Do you speak ICANNese?

ASO  IRTP  IDNs  SOP

FOI  PEDNR  RDS  SSAC

ATRT  DMPM  CCWG

RPM  PPSAI  URS  RIR
Welcome & introduction

Policy Development at ICANN

ICANN Supporting Organizations

Current policy development topics

How can you get involved?

Questions / Discussion
Policy Development at ICANN
The ICANN Community At Work

The Bottom-Up Multistakeholder Model

The collective efforts of the ICANN community culminate in a common shared goal:
A single, interoperable Internet supported by stable, secure and resilient unique identifier systems
Community Driven Policy – HOW?

- Multistakeholder
- Bottom-Up
- Open and Transparent
Who Participates?

Many Communities and Many Motivations:

• Advocacy
• Information
• Offering Technical Expertise
• What is your motivation?
Who makes policy at ICANN?

- The three Supporting Organizations:
  - GNSO – Generic Names Supporting Organization
  - ccNSO – Country-code Names Supporting Organization
  - ASO – Address Supporting Organization

- Approved policy recommendations are sent to the ICANN Board for final decision/ratification
What ICANN does NOT do

• Regulate Internet content
• Control spam / Internet security apart from domain name system (DNS) issues
• Regulate financial transactions online
• Law enforcement agency (e.g. consumer protection, data protection, intellectual property)
• Provide e-commerce, e-education, e-government services
What are some examples of policy that has been developed by ICANN?

**Address Supporting Organization (ASO):**
- Allocation of IPv6 blocks to regional Internet registries
- Post-exhaustion IPv4 allocation mechanisms

**Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO):**
- Internationalized Domain Names (IDN) ccTLDs

**Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO):**
- Uniform Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP)
- Inter-Registrar Transfer Policy (IRTP)
- Principles, Recommendations & Implementation Guidance for New gTLDs
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Supporting Organizations & Policy Development
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• New gTLD Subsequent Procedures  
• Review of all Rights Protection Mechanisms (RPMs) | • Delegation, re-delegation and retirement of ccTLDs | No global policies in the pipeline, for regional policies see [https://aso.icann.org/global-policies/rir-regional-policies/](https://aso.icann.org/global-policies/rir-regional-policies/) |
The various policy development processes at work

**Multistakeholder Policy Development**

**Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO)**
- **GNSO Council** is composed of 21 members — divided into 2 houses (contracted and non-contracted parties) — who work on generic top-level domain name (gTLD) policies (e.g., .com, new gTLDs).

**Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO)**
- The ccNSO (Council and members) works on global policies relating to country code top-level domain name (ccTLD) policies (e.g., .br, .uk).

**Address Supporting Organization (ASO)**
- ASO Address Council (AC) is composed of 15 volunteers — 3 from each of the Regional Internet Registries (RIRs) — who work on global Internet Protocol (IP) Address Policy.

**GNSO Policy Development Process**
1. **Identify the issue**
2. **Scope the issue**
3. **Initiate the PDP**
4. **Form a working group**
5. **Deliberate the final report**
6. **Vote by GNSO board**

**CcNSO Policy Development Process**
1. **Request an issue report**
2. **Scope the issue**
3. **Initiate the PDP**
4. **Develop policy**
5. **Vote by ccNSO (two stages)**

**ASO Global Policy Development Process**
1. **Identify the issue**
2. **Determine requirements**
3. **Review by RIRs and ASO AC**
4. **Review by ICANN board**

Learn more about the GNSO
- **gnso.icann.org**

Learn more about the ccNSO
- **ccnso.icann.org**

Learn more about the ASO
- **aso.icann.org**

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**ICANN**
- **GAC**: Governmental Advisory Committee
- **IANA**: Internet Assigned Numbers Authority
- **PDP**: Policy Development Process
- **SOAC**: Supporting Organizations/Advisory Committees
- **WG**: Working Group

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In addition to the three SOs, there are four Advisory Committees (ACs) that provide the ICANN Board with direct advice on policy matters:

- **At-Large AC** [http://www.atlarge.icann.org/](http://www.atlarge.icann.org/)
- **Governmental AC** [http://gac.icann.org/](http://gac.icann.org/)
- **Security and Stability AC**
- **Root Server System AC**
What are the Tools and Mechanisms used for Policy Development Support?

- The Working Group model
- Meetings: in-person, teleconference, virtual
- Public comments are critical
- Online collaboration mechanisms
- Regular publications & briefings
- Webinars & updates

These tools all support bottom-up, consensus policies and guidelines
Examples of Current Policy Development Work
A few examples of ongoing policy work

No global policy under discussion currently in the ASO:
- Policy discussions first occur at Regional Internet Registry (RIR) levels

Current ccNSO policy work includes:
- Drafting Teams working on Charters for possible Policy Development Processes (PDPs) on a review mechanism for decisions on delegation, transfer, revocation and retirement of ccTLDs; and policy recommendations for the retirement of ccTLDs

Current GNSO Policy Development Processes (PDPs):
- Next Generation gTLD Registration Directory Service (RDS) to Replace WHOIS (initiated Nov 2015)
- New gTLD Subsequent Procedures (initiated Dec 2015)
- Review of All Rights Protection Mechanisms (RPMs) in All gTLDs (initiated Feb 2016)
Important (and lesser known) facts about GNSO participation

- **Anyone can participate** in a GNSO Working Group
- Anyone can join a Working Group as a **Member or Observer**
- Participation in a GNSO Working Group remains **open throughout the lifecycle** of the project
- Much policy development work occurs regularly throughout the year, not just at ICANN meetings
- Although attending an ICANN meeting is useful, **all Working Groups conduct their work via conference calls, mailing lists and virtual meeting rooms**
Where to find more information

- Sign up for the various **ICANN regional newsletters** to get news about selected policy work, current public comment opportunities and upcoming webinars
- Sign up for the **Policy Update webinars**, scheduled before each ICANN meeting
- Check out each SO and AC’s webpage for news:
  - [https://aso.icann.org/](https://aso.icann.org/)
  - [http://ccnso.icann.org/](http://ccnso.icann.org/)
  - [https://atlarge.icann.org/](https://atlarge.icann.org/)
  - [https://gacweb.icann.org/display/gacweb/Governmental+Advisory+Committee](https://gacweb.icann.org/display/gacweb/Governmental+Advisory+Committee) (all GAC Communiques are listed in the Register of Advice)
  - [https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/rssac-4c-2012-02-25-en](https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/rssac-4c-2012-02-25-en) (for all RSSAC reports and advisories, see [https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/rssac-publications-2014-05-12-en](https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/rssac-publications-2014-05-12-en))
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