



At-Large Structure Application

Latin America/Caribbean Islands Region

Application for "At-Large Structure" (ALS) Designation

General Information:

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Description:

- Is your organization constituted so that participation by individual Internet users who are citizens or residents of countries within the Geographic Region in which your organization is based will predominate in your organization's operation?**
Yes

8.

Describe your organization's constituents/membership (number, citizenship/location, defining characteristic - e.g. profession for professional societies):

The Asociación Colombiana de Usuarios de Internet, ACUI, it is formed by Colombian citizens, of diverse regions of the country, specially from Bogotá, Cali, Medellín, Barranquilla y Bucaramanga. It 's about nearly 1200 voluntary members, all of which are individuals and 50 of which are most active. We work through diverse committees that have integrated themselves: Government,

Education, Health, Electronic Commerce. Protection of the Consumer, Privacy, Protection of the Information, Security, Electronic Bank and Means of Payment, Society of the Information, Government of Internet and World-wide Day of Internet. As members of the Subcommittee of Electronic Commerce of the Chamber of Commerce of Bogota and the Chamber of Commerce the International have come developing to activities related to good practices from Electronic Commerce and the legal aspects. Also we are part of the conformed network the I-premises to work in the development of a project and Local Electronic Governability, in charge of UNESCO and the Externado University of Colombia, through the Observatory of Technologies of Information and Communications. At the moment there are independent, engineer students, professionals and industrialists.

We don't currently have a membership registry. This year, we developed a strategy, however, to generate linkages with the volunteers through the network of the engineering faculties to which 23 Colombian universities belong. Further, we signed a treaty with the Externado University of Columbia to create a common education strategy in Government, competition and citizenship.

We further participated in the board of consultants of dominio.co, a project of the Ministry of communications.

We helped the Telecommunications regulation commission to draft the new user protection plan.

We also cooperated with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to design a strategy, which included the creation of two networks: Digital Territories (Territorio Digitales) and the Colombian E-Commerce Network (Red Colombiana de Comercio Electronico). www.redescolombia.org

Further, we are members of the E-commerce Sub-Commission of the Chamber of Commerce of the city of Bogota, which is directly implicated in the ICC. We also worked to participate at the IGF in Rio de Janeiro. We could participate thanks to the Spanish Internet Users' Association (Asociación de Usuarios de Internet de España)

- 9. Explain the eligibility requirements (if any) for your organization's constituents/membership (if you provide a written application for admission as a member, you may attach a copy):**

There are no eligibility requirements.

- 10. In what language/s does your organization conduct its business?**

Spanish

11. Provide support for the statement that your organization is self-supporting (by answering "yes" you confirm that it will not rely on ICANN for funding):

Yes . ACUI has worked during 8 years in projects and activities related to the institutional mission. Also alliances with the public and private sector have been made to develop to the projects and mandates ordered in our statutes.

We do not have membership fees although we considered introducing them at various stages. After we made a careful analysis we identified the need to develop a portfolio of attractive services for our members. We are already going in this direction and consolidate a strategy of activities like research and investigations, publications, events, panel discussions, workshops and courses. All these activities can be financed using public and private funding and advertisement.

12. Describe your organization's structure (e.g. governing and decision-making bodies and processes):

The Colombian Association of Users of Internet, ACUI, is conformed by a Board of directors, which is integrated by 8 main members: President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer and 4 vowels (2 main and 2 substitutes). The election of the Board of directors is made in General Assembly. Meetings of Board of directors are periodically made in order to review and to coordinate the institutional projects. At the moment Committees of work in the objective have been satisfied to summon the participation of the Colombians in these activities.

13. Does your organization commit to supporting its individual constituents'/membership's informed participation in ICANN?

Yes

14. Describe how your organization keeps its constituents/membership informed about, and enables them to participate in, decisions regarding issues of interest:

The members of the Colombian Association of Users of Internet, ACUI, receive information through our site and by means of printed and electronic bulletins. Also they inquire through the weekly meetings that are programmed in diverse enclosures.

15. Does your organization post on the Internet publicly-accessible, current information about your organization's goals, structure, description of constituent group(s)/membership, working mechanisms, leadership, and contact(s) (if this information currently is available, provide URLs)?

Yes. <http://www.acui.org.co>

We also attached our articles of association.

16. Provide information on your organization's leadership (leaders' names, positions, emails):

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Objectives

17. What is your organization's primary goal or mission (please attach any mission or policy statement for your organization, if in writing, or provide a URL, if posted):

The objectives of the Colombian Association of Users of Internet are the following ones:

- To promote the socialization, knowledge, use and advantage of the Technologies of Information and Communications and in individual of Internet in the country.
- To defend the Rights of the Users of Internet.
- To participate in order to improve the situation of the communities that are in poverty situation or that are in risk of being excluded from the development in TIC
- Participation in the publics TIC's policies
- To make studies and investigations, like also academic activities: Forums and Symposiums

All these aspects are sustained in the site of the Colombian Association of Users of Internet:

<http://www.acui.org.co>

18. What ICANN-related issues currently are of interest to your organization's constituents/membership:

All of them

19. If formed, will your organization commit to assisting the Regional At-Large Organization (RALO) for the region in which your organization is based in performing its function?

Yes

Signature

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