



ICANN Policy Development Processes

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Do you speak ICANNese?

ASO

IRTP

IDNs

SOP

FOI

PEDNR

RDS

ATRT



SSAC

DMPM

CCWG

RPM

PPSAI

URS

RIR

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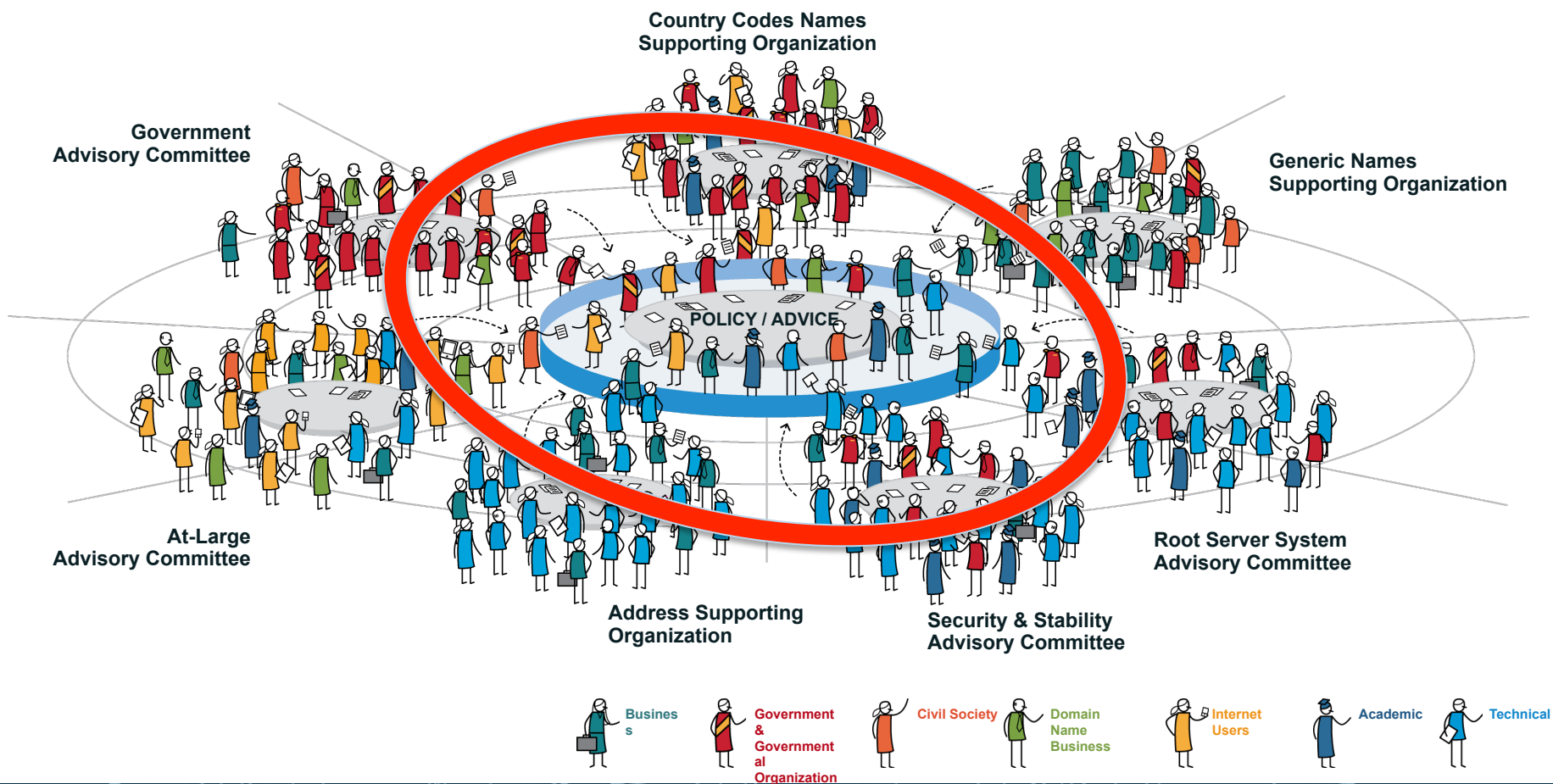
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Policy Development at ICANN

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**

	Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO)	Country Code Supporting Organization (ccNSO)	Address Supporting Organization (ASO)
Remit	Substantive policies relating to generic top-level domains (gTLDs)	Global policies relating to country-code top-level domains (ccTLDs)	Policy issues relating to the operation, assignment, and management of Internet addresses
Where does policy development happen?	At ICANN	Some at ICANN, most at national level	Regional level
Examples of current policy development topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next Generation Registration Directory Service (RDS) New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Review of all Rights Protection Mechanisms (RPMs) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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/

The various policy development processes at work

Multistakeholder Policy Development

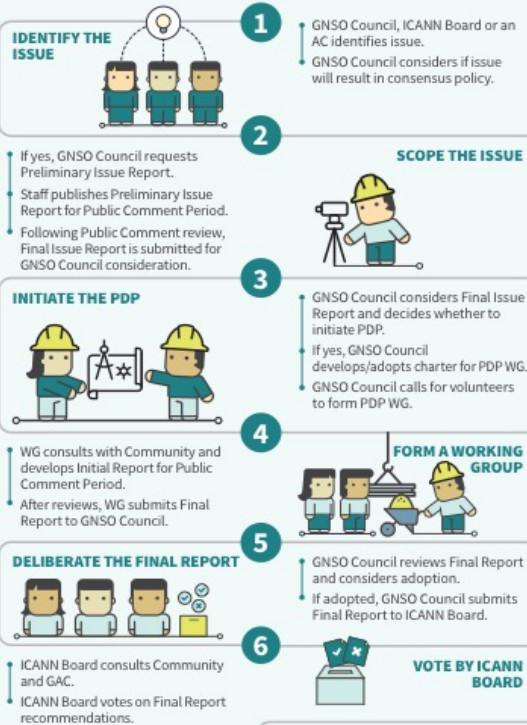
The ICANN Policy Development Support Team facilitates bottom-up, consensus-driven processes for global gTLD, ccTLD and IP address policies.



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).

GNSO Policy Development Process



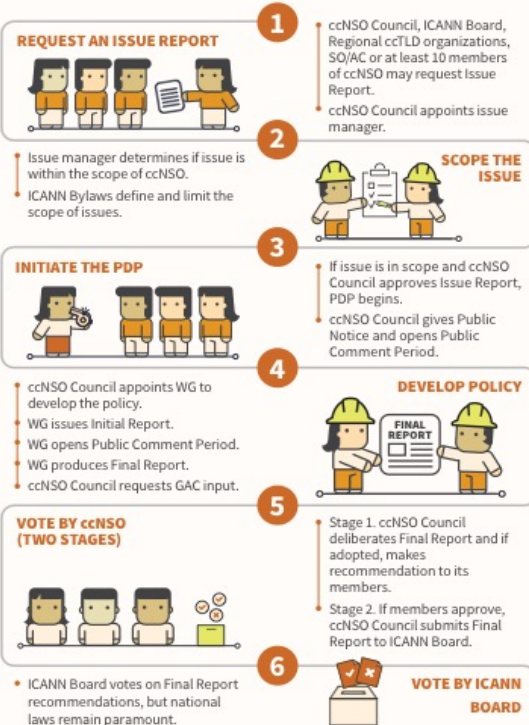
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Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO)

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

ccNSO Policy Development Process



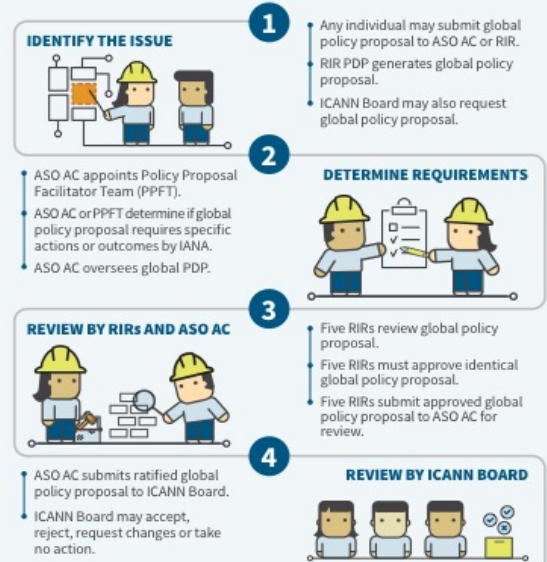
Learn more about the ccNSO
ccnso.icann.org

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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.

ASO Global Policy Development Process



*Regional Internet Registries (RIRs)

- AFRINIC Africa
- APNIC Asia and Pacific region
- ARIN Canada, parts of the Caribbean and North Atlantic islands, and the U.S.
- LACNIC Latin America and parts of the Caribbean
- RIPE NCC Europe, the Middle East and parts of Central Asia

Learn more about the ASO
aso.icann.org

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Address Supporting Organization

GAC Governmental Advisory Committee | IANA Internet Assigned Numbers Authority | PDP Policy Development Process | SO/AC Supporting Organizations/Advisory Committees | WG Working Group

- 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/>
 - *Governmental AC* <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):

- **IGO-INGO Access to Curative Rights Protection Mechanisms** (initiated June 2014, Initial Report just published for public comment)
- **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/>
 - <http://ccnso.icann.org/>
 - <http://gnso.icann.org/en/>
 - <https://atlarge.icann.org/>
 - <https://gacweb.icann.org/display/gacweb/Governmental+Advisory+Committee> (all GAC Communiqués are listed in the Register of Advice)
 - <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/groups/ssac> (for all SSAC reports and advisories, see <https://www.icann.org/groups/ssac/documents>)

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