

## Session

ICANN's Corporate and Social Responsibility to Respect  
Human Rights

In the framework of the  
Cross Community Working Party  
on ICANN's Corporate and Social Responsibility  
to Respect Human Rights

Buenos Aires – June 24

# Agenda

- Welcome and introductions
- Update on the GAC Human Rights and International Law Working Group
- Update and presentation on of the ICANN statement by Council of Europe
- Presentation of new issue report
- Discussion on how and where human rights policies and assessment could be best situated and implemented
- Summary

# Continuing the discussion

- ICANN 50 London - Report [by Thomas Schneider & Monika Zalnierute, facilitated by CoE](#)
- ICANN 51 LA - Session [by Article19](#)
- ICANN 52 Singapore - CCWP established  
GAC WG  
Report [by Article19](#)
- ICANN 53 BA - Sessions (GAC WG, CCWP, meetings with constituencies)  
Report [by Article19](#)

# Why?

*"ICANN is bound to operate "for the benefit of the internet community as a whole, carrying out its activities in conformity with relevant principles of international law and applicable international conventions and local law"*

- Article 4 of ICANN's Articles of Incorporation

ICANN's policies and operations have the potential to impact human rights

# Scope and focus

- UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights
- UN Global Compact
- UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Right for the ICT Sector
- Not expanding ICANNs mission

# Charter / Terms of Reference CCWP

- Raise awareness
- Map policies, procedures and operations that impact human rights
- Provide information, suggestions and recommendations to chartering orgs and ICANN community
- Propose procedures and mechanisms for HR impact assessment
- Develop and explore CSR guidelines that are in place or should be created
- Produce position papers and statements where appropriate

# GAC Human Rights and International Law Working Group

Update and presentation on of the ICANN  
statement by Council of Europe





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**Issue report for the Cross  
Community Working Party  
on ICANN's Corporate and  
Social Responsibility to  
Respect Human Rights:  
Practical recommendations  
for ICANN**

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# Mapping of CSR initiatives

## Standards

- UN Guiding Principles for Business and Human Rights
- UN Global Compact – 12.000 participants from of 145 countries

## Other sector examples

- Global Network Initiative
- IRP (within framework IGF)
- Silicon Valley Standard
- Ranking Digital Rights

# Human Rights Policy Commitment

- Implementing UN Guiding Principles
  - 1. Defining the content of human rights policy commitment
  - 2. Developing the policy commitment
  - 3. Communicating the policy commitment
  - 4. Aligning internally with the policy commitment
  - 5. Applying the commitment to business relationships.

# Human rights due diligence

- Regular human rights compliance reviews
- Human Rights Impact assessments
- Remediation for human rights impacts/implications
  - Role of the Office of the Ombudsman
  - Procedure for resolving human rights policy 'inconsistency claims'

Discussion on how and where human rights policies and assessment could be best situated and implemented

# Join or follow the work

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Open Working session Wednesday 17:00 – 18:00 Retiro A