



# About ICANN At-Large

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# Introduction to At-Large

# Who is the At-Large Community?



Volunteer Community, with over 200 organisations and individual members around the world that represents the interests of individual Internet users in ICANN activities

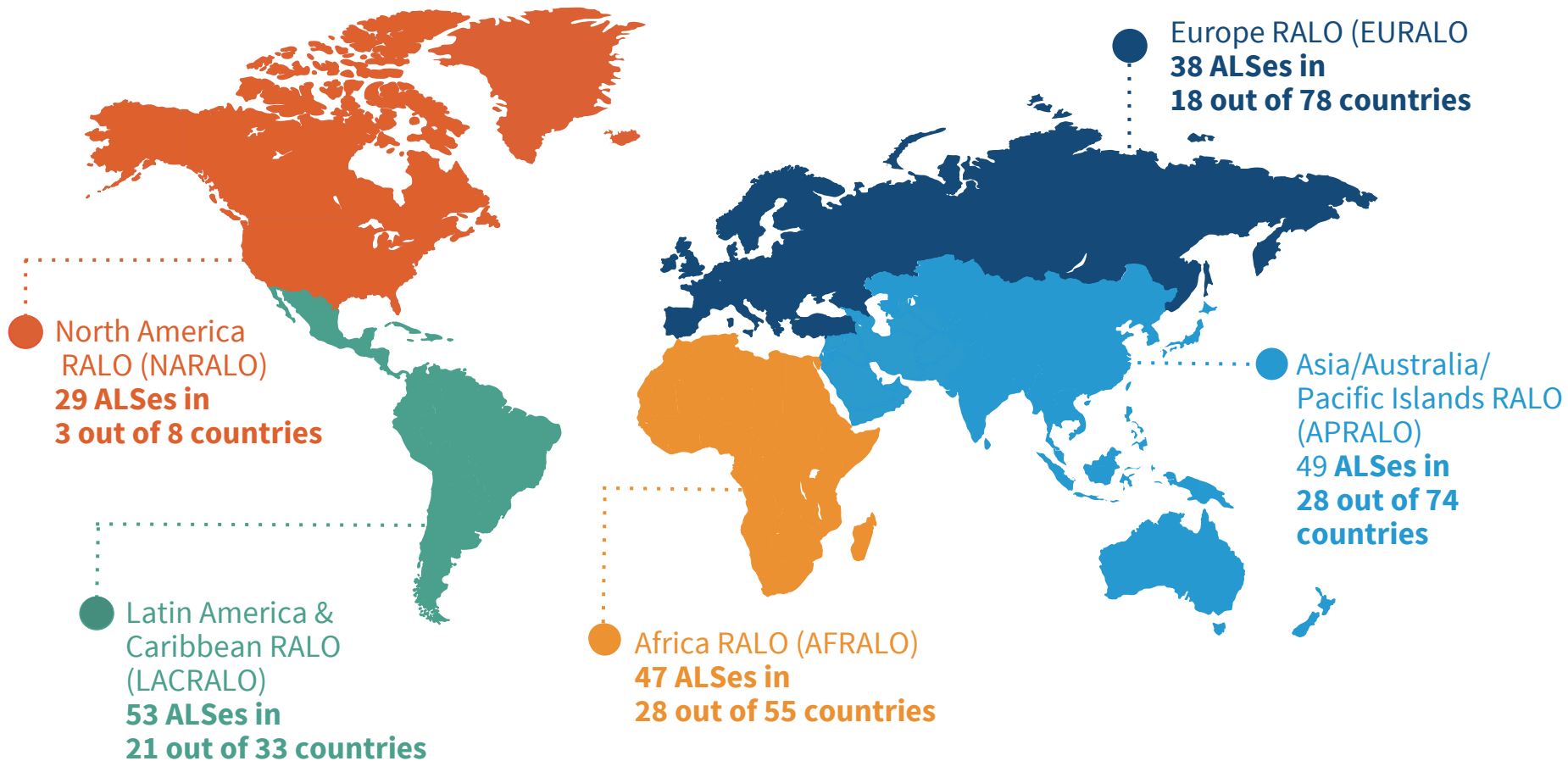
Any group that supports individuals' ability to share their views on ICANN issues can be a part of the At-Large Community. These include

- Professional societies (e.g. engineers, attorneys, etc.)
- Academic and research organizations
- Community networking groups
- Consumer advocacy groups
- Internet Society chapters
- End/Computer user organizations
- Internet civil society groups

Groups that become accredited by ICANN are called At-Large Structures (ALSes)

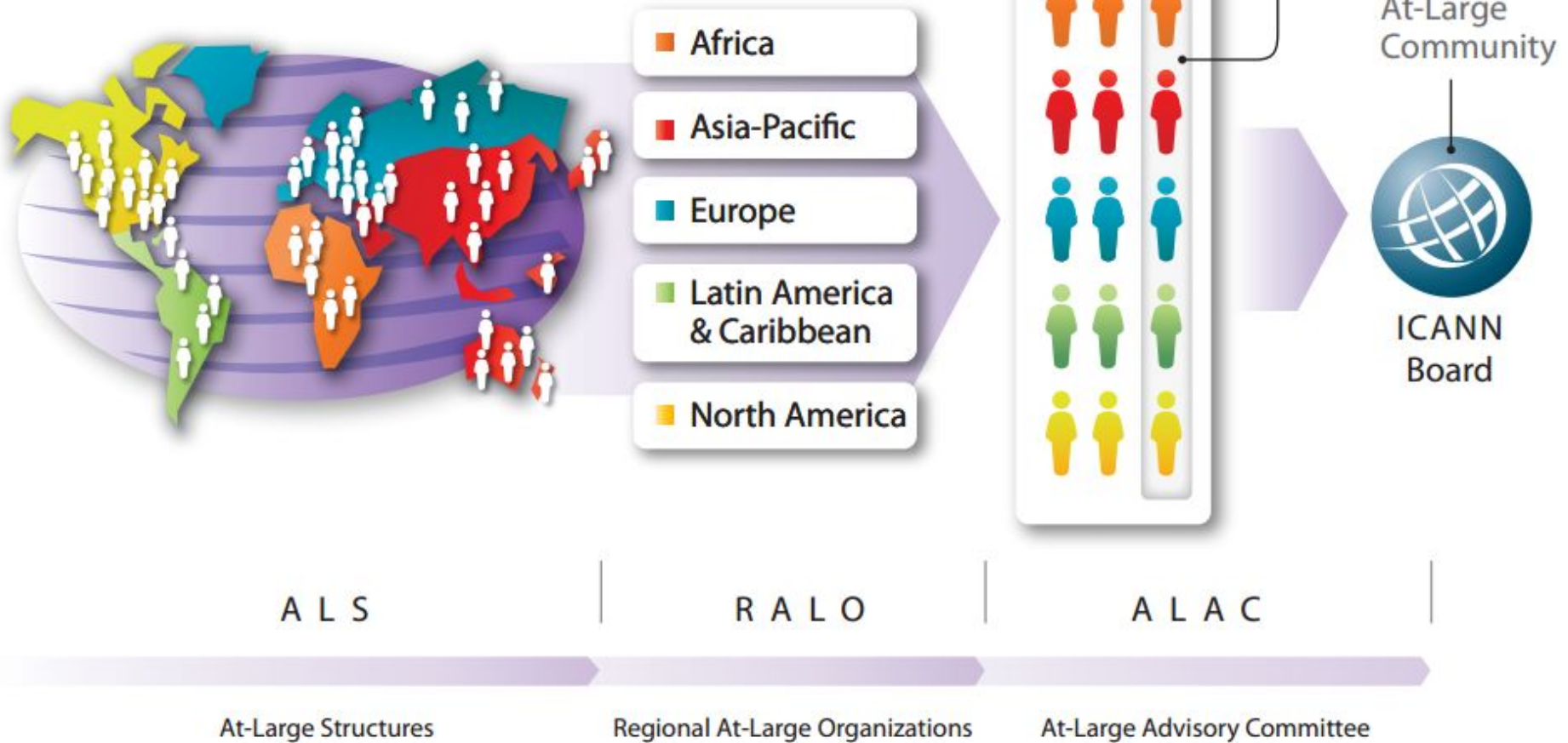
# Regional At-Large Organisations (RALOs)

ALSes and individual members are organized into five Regional At-Large Organisations (RALOs) based on their geographic regions





# At-Large Organizational Diagram



# Key At-Large/ALAC Activities



The At-Large Community has the duty to understand, defend, and advocate for the interests of global Internet end users in ICANN activities.

To fulfill this duty, we focus on three areas of work:

- 1) Policy Advice Development
- 2) Policy Development.
- 3) Organisation Building

# Recent Policy Topics

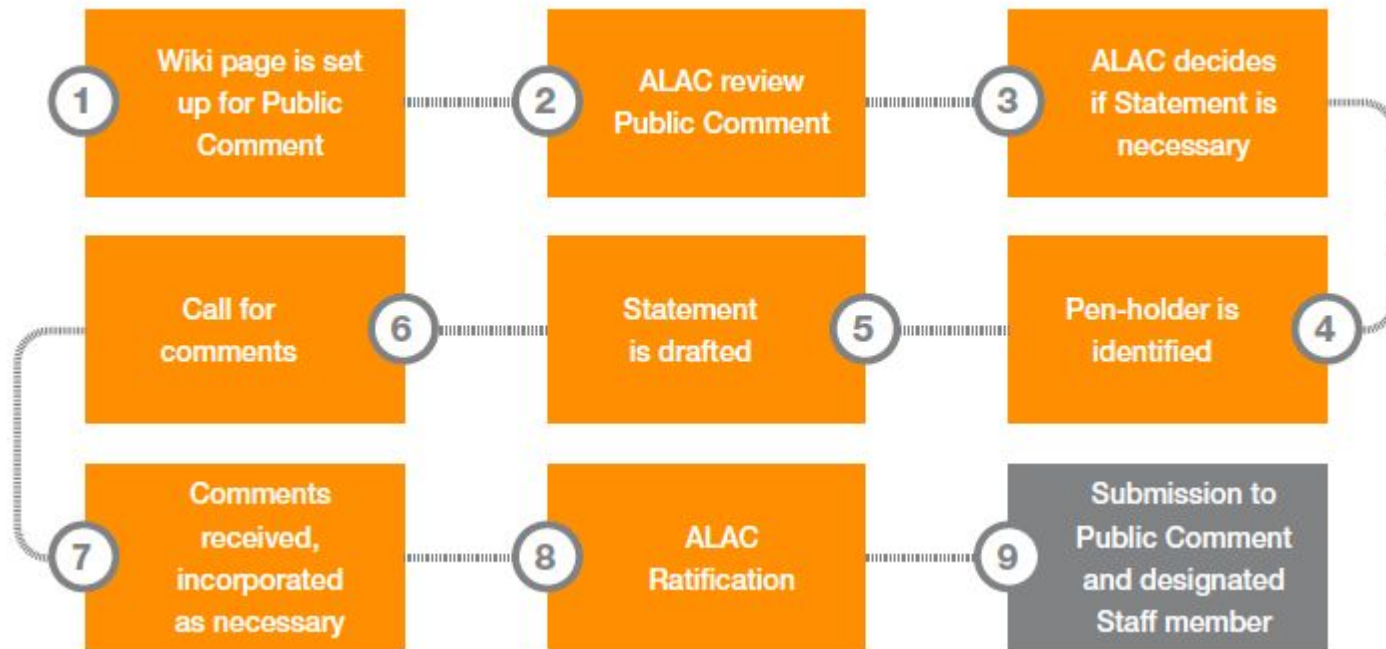
Publish Date	Title	Topic(s)
In Progress	Identifier Technology Health Indicators: Definition	Security/Stability
In Progress	Input requested: SO/AC/SG/C Outreach - New gTLD Subsequent Procedures	New gTLDs
In Progress	Creating a Consumer Agenda at ICANN	Public Interest
10 Jan 2017	Updated Supplementary Procedures for Independent Review Process (IRP)	Accountability/Transparency, Legal/Regulatory
23 Dec 2016	Proposed ICANN Community Anti-Harassment Policy	Engagement
22 Dec 2016	Continuous Data-Driven Analysis of Root Server System Stability Draft Report	DNS, Reviews/Improvements, Security/Stability
14 Dec 2016	Draft PTI FY18 Operating Plan and Budget	Operations/Finances
6 Dec 2016	Phase II Assessment of the Competitive Effects Associated with the New gTLD Program	DNS, Reviews/Improvements

See <https://atlarge.icann.org/policy-summary>

# Policy Advice Development

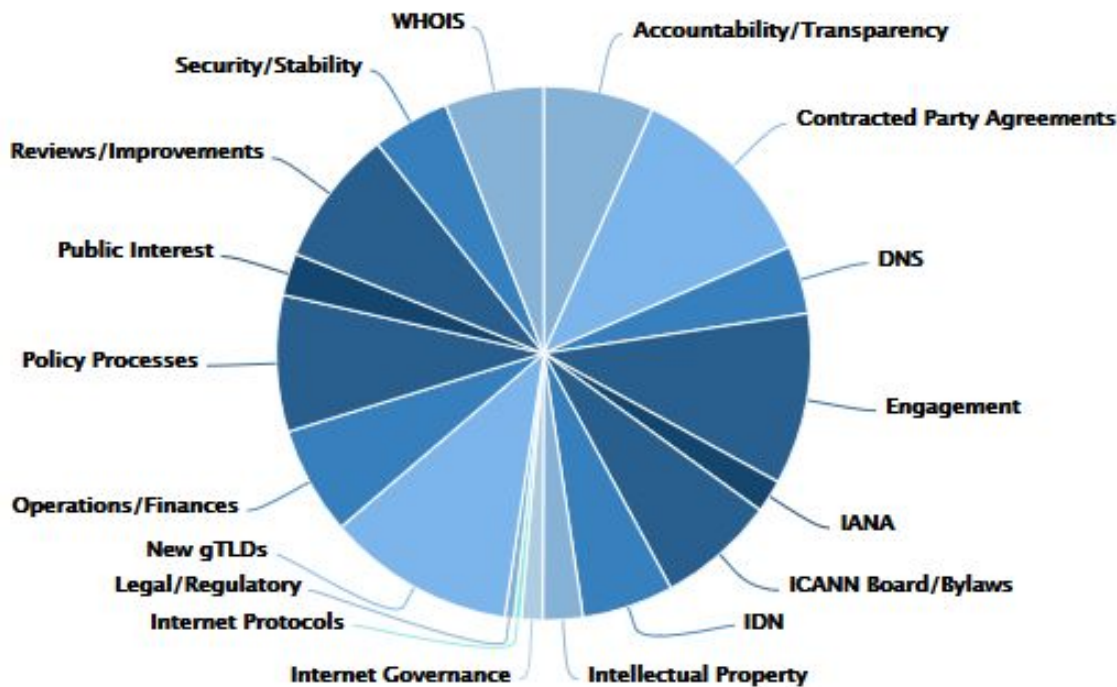
Policy Advice Development - The At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) publicizes, analyzes, and advises on proposed ICANN policies and decisions that reflect the views and needs of individual users at regional and global levels.

At-Large Community members are empowered to draft position statements on behalf of the ALAC, comment on draft statements, and engage in policy-focused activities. See <https://atlarge.icann.org/policy-summary>



# Policy Advice Development

Since 2003, The At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) has developed over 300 pieces of Advice on ICANN policies and issues impacting Internet users.



Topic	Count	Checkbox
Accountability/Transparency	47	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contracted Party Agreements	83	<input type="checkbox"/>
DNS	29	<input type="checkbox"/>
Engagement	73	<input type="checkbox"/>
IANA	14	<input type="checkbox"/>
ICANN Board/Bylaws	50	<input type="checkbox"/>
IDN	39	<input type="checkbox"/>
Intellectual Property	17	<input type="checkbox"/>
Internet Governance	9	<input type="checkbox"/>
Internet Protocols	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
Legal/Regulatory	4	<input type="checkbox"/>
New gTLDs	80	<input type="checkbox"/>
Operations/Finances	46	<input type="checkbox"/>
Policy Processes	58	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public Interest	18	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reviews/Improvements	58	<input type="checkbox"/>
Security/Stability	33	<input type="checkbox"/>
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# Policy Development

Many At-Large members participate in many [GNSO Working Groups](#), Cross Community Working Groups and Review Teams to develop ICANN policies and/or recommendations.

Some recent examples:

- Competition, Consumer Trust and Consumer Choice Review Team
- Customer Standing Committee (CSC)
- Cross Community Working Group Accountability Work Stream 1 and 2
- IANA Stewardship Transition Coordination Group (ICG)
- CWG to Develop an IANA Stewardship Transition Proposal on Naming Related Functions

The ALAC also has liaisons to other ICANN Communities:  
SSAC, GAC, GNSO, and ccNSO

At-Large plays an important role in making sure that individual Internet users keep in touch with ICANN's main activities, contribute to policy development, and provide sustainable flow of new blood into the multistakeholder model.

To achieve this goal, At-Large carries out activities, events, and meetings that focus on outreach and engagement, capacity building, and operational needs via Working Groups.

Almost all of our working groups are open to everyone regardless of whether you are a member of At-Large or an observer.

A full listing of At-Large WGs can be found at <https://atlarge.icann.org/>

There are several WGs that can match your interest

For those with Policy, Law and Internet Governance Interests :

[ICANN Evolution](#) , [IDN Policy](#) , [New gTLDs](#) , [Registration Issues](#)  
[Public Interest](#)

For those with Technical Interests

[Technical Issues](#) , [Accessibility](#) , [Technology](#)

For those with Civil Society backgrounds:

[Capacity Building](#) , [Outreach and Engagement](#) , [Social Media](#) ; [Captioning Pilot Project](#)

For those in Academia :

[Capacity Building](#) , [Accessibility](#)

# How to engage with At-Large



# But first.....Why engage with At-Large?



The At-Large Community represents the interests of Internet end users in ICANN activities. ICANN activities include policies that

- govern how people can register and use domain names,
- ensure local languages are available as domain names
- govern how generic Top Level Domains (gTLDs) are made available worldwide
- govern your country code Top Level Domain (ccTLD)

Being a part of the At-Large Community brings you into contact with a network of diverse, global community that share similar Internet Governance interests.

Also, being in the “room” where these policies are being formulated and discussed, you can make your voice heard and help shape these policies being developed by ICANN's multistakeholder community that affect current and future Internet users.

To see a summary of ICANN policy issues and why end users should care about these issues, [https://atlarge.icann.org/advice\\_statements/9895](https://atlarge.icann.org/advice_statements/9895) .

Given that most At-Large activities (Policy Advice Development, Policy development and Organisation building) are done online, the key first step to delving into the world of At Large is being able to receive notifications of when At Large activities are taking place.

At-Large activities are promoted and announced via



- Social media channels  
([@icannatlarge](#), [/icannatlarge](#) )



- At Large Calendar  
<https://atlarge.icann.org/calendar>



- At-Large Mailing lists  
<https://atlarge.icann.org/get-involved/mailing-lists>



At-Large activities include conference calls which you can attend online. A meeting page is shared on meeting page with agendas and how you can connect with your computer/mobile device and/or phone.



Anyone can attend these calls!



These calls are recorded and afterwards, the meeting page is updated with the recordings and transcripts for anyone to review and ask questions from the WG chair or via staff at [staff@atlarge.icann.org](mailto:staff@atlarge.icann.org) .

# Questions?



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- Find and follow an At-Large Working Group that interests you  
<https://atlarge.icann.org/>



- Find At-Large Community members in your country or region  
<https://atlarge.icann.org/alses>



- See the At-Large discussion on policy issues  
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