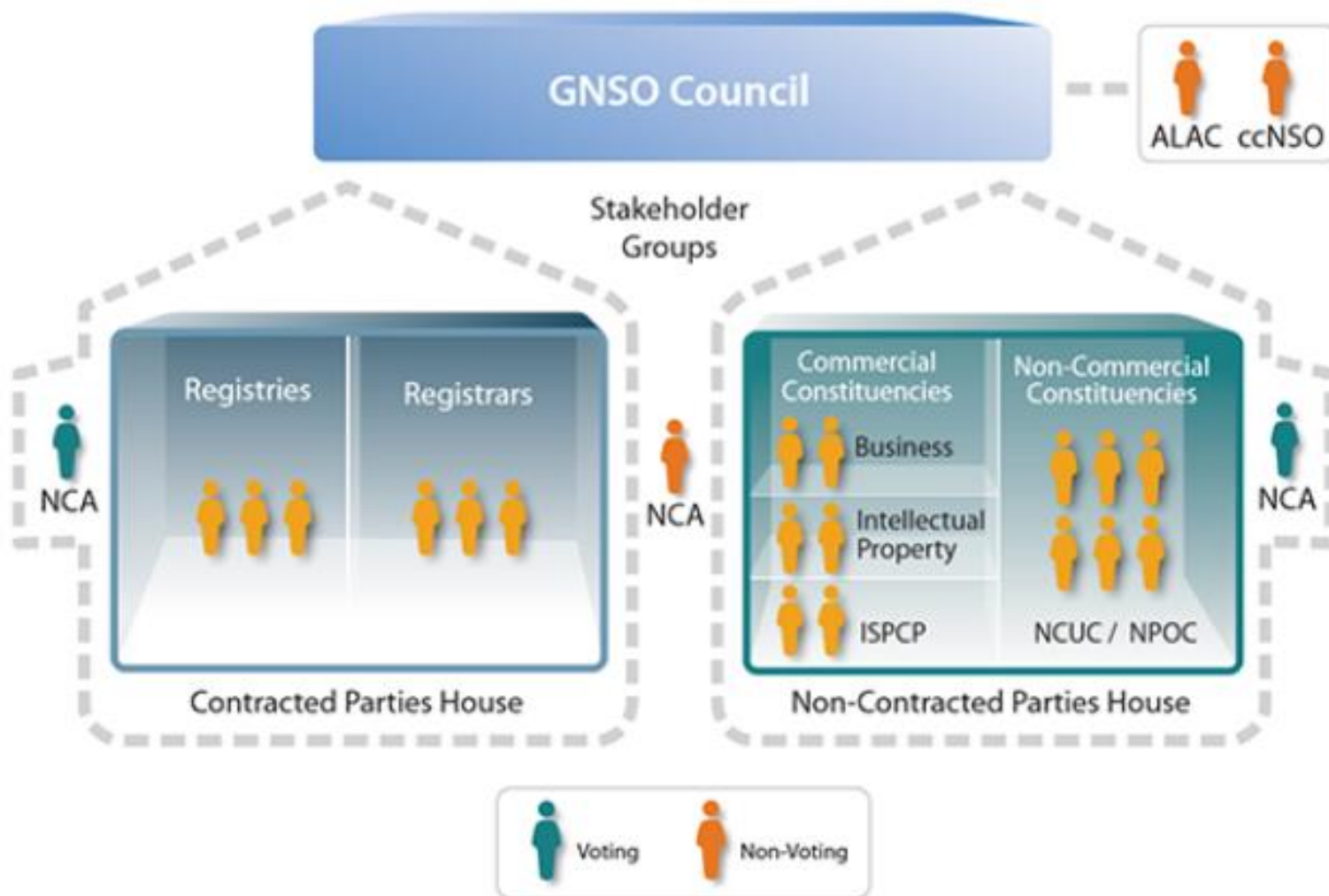
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Commercial Stakeholder Group (CSG) – divided into three constituencies	Registries Stakeholder Group (RySG) – gTLD registry operators	Registrars Stakeholder Group (RrSG) – domain name registrars	Non-Commercial Stakeholder Group (NCSG) – supported by two constituency groups

Business Constituency (BC) for commercial business interests	Intellectual Property Constituency (IPC) for IP interests	Internet Service Providers and Connectivity Providers Constituency (ISPCP) for ISP interests	Non-Commercial Users Constituency (NCUC) for civil society interests	Not-for-Profit Operational Concerns Constituency (NPOC) for not-for-profit interests

GNSO Council Composition

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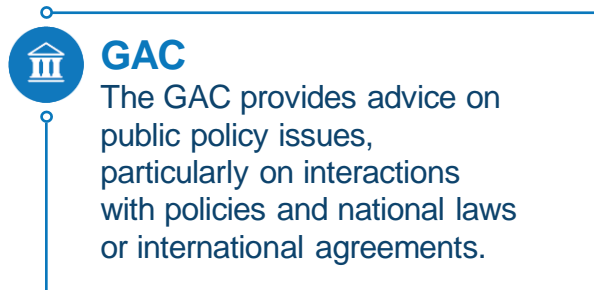
Latin American and Caribbean Islands Regional At-Large Organization (LACRALO)

African Regional At-Large Organization (AFRALO)

European Regional At-Large Organization (EURALO)

North American Regional At-Large Organization (NARALO)

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| Representatives from national governments | Representatives from distinct economies recognized in international forums | Representatives from multinational governmental and treaty organizations (usually in observer capacity) | Representatives from public authorities (usually in observer capacity) |

Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC)

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RSSAC advises the ICANN community and Board on the operation, administration, security, and integrity of the Internet's Root Server System.

RSSAC consists of representatives of the organizations responsible for operating the world's 13 root name servers (as voting members).

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Root Server System Advisory Committee

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Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)

SSAC
The SSAC advises on matters related to the security and integrity of the Internet's naming and address allocation systems.

The SSAC consists of technical expert individuals appointed by the ICANN Board.

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