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About the At-Large Community

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

Who is the At-Large Community?

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
- Computer user organizations
- Internet civil society groups

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

If you belong to such a group, you can encourage the group to apply online to join the At-Large Community.

Individuals can become members of the At-Large community by:
- Becoming a member of an At-Large structure (ALS)
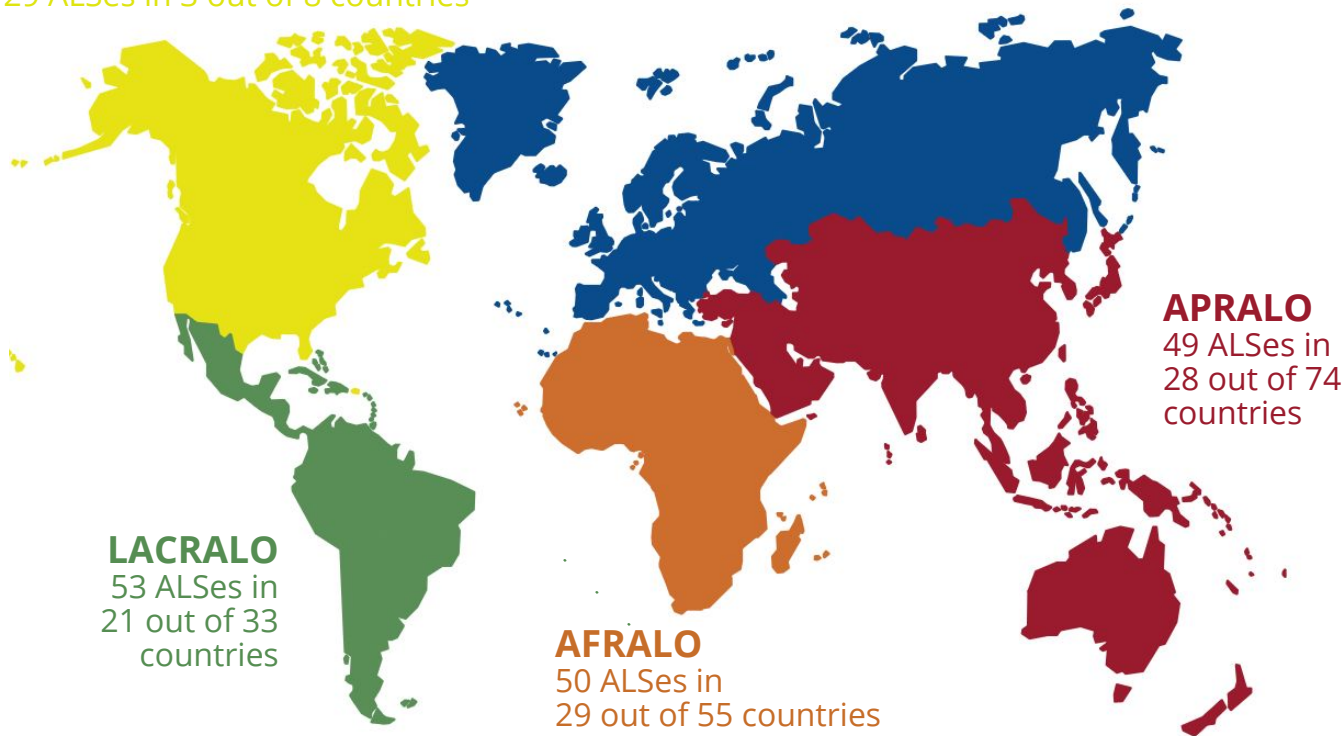- Joining directly as an individual member.

At-Large Community Organisational Structure

NARALO
29 ALSes in 3 out of 8 countries

EURALO - 38 ALSes in 18 out of 78 countries

APRALO
49 ALSes in
28 out of 74
countries

LACRALO
53 ALSes in
21 out of 33
countries

AFRALO
50 ALSes in
29 out of 55 countries

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

Africa (**AF**)
Asia Pacific (**AP**),
Europe (**EU**),
Latin America & Caribbean (**LAC**)
North America (**NA**)

At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) - **15** Members

10 selected by RALOs to serve on the ALAC
(**2** from each RALO)

5 selected by Nom Com to serve on the ALAC
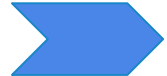(**1** from each region)

Seat #15 on the ICANN Board is selected by the ALAC and the At-Large Community

Key activities done by the At-Large Community

Key At-Large Community activities

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

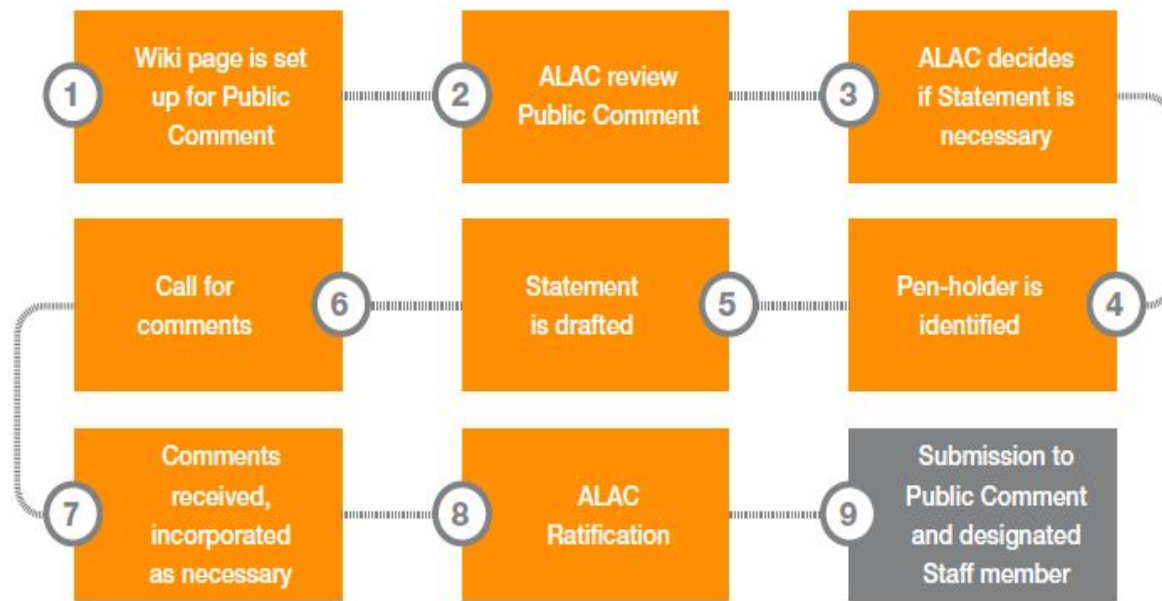To fulfill this duty, we focus on three areas of work:

Comments on ICANN activities

Policy Development

Organisation Building

Comments on ICANN activities

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 via ICANN's Public Comments , which allows the community to comment on proposals initiated from ICANN staff or Working Groups.

At-Large Community members can 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

Recent ALAC comments on ICANN activities

Since 2003, The At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) has developed over **300** comments on ICANN policies and issues impacting Internet users. See https://atlarge.icann.org/policy-summary

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Publish Date	Title	Topic(s)
In Progress	At-Large Review: Draft Report	Reviews/Improvements
In Progress	ALAC Response to CCWG-Accountability Work Stream 2 SO/AC Accountability Subgroup Questions Regarding SO/AC Accountability	Accountability/Transparency
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
20 Jan 2017	Identifier Technology Health Indicators: Definition	Security/Stability
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

Policy Development

At-Large members can participate in various GNSO Working Groups, Cross Community Working Groups (CCWGs) 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)
- CCWG Accountability Work Stream 2
- CCWG Auction Proceeds

The ALAC also has liaisons to other ICANN Communities:
- Security & Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)
- Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC)
- Generic Names Supporting Organisation (GNSO)
- Country Code Names Supporting Organisation (ccNSO)

Organisation Building

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 Working Groups can be found at https://atlarge.icann.org/

At-Large Community Working Groups

There are several At-Large Community Working Groups that can match your interest, whether you are a member of the At-Large Community or an observer.

For those in, or involved with:

Policy, Law and/or Internet Governance Interests

ICANN Evolution ; IDN Policy ; New gTLDs ; Registration Issues ; Public Interest

Technical Interests

Technical Issues ; Accessibility ; Technology

Civil Society

Capacity Building ; Outreach & Engagement ; Social Media ; Captioning Project

Academia

Capacity Building ; Accessibility

How to engage with the At-Large Community

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 generic Top Level Domains (gTLDs) are made available worldwide,
- govern how people can register and use domain names
- ensure local languages are available as domain names,
- 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, see http://bitly.com/why-end-users-should-care .

How to engage with At-Large

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

How to engage with At-Large

At-Large activities include conference calls which you can attend online. Each conference call has a webpage with an agenda and how you can connect with your computer/mobile device and/or phone. You can request ICANN to call you directly before the call begins. Many At-Large conference calls have interpretation in other languages for persons who don't speak English.

Anyone can attend these calls!

These calls are recorded and after the call, the meeting page is updated with the recordings and transcripts for anyone to review and ask questions from the WG chair or via At-Large Staff at staff@atlarge.icann.org.

Further engagement

- 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 https://atlarge.icann.org/policy-summary

- If you are in a group that could be interested in being in the At-Large Community, join online at https://atlarge.icann.org/get-involved/about-als

Questions?

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