

ICANN & DEMOCRACY

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The Question of Legitimacy

“What political authority ICANN has to govern Internet?”

- Technical
- Administrative

Principles of Democratic Governance



- *Autonomy of stakeholders*
- *Bottom-up and consensus building policy making*
- *Open, inclusive, transparent, accountable operation.*



Representative



Recognition



Non-intervention



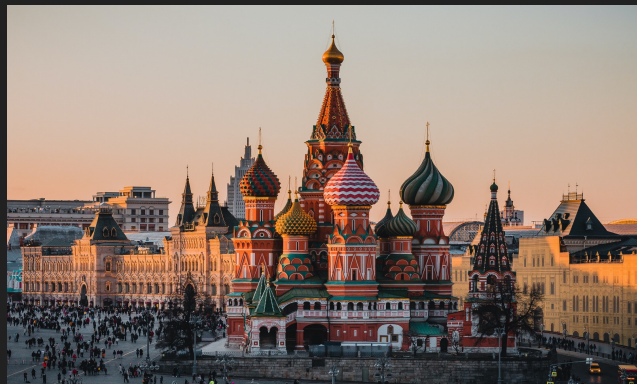
Legitimacy Perceptions about ICANN

- Rank among global governance bodies
- Consistency across stakeholder sectors, regions, & social groups.
- Perception lowered with distance from the core of the regime
- Overall confidence in ICANN: moderate to low
- Multistakeholder global governance: **FRAGILE.**

GeoPolitics of Internet Governance



Multi-stakeholder
VS.
Multi-lateral



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