

## The Internet Needs You

At-Large supports global participation in ICANN by individual Internet users who want to influence decisions that affect everyone's use of the Internet every time they use the net. ICANN At-Large provides essential policy advice to ICANN, including guidance on how to ensure changes to the Internet's addressing system can help ensure the Internet becomes a more trusted and safe place, how Internationalized Domain Names ("local language" domain names) are implemented, and how additional new top-level domains (.info, .name, .museum, etc.) are introduced. Groups are encouraged to register and participate in ICANN by submitting a simple online application form (available at <http://www.atlarge.icann.org>) to become an "At-Large Structure".

## ICANN Is Listening

### Make Your Voice Heard!

#### What kind of groups can register as At-Large Structures?

Any group that supports individuals' ability to share their views on ICANN issues, and meets the few simple criteria, can register to be an At-Large Structure (ALS). Types of groups that have registered (or expressed interest in registering) as ALS include:

- Internet society chapters
- Computer user organizations
- Internet civil society groups
- Consumer advocacy groups
- Community networking groups
- Professional societies (engineers, attorneys, etc.)
- Academic & research organizations

"At-Large" is the name for the community of individual Internet users who participate in the policy development work of ICANN. More than 140 At-Large Structures representing the views of individual Internet users are active throughout the world. You can learn more about the community and its activities on the website <http://www.atlarge.icann.org>, as well as how to join and participate in building the future of the worldwide Domain Name System (DNS) and other unique identifiers which every single user of the Internet relies on with every online visit.

### About 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. ICANN was formed in 1998. It is 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. For more information please visit: <http://www.icann.org>.



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Advancing the interests of the world's individual  
Internet users within ICANN

## ICANN At-Large

INTERNET CORPORATION  
FOR ASSIGNED NAMES AND NUMBERS



# ICANN WELCOMES PARTICIPATION

If a group you are involved with wants to **influence decisions that shape the Internet** then it should join ICANN's At-Large Community and participate in ICANN decisions critical to the Internet's end users. Registration is free and easy. Groups interested in participating in ICANN At-Large are encouraged to send an email to: [staff@atlarge.icann.org](mailto:staff@atlarge.icann.org) or apply online at <http://www.atlarge.icann.org/join>.



"The At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) is now celebrating 10 years in its current form of successfully contributing policy input from Internet users to ICANN's policy development process."

*Dr. Olivier Crépin-Leblond, ALAC Chair*

## Why Join At-Large ?

Everyone who uses the Internet should have a voice in its governance. Numerous Internet user groups from every region around the globe are already involved in ICANN's At-Large Community — but we still need your perspective. Please register today as an At-Large community member organization. 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, the decisions that affect them. At-Large community member organizations are wholly independent from ICANN.

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

- A recognized role in forming the policies that affect how everyone uses the Internet, every day
- Quick and easy access to first-hand information on what's happening and why it matters to end-users

- Opportunities to educate your members on ICANN's work and Internet developments
- 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

## More Information

About participation in ICANN decisions critical to the Internet's end users is available by contacting ICANN's At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC). The ALAC was created to work with user groups worldwide in advising ICANN on how to ensure that decisions that shape the Internet reflect the interests of end users. You can reach the ALAC at: [alac@atlarge.icann.org](mailto:alac@atlarge.icann.org) or <http://www.atlarge.icann.org>. You can also find a copy of "A Beginner's Guide to Participating in At-Large" at <http://www.icann.org/en/about/learning/beginners-guides/>.

ICANN At-Large Organization Diagram



This map is for representational purposes only.

For more detailed information see the Google Map of the RALOs and ALSes at: <http://www.atlarge.icann.org/orgchart>