# APRALO Onboarding: Celebrating Diversity!

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# Welcome

**Maureen Hilyard**

**ALAC** Chair

**Satish Babu**

**APRALO** Chair

# What is ICANN?

# ICANN's Mission

The mission of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) is to **ensure the stable and secure operation of the Internet's unique identifier systems**

**Specifically, ICANN:**

**1** Coordinates the allocation and assignment of names in the root zone of the Domain Name System

**2** Coordinates the development and implementation of policies concerning the registration of second-level domain names in generic top-level domains (gTLDs)

**3** Facilitates the coordination of the operation and evolution of the DNS root name server system

**4** Coordinates the allocation and assignment at the top-most level of Internet Protocol numbers and Autonomous System numbers

**5** Collaborates with other bodies as appropriate to provide registries needed for the functioning of the Internet as specified by Internet protocol standards development organizations

# Unique Names and Numbers

Anything connected to the Internet – including computers, mobile phones and other devices – has a unique number called its IP address. IP stands for Internet Protocol.

This address is like a postal address. It allows messages, videos and other packets of data to be sent from anywhere on the Internet to the device that has been uniquely identified by its IP address.

IP addresses can be difficult to remember, so instead of numbers, the Internet's domain name system uses letters, numbers and hyphens, to form a name that is easier to remember.

# ICANN Ecosystem
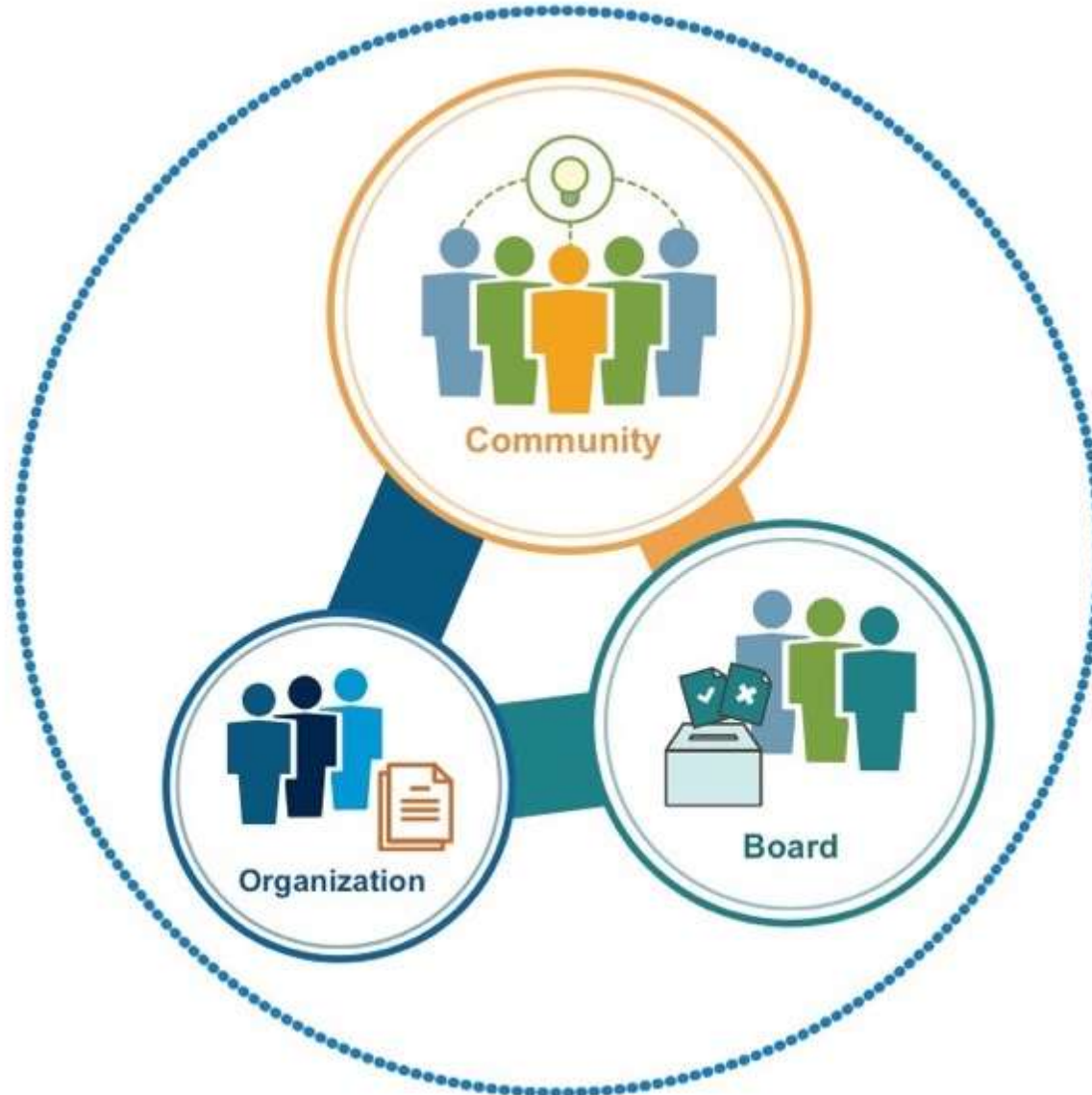
# The ICANN Multistakeholder Community

**MAKING POLICY:**

**Three Supporting Organizations (SOs)** in the ICANN community 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.

# Supporting Organizations (SOs)

## ASO
The ASO Address Council is composed of 15 members — three from each of the Regional Internet Registries (RIRs) — who work on global Internet Protocol (IP) Address Policy.

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

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

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Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO)

Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO)

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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)

### ALAC
The ALAC expresses the interests of the individual Internet user and is composed of 15 members: two from each of the five Regional At-Large Organizations (RALOs) and five appointed by the ICANN Nominating Committee. It is supported by At-Large Structures (ALSes).

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

### RSSAC
The RSSAC advises on the operation, administration, security, and integrity of the Root Server System.

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

# What is ALAC?

# ALAC Role

The At-Large community and At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) have a role in the development of ICANN policy and policy advice as mandated by the ICANN bylaws. The ALAC expresses the interests of individual Internet end users as part of policy development and in advice to the ICANN Board.

Under the ICANN Bylaws, the roles of the ALAC are to:

- **Consider and provide advice** on the activities of ICANN as they relate to the interests of individual Internet users. This includes policies created through SOs, as well as ICANN operations and many other issues for which community input and advice is appropriate;

- Play an important part in ICANN's **accountability mechanisms**;

- Coordinate some of ICANN's **outreach and engagement** efforts to individual Internet users.

At-Large Community members are empowered to draft position statements on behalf of the ALAC, comment on draft statements, and engage in policy-focused activities.
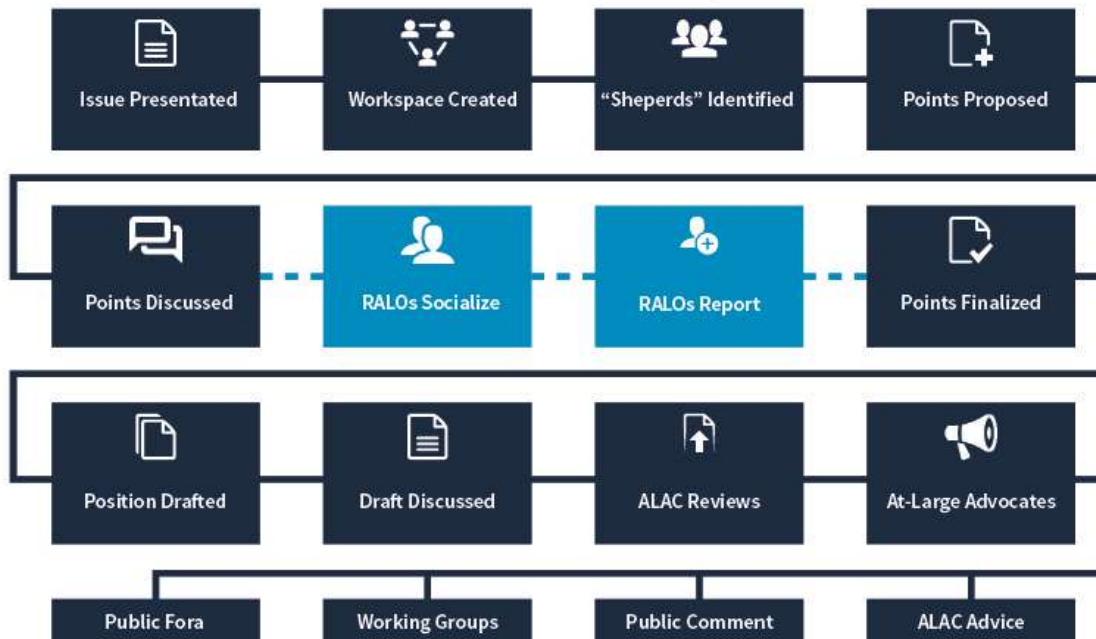
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- At-Large Policy Summary

# Consolidated Policy Working Group (CPWG)

The focus of the Consolidated Policy Working Group (CPWG), formed in December 2017, is directed towards policy comments and advice within At-Large, best practices for identifying Internet end user issues in the policy development process at ICANN, and engaging the At-Large community further on policy comments and advice.



At-Large Consolidated Policy Working Group (CPWG)Position Development Process

The CPWG Position Development Process illustrates the series of steps that guide a position on an ICANN policy topic of interest to a final statement, which is then forwarded to the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) for review.

- Issue Presented
- Workspace Created
- "Sheperds" Identified
- Points Proposed
- Points Discussed
- RALOs Socialize
- RALOs Report
- Points Finalized
- Position Drafted
- Draft Discussed
- ALAC Reviews
- At-Large Advocates
- Public Fora
- Working Groups
- Public Comment
- ALAC Advice

New people are welcome to join 90-minute weekly CPWG meetings on Wednesdays with rotating time at 13:00/19:00 UTC.

To subscribe, contact staff:
staff@atlarge.icann.org

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# At-Large Organisational Diagram

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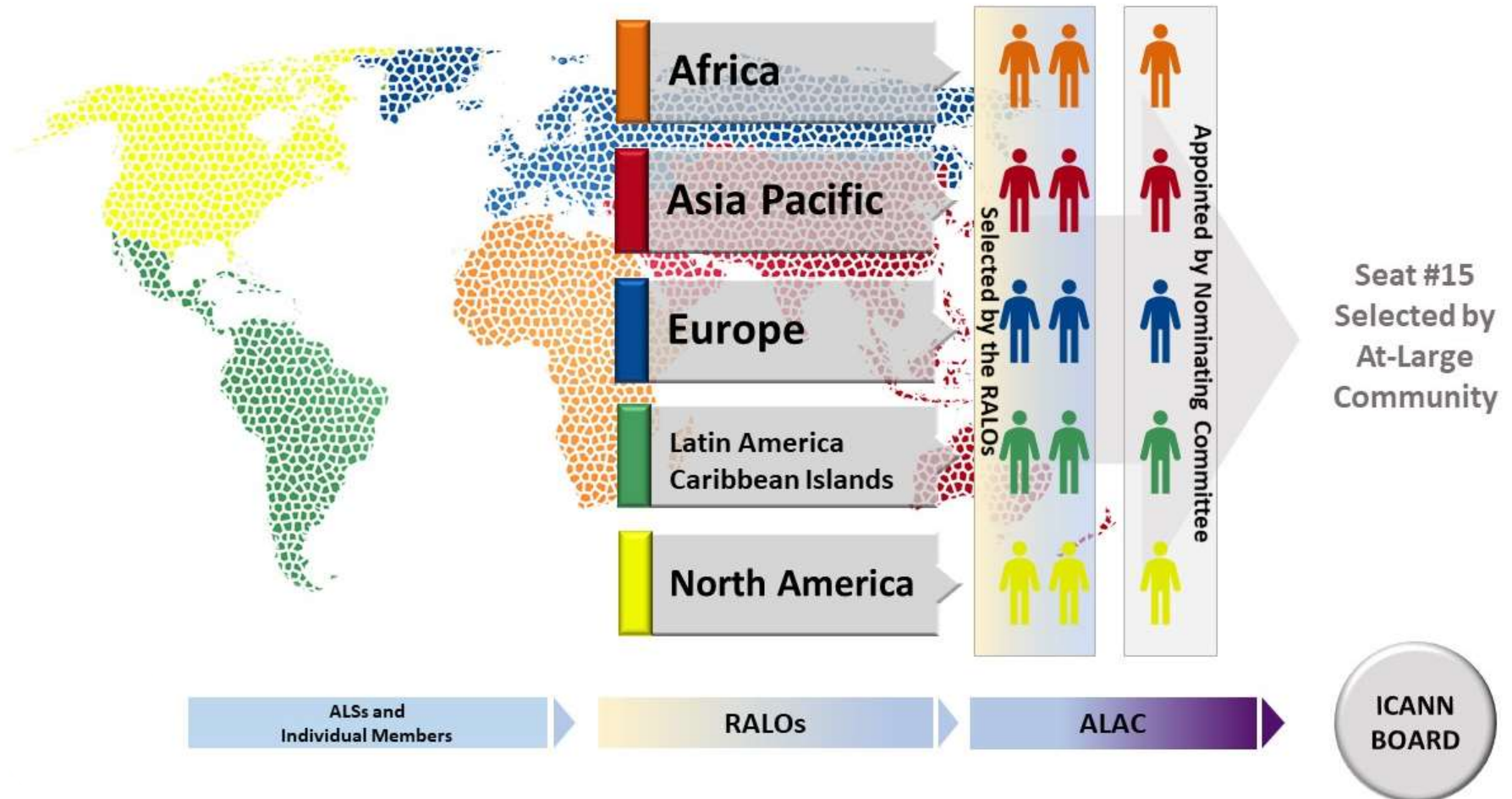
# What is APRALO?

# Regional At-Large Organisations (RALOs)

ALSes and individual members are organised into RALOs based on their geographic regions.

**APRALO** is the **A**sia **P**acific **R**egional **A**t-**L**arge **O**rganisation

**NARALO**
23 ALSes in 3 out of 8 countries

**EURALO** – 38 ALSes in 18 out of 78 countries

**APRALO**
61 ALSes in 30 out of 74 countries

**LACRALO**
61 ALSes in 22 out of 33 countries

**AFRALO**
68 ALSes in 32 out of 55 countries

Total:
251 ALSes in 105 countries

# APRALO Structure

♦ **Members**
- Institutional: ALSes and its members
- Unaffiliated Individual Members

♦ **Regional Leaders**

## Chair

Satish Babu
India

## Vice Chairs

Lianna Galstyan
Armenia

Amrita Choudhury
India

## Secretariat

Pavan Budhrani
Hong Kong

## ALAC Members

Maureen Hilyard
Cook Islands

Holly Raiche
Australia

Naveed Bin Rais
Pakistan

## NomCom Delegate

Ali AlMeshal
Bahrain

# APRALO Core Values

## COLLABORATION

APRALO has MoUs with partners such as
APNIC, APTLD and DotAsia
to promote and facilitate engagement and training
activities within APAC region.

## DIVERSITY

APRALO covers a vast geographic region and
encompasses a diversity of cultures, languages
and scripts, presenting exciting challenges.

# APRALO Policy Forum

In late 2019 the APRALO Leadership Team launched **APRALO Policy Forum** to facilitate and coordinate ICANN policy-related discussions at a regional level.

## Purpose:
The APRALO Policy Forum seeks to:
- Facilitate informed, inclusive regional position development on issues within ICANN's remit
- Support APRALO Leadership's participation as a regional partner to the ALAC Policy Platform

## Membership:
Open to all APRALO members interested in ICANN policy-related discussions, by subscription to the mailing list apralo-policy@icann.org to be moderated by members of the Leadership Team and supported by At-Large Staff.
The ICANN Expected Standards of Behaviour will apply.

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# APRALO Organisational Building

**Priority Goal**

Encourage ALS and Individual Members
to actively engage in At-Large work

## Activity Tracks

### Policy

CPWG

Skills & Interests Roster (RoSi)

APRALO Policy Forum sessions, Webinars

### Outreach

APRALO liaison & members at the At-Large Outreach & Engagement working group

Regional events & activities

Report at regional readouts, newsletter & Social Media

### Operations

Operations, Finance & Budget working group (OFBWG) meetings

Rules of Procedure (RoP) Review

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**Priority Goal**

Enhance APRALO presence within the regional and global Internet ecosystem

Asia Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum (APrIGF)

Asia Pacific Regional Internet Conference on Operational Technologies (APRICOT)

Internet Governance Forum (IGF)

Pacific IGF

APAC sessions

Asia Pacific Internet Governance Academy (APIGA)

Virtual School on Internet Governance (VSIG)

Asia Pacific School on Internet Governance (APSIG)

# APRALO eBook

Launched in 2017 to document the history of APRALO and celebrate the 10th anniversary, APRALO eBook becomes a depository of documents, activities, photos and videos.
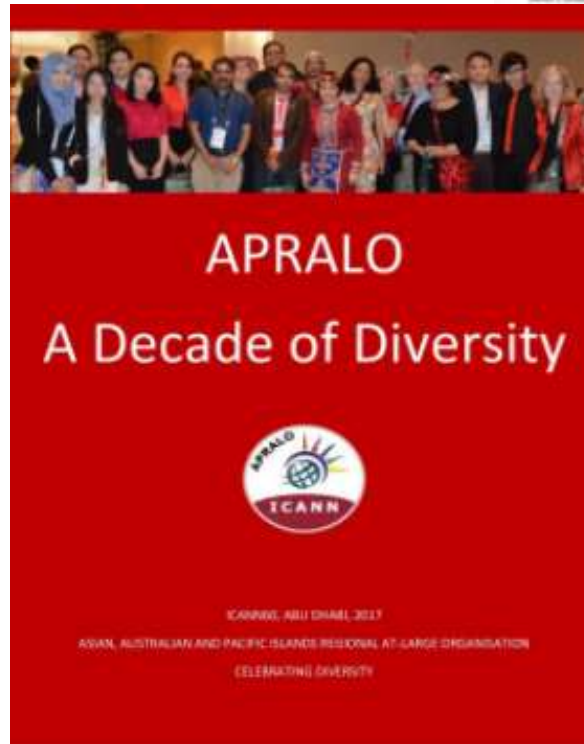
# Monthly newsletter

Launched in 2018, APRALO newsletters cover ICANN and At-Large updates, policy discussions, updates from partners, workings groups as well as activities organized by ALSes.

Monthly newsletters are compiled and stored as a 🗗 yearly book accessible to everyone.

All members are welcome to contribute and send articles, news for publication.

\* APRALO newsletters have been produced by Amrita Choudhury in collaboration with other APRALO members and At-Large staff.

# Monthly Mentoring Program



**Relevant learning environment for personal and leadership development**

**Opportunity for mentors to pass on important knowledge based on their own experiences within ICANN**

**6** Mentees | China, India, Turkey

**3** Mentors | Armenia, India, Pakistan

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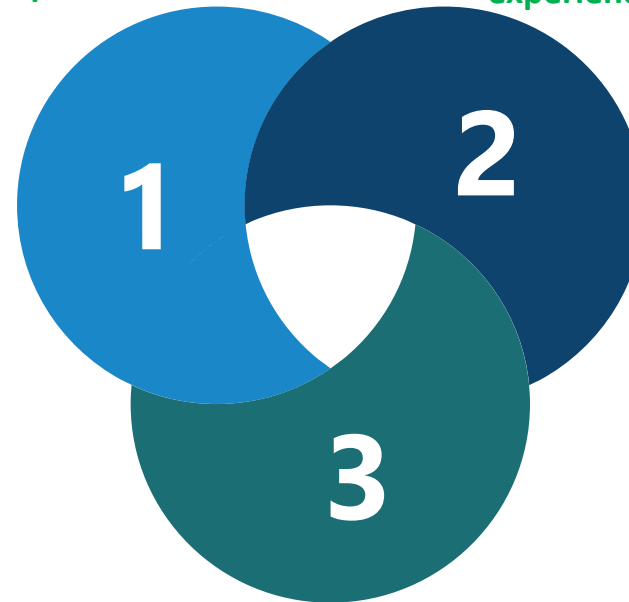
**Opportunity for mentees to be more active in At-Large & APRALO activities, ALAC working groups and policy development**
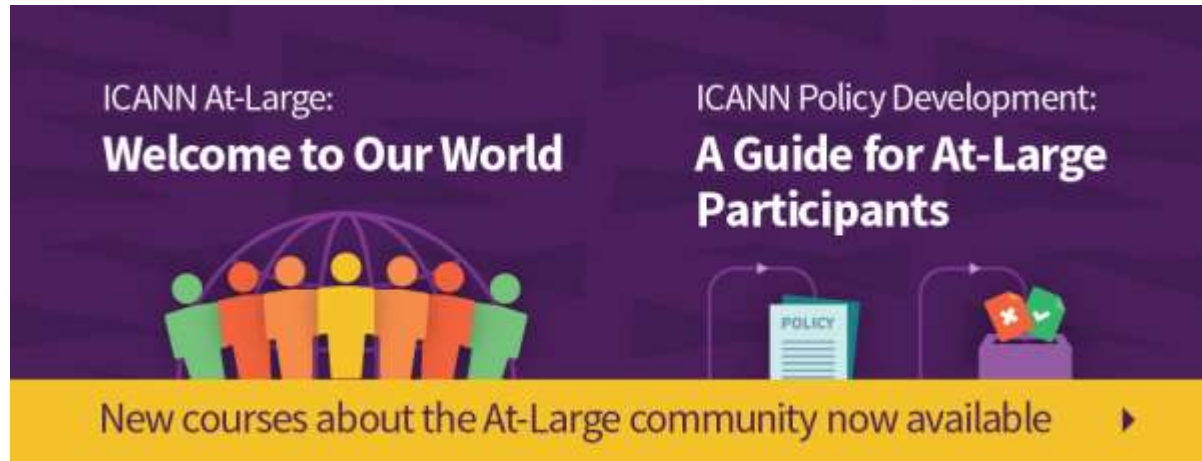
# ICANN Learn

The online learning platform is developed and maintained for the ICANN community. More than 40 online courses are available in all major UN languages.

The goal of ICANN Learn is to make courses that are highly relevant and useful to a global audience. They are designed to be engaging, useful, and worth your time. The courses feature visuals, quizzes, in-depth descriptions about important topics, and more.

Every course on ICANN Learn is completely free and designed to help students of any technical skill level.

[ICANN Learn](ICANN Learn)



ICANN At-Large:
**Welcome to Our World**

ICANN Policy Development:
**A Guide for At-Large Participants**

POLICY

New courses about the At-Large community now available ▶

# General Assembly @ICANN60 in Abu Dhabi, UAE

# APRALO Meetings

APRALO meetings occur every **3rd Thursday** of the month at **06:00 UTC**. It is open to ALL members to attend, learn and contribute.

 * *APRALO currently considers to make changes in the content, format and frequency of meetings to the best interest and engagement of all members.*

With the COVID-19 pandemic, all meetings take place virtually via Zoom platform and are recorded and published after each meeting.

Email is the official communication channel, though discussions between various groups also happen mostly through Skype and WhatsApp. For assistance, contact staff@atlarge.icann.org.

APRALO also has Social Media presence. At this moment it is on Facebook platform.

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# APRALO Members | Expectations

♦ **Individual members** are expected to:

- contribute to APRALO, ALAC and ICANN policy processes
- contribute to Outreach and Engagement within APRALO and their own communities
- contribute to APRALO's organisational development and decision-making processes

♦ **ALS members** are expected to:

- Encourage participation of their own members in APRALO's activities (similar to APRALO individual members)
- Participate in channeling views of their local communities into APRALO's policy development
- Participate in APRALO's decision-making processes (including elections)

# ICANN Expected Standards of Behavior

**Act** in accordance with ICANN's Bylaws.

**Treat** all members of the ICANN community equally, irrespective of nationality, gender, racial or ethnic origin, religion or beliefs, disability, age, or sexual orientation; members of the ICANN community should treat each other with civility both face-to-face and online.

**Respect** all members of the ICANN community equally, behave in a professional manner and demonstrate appropriate behavior.

**Listen** to the views of all stakeholders when considering policy issues.

**Act** in a reasonable, objective and informed manner when participating in policy development and decision-making processes.

**Work** to build consensus with other stakeholders in order to find solutions to the issues that fall within the areas of ICANN's responsibility.

All participants are expected to conduct themselves on a professional level and will be held to the standards set forth in the ICANN Community Anti-Harassment Policy and Terms of Participation and Complaint Procedure and the ICANN Expected Standards of Behavior.

# Engage with APRALO – Thank you and Questions

**Social Media**
(@icannatlarge , /icannatlarge , /APregional )

**At-Large Calendar**
https://atlarge.icann.org/calendar

**At-Large Mailing Lists**
https://atlarge.icann.org/get-involved/mailing-lists

# APRALO

The Asian, Australasian and
Pacific Islands Regional
At-Large Organisation

**CELEBRATING DIVERSITY**