

An INTRODUCTION To

APRALO

ASIA, AUSTRALASIA and PACIFIC ISLANDS
Regional At-Large Organization

ICANN

INTERNET CORPORATION
FOR ASSIGNED NAMES AND NUMBERS

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Introducing

- What is ICANN?
- What is ICANN's At-Large Organization?
- What is a Regional At-Large Organization (RALO)?
- What is APRALO? The Individual Internet user community for the Asian, Australian and Pacific Region.
- Participating in APRALO

What is



What is ICANN?

- To reach another person on the Internet you have to type an address into your computer - *a name or a number*. That address has to be *unique* so computers know where to find each other. ICANN *coordinates* these *unique identifiers* across the *world*. Without that *coordination* we wouldn't have one global Internet.
- The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) was formed in 1998 as a not-for-profit public-benefit corporation with participants from all over the world dedicated to keeping the Internet secure, stable and interoperable. It promotes competition and develops policy on the Internet's unique identifiers. ICANN doesn't control content on the Internet.
- It cannot stop spam and it doesn't deal with access to the Internet. But through its coordination role of the Internet's naming system, it does have an important impact on the expansion and evolution of the Internet.

ICANN

- ICANN as an internationally organized, non-profit corporation has the responsibility for:
 - **Internet Protocol (IP) address space allocation,**
 - **Protocol identifier assignment,**
 - **Generic Top Level Domain name system (gTLD)**
 - **Country Code (ccTLD) Top-Level Domain name system management, and;**
 - **Internet Root Server system management functions.**
- *As a private-public partnership,* ICANN is dedicated to preserving the operational stability of the Internet; to promoting competition; to achieving broad representation of global Internet communities; and to developing policy appropriate to its mission through bottom-up, consensus-based processes.

How does ICANN work?

- Within ICANN's structure, governments and international treaty organizations work in partnership with businesses, organizations, and skilled individuals involved in building and sustaining the global Internet.
- Innovation and continuing growth of the Internet bring forth new challenges for maintaining stability. Working collectively, ICANN's participants address those issues that directly concern ICANN's mission of technical coordination.
- Consistent with the principle of maximum self-regulation in the high-tech economy, ICANN is perhaps the foremost example of collaboration by the various constituents of the Internet community.

ICANN's Governance Structure

- ICANN is governed by an internationally diverse Board of Directors overseeing the policy development process. ICANN's President directs an international staff, working from three continents, who ensure that ICANN meets its operational commitment to the Internet community.
- Designed to respond to the demands of rapidly changing technologies and economies, the flexible, readily implemented policy development process originates in the three Supporting Organizations.
- Advisory Committees from individual user organizations, and technical communities work with the Supporting Organizations to create appropriate and effective policies. Over eighty governments closely advise the Board of Directors via the Governmental Advisory Committee.

Participating within ICANN

- Participation in ICANN is open to all who have an interest in global Internet policy as it relates to ICANN's mission of technical coordination.
- ICANN provides many online forums which are accessible through ICANN's website, and the Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees have active mailing lists for participants.
- Additionally, ICANN holds public meetings throughout the year.

ICANN Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees

- For more information on the Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees, please refer to their websites:
 - Address Supporting Organization (ASO) - www.aso.icann.org
 - Country Code Domain Name Supporting Organization (CCNSO) - www.ccnso.icann.org
 - Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) - www.gnso.icann.org
 - At-Large Advisory Committee - www.atlarge.icann.org
 - Governmental Advisory Committee - www.gac.icann.org

*More information on ICANN can be found on ICANN's website: <http://www.icann.org>

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Participating in ICANN

- A mechanism for participation in ICANN by individual Internet users (called “At-Large”) was created for people who want to be involved in issues that affect individual’s use of the Internet's domain name system.
- The At-Large Community represents the Individual Internet User's Voice in ICANN

At-Large Community

- **"At-Large"** is the name for *the community of individual Internet users* who *participate* in the *policy development work* of **ICANN**.
- Currently, more than *100 groups representing the views of individual Internet users are active throughout the world*.
- You can participate in the At-Large community and its activities and in building the future of the worldwide Domain Name System (DNS) and other unique identifiers which every single user of the Internet relies on every time they go online!


ICANN's At-Large Organization

- ICANN At-Large provides crucial contributions to ICANN's work on such matters as guidance on how internationalised domain names ("local language" domain names) are implemented, and how additional new top-level domains (i.e. .info, .name, .museum, etc.) are introduced -- to name just two issues of importance in which At-Large is involved to support the Internet's end-users.
- At-Large also is a leading voice for ICANN stakeholders on Internet Governance and issues related to WSIS, and helps raise awareness of key Internet resource issues that affect ICT development.

<http://www.atlarge.icann.org>

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At-Large Community

The Individual Internet User's Voice in ICANN

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Gateway to:

- Policy Advice Schedule
- Next ICANN Meeting
- At-Large Director Appointment Process

Resources for Community Members

- Advisory Committee (ALAC)
- Regional At-Large Organisations
- At-Large Structures
- Individual Internet Users
- Community Liaisons
- Working Groups
- Organizational Chart
- Key References
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Community Outreach Events


- AFRALO: Nairobi Showcase 2010
- EURALO: Brussels Showcase 2010

Mailing Lists

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At-Large Summit



At-Large

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IPAC, ISOC Peru and enREDo certified as At-Large Structures (ALS)

The At-Large Advisory Committee endorsed the ALS Applications from the Information Policy Analytical Center (IPAC), ISOC Peru and Red Internacional de Diseño (enREDo) today.

IPAC is based in Baku, Azerbaijan and will be member of the Asia, Australasia and Pacific Islands Regional At-Large Organisation (APRALO). ISOC Peru and enREDo are located in Lima, Peru and Bogota, Colombia respectively and will be members of the Latin American and Caribbean Islands Regional At-Large Organisation (LACRALO).

You may review the detailed result of the ALAC vote under:
<https://www.bipulse.com/pollresults?code=14024DmqW735K5vPIIsQUAIt>

Latest News ...

[IPAC, ISOC Peru and enREDo certified as At-Large Structures \(ALS\)](#)
Tuesday, 19 October 2010

[ALAC Submits Statement on Vertical Integration to ICANN Board](#)
Friday, 10 September 2010

[ALAC Endorses Statement on Draft Applicant Guidebook v4](#)
Sunday, 29 August 2010

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ICANN News

- Review Teams for SSR (Security, Stability and Resiliency of the DNS) and for WHOIS (Whois Policy)
- TLG Review - Independent External Reviewers' Draft Report for Public Comment
- Public Comment: Review of IDN ccTLD Fast Track Process
- Updated New gTLD Budget Published
- Public Comment: Allow the Allocation of Numeric-Only (Excluding Single-Digit) Domains in .TEL

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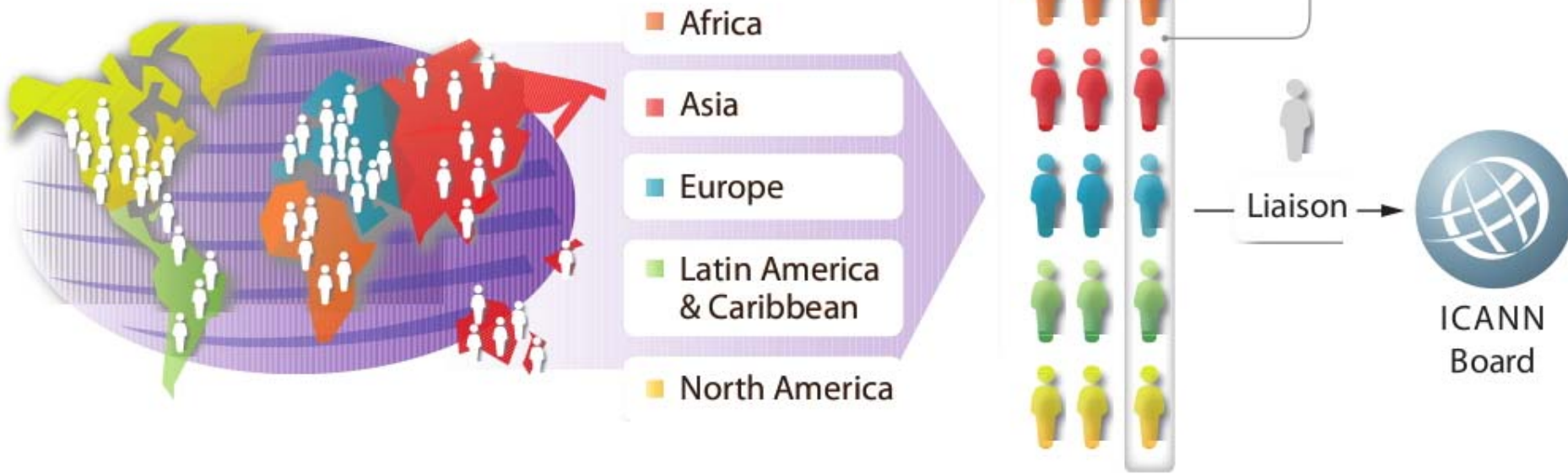
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Regional At-Large Organisations

- The At-Large community is structured into five Regional At-Large Organizations (RALO), each composed by a number of regional At-Large Structures (ALS) –Internet user organizations - and unaffiliated users.
- Each RALO has a regional Chair and a Secretariat. In addition to their annual General Assemblies, the regions hold monthly teleconferences to develop a regional view on current policy issues and to provide input for the At-Large policy process.



At Large Organizational Diagram



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At Large Structures

Regional At Large Organizations

At Large Advisory Committee

RALO's Across the Globe

- African Regional At-Large Organization (AFRALO)
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- Asian, Australasian and Pacific Islands Regional At-Large Organization (APRALO) www.atlarge.icann.org/apralo
- European Regional At-Large Organization (EURALO)
www.atlarge.icann.org/euralo
- Latin American and Caribbean Islands Regional At-Large Organization (LACRALO) www.atlarge.icann.org/lacralo
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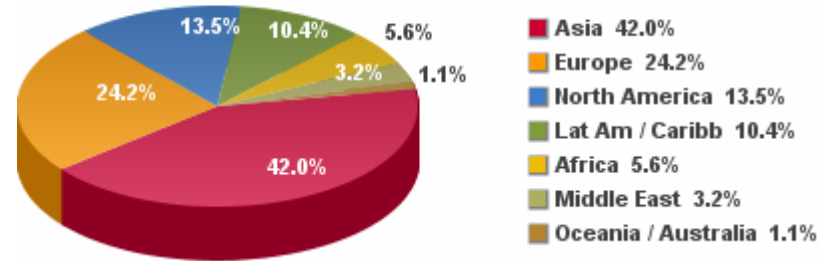
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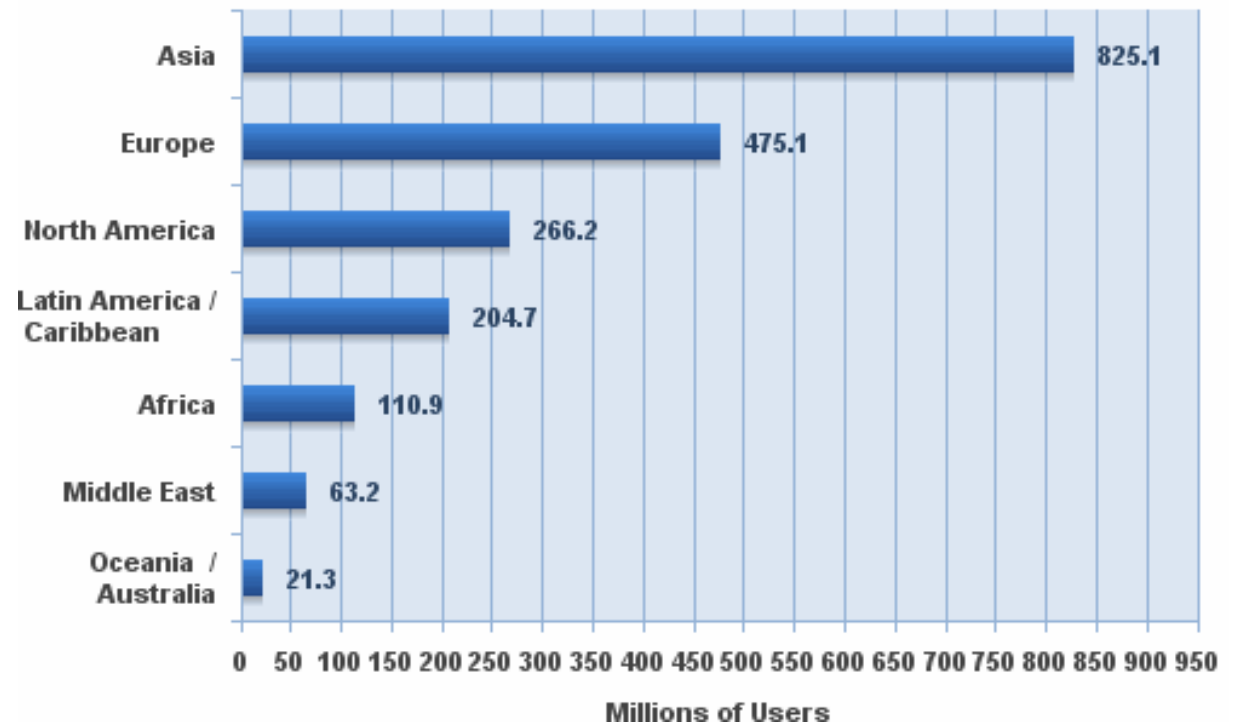
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- **APRALO is made up of more sub-regions than any other region and comprises more than 70 nations reaching from Turkey to New Zealand?**
- **APRALO is the region with the most Internet users, the most people still offline and the greatest growth potential in the coming years?**
- **You can now get a domain name in many local languages of the region, such as 大兵小將.asia**
- **Due to the region's diversity and growth, Asia-Pacific Internet users are among the most concerned by current Internet policy discussion?**
- **As a member of APRALO, you can make a direct impact on the direction of the international body responsible for some of the Internet's key resources?**

Internet Users in the World Distribution by World Regions - 2010



Internet Users in the World by Geographic Regions - 2010



APRALO Membership

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- APRALO represents their views in the bottom-up, consensus based, multi-stakeholder ICANN policy development process. And we can always benefit from new perspectives.
- To ensure that APRALO represent views as diverse as our region, we encourage individuals and groups to join us.
- APRALO Membership is simple and free of charge.

APRALO Diversity

- APRALO has some 23 ALSs and growing.
- It covers a vast geographic candidate area that is bounded by the Middle East in the west, China in the north, the Indian subcontinent and Australasia in the south and the Pacific Island states in the east.
- The APRALO region encompasses a diversity of cultures, languages and scripts. Populations vary enormously with China and India having 1,300,000,000 and 1,100,000,000 respectively, to Niue and Tokelau with 1,500 and 1,200.

APRALO ALS Map

APRALO



Diversity

- Each country may have its own language or languages as well as dialects and diverse scripts.
- Overlay access issues that can be described as fortress and nonfortress and the different approaches to policy issues that vary from rigorously coordinated to complete individualistic present APRALO with exciting challenges that are not as prevalent in our sister RALOs.
- Finally, many challenges resulting from diversity can be solved by increasing participation by a broader spectrum of enthusiasts from the APRALO ALSes though the support of the parent organization, ICANN.

Why Join APRALO?

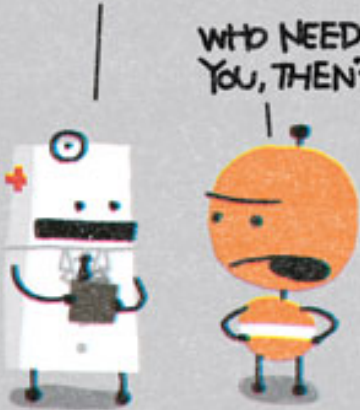
Because, the Internet Needs You!



And....

BOB, I'VE TOLD YOU A THOUSAND TIMES! I CAN'T JUST PRESCRIBE A PILL TO GIVE YOU A "SEXY BODY!" YOU NEED TO EXERCISE!

WHO NEEDS YOU, THEN?!

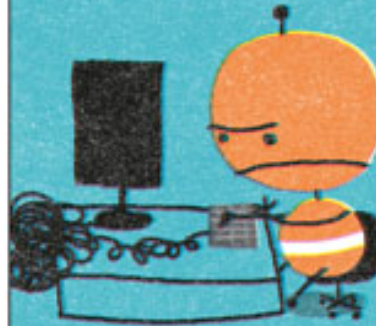


THERE IS NOTHING YOU'VE LEARNED IN YOUR DECADES OF STUDY AND PRACTICE THAT I CANNOT FIND OUT IN FIVE MINUTES ON THE INTERNET! IT'S A NEW AGE, DR. CURTIS! INFORMATION IS FREE!



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Joining APRALO

- If you are an organization located in Asia, Australasia or the Pacific Islands and concerned with Internet-related issues, you can help influence the operation, growth and development of the Internet by becoming part of the Asia, Australasia and Pacific Islands Regional At-Large Organization (APRALO).
- APRALO invites all interested civil society parties to join it in taking part in the decisions that shape the Internet.

Some of the many issues APRALO focuses on:

- Some key issues of importance to APRALO:
 - Rights of the Internet User with regards to Domain and IP Addressing of the Internet.
 - Increased participation in ICANN processes by Internet Users especially Youth and Women from Asia, Australasian and Pacific Regions.
 - Internet Governance.
 - Critical Internet Resource Management.
 - IPv4 to IPv6 Transition.
 - Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs) in Asia Pacific.
 - New Generic Top Level Domain Names (gTLDs).
 - ICANN Accountability and Transparency Review.

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Asian, Australasian and Pacific Islands Regional At-Large Organization (APRALO)



What is APRALO?

Welcome to the online home of the At-Large (individual Internet user community) for the Asian-Australasian-Pacific region, providing news, key resources and interactive features for information sharing for individuals and end-user groups in the Asian-Australasia-Pacific region interested in ICANN and shaping the future of the Internet.

BASIC INFORMATION

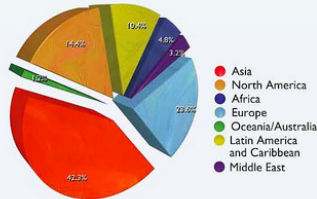
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Outreach Activities

- **Teleconferences and Face-2-Face Meetings**
- **Presentations at APNOG, APRICOT, AP-IGF and various Internet related events.**

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Two of the key issues of importance to APRALO are outlined below.

IPv4 to IPv6 Transition

How serious is the IPv4 address pool depletion and need for IPv6 implementation? One good source is Internet Addressing: Measuring Deployment of IPv6, a recent report from the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development. It says:

IPv4 is expected to run out of previously unallocated addresses in 2012. When IPv4 addresses are fully allocated, operators and service providers must support the newer version of the Internet Protocol (IPv6) in order to add additional customers or devices to their networks.

Some of you may think, "Oh, then let's deploy IPv6 network and migrate existing network resources to IPv6." Sounds simple, but is it? Implementing IPv6 network actually means, so long as people also use existing IPv4-based networks and resources, you need to run both IPv4 and v6 networks and resources at the same time.

For more on this topic, please log on to <http://www.apralo.org>.

Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs) in Asia Pacific

Broad adoption of Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs) will have significant social impact for the Internet in Asia Pacific. IDNs are as much about diversity, access, openness and equality as they are about commercial opportunities and economic development. Because of the English alphanumeric limitations, the interest and perceived value of domain names by brands, especially local small and medium sized enterprises (SME) in Asia Pacific, has been low. With IDNs, businesses can express their offline identity online. Furthermore, domain name portfolio is an important aspect of Search Engine



My At-Large Structure (ALS) Internet Society of Australia (ISOC-AU) became a certified structure for At-Large in ICANN back in 2005. Since then we have been directly involved in the development of APRALO and I was honored (as the authorized representative on my ALS) to be a signatory of the Regional Founding Documents with ICANN in 2007. Being involved in ICANN via APRALO as an ALS member and representative to the At-Large Advisory Committee since our region was formed has allowed and encouraged me to ensure that the diverse voices and needs of Internet users as well as domain name registrants has been an effective influence in ICANN activities and policy development, and continues to be an exciting and rewarding part of my volunteer life. It has also afforded me the rare opportunity to meet and work with some of the most amazing and committed people working in Internet governance and (nomenclature (naming and numbering) issues on the Internet, an experience literally worth its weight in gold. Cheryl Langdon-Ori, Chair, At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) and APRALO representative to the ALAC.



As one of two Asia-Pacific members on the Interim ALAC, I helped to found APRALO in 2006 by drafting the Operational Principles, organizing preparatory meetings and facilitating the founding meeting in Bali. In my role as Chair of Council of Chinese Domain Name Users Alliance, I have been actively participating in APRALO activities, including drafting statements, submitting policy papers and making comments in face-to-face meetings and monthly calls. On behalf of APRALO, I organized two IDN workshops at the IGF. Since 2008, I have served as the APRALO representative on the ICANN Nomination Committee. Hong Xue, Chair, Council of Chinese Domain Name Users Alliance.

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- **APRALO Meetings at ICANN Public Meetings**
- **Participation in At-Large Community and ICANN Policy development processes (on-going)**

Joining ICANN as an At-Large Structure

Joining ICANN through At-Large

- Globally, thousands of individual Internet users in all regions of the world are a part of At Large, thanks to their organisations being registered as "**At-Large Structures**" and more groups have registering all the time. Many more individuals and organizations are needed, however, to help advance the interests of individual Internet users worldwide.
- Groups throughout the world that deal with individual Internet users' interests are encouraged to register and participate in ICANN by submitting a simple application form. Groups that meet the minimum requirements will be certified as "**At-Large Structures.**"

Why register as an At-Large Structure?

- At-Large Structures are wholly independent from ICANN.
- Registration simply recognizes that these groups meet ICANN's criteria for involving individual Internet users at the local or issue level in ICANN activities, and for promoting individuals' understanding of, and participation in, ICANN.

By being designated an At-Large Structure, your group gets:

- A recognized role in forming the policies that affect how individuals' use the Internet (ICANN is listening. Make sure your voice is heard!);
- Quick and easy access to first-hand information on what's happening in ICANN and why it matters to end-users;
- Opportunities to provide your members education on ICANN's work and Internet developments;

An At-Large Structure (ALS)

- Participation in building your region's At-Large organization (RALO), and opportunities to network with other groups in your country and region as At-Large grows;
- Representation in ICANN at the regional and international level, plus your group's members will be eligible to serve on important regional and international decision-making bodies in ICANN;
- A free web page and other Internet-based mechanisms to support your group's work;
- Opportunities for grant funding to support some of your group's activities (ALAC applies for grant funding as opportunities arise).

Register as At-Large Structures?

- Any group that supports individuals' ability to share their views on ICANN issues, and that meets the few simple criteria, can register to be an At-Large Structure. Types of groups that have registered (or have expressed interest in registering) as At-Large Structures include:
 - Professional societies (e.g. engineers, attorneys, etc.)
 - Academic and research organizations
 - Community networking groups
 - Consumer advocacy groups
 - Internet Society chapters
 - Computer user organizations
 - Internet civil society groups

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