# Introduction to ICANN and Policy development Aziz Hilali - AFRALO Chair

### Questions we hope to answer



- Who runs Internet ?
- How Does the Internet Work?
- What is ICANN?
- ICANN Multi-Stakeholder Model
- How does policy development work, and who does what?
- How an ALS make a difference?
- How can I take part?
- What are the hot topics?

### Who runs Internet?

# WHO RUNS THE INTERNET?

#### NO ONE PERSON, COMPANY, ORGANIZATION OR GOVERNMENT RUNS THE INTERNET.

The Internet itself is a globally distributed computer network comprised of many voluntarily interconnected autonomous networks. Similarly, its governance is conducted by a decentralized and international multistakeholder network of interconnected autonomous groups drawing from civil society, the private sector, governments, the academic and research communities, and national and international organizations. They work cooperatively from their respective roles to create shared policies and standards that maintain the Internet's global interoperability for the public good.

#### THO IS INVOLVED: HERE IS HOW IT WORKS:

#### IAB A C P S R

INTERNET ARCHITECTURE BOARD Oversees the technical and engineering development of the IETF and IRTF. www.iab.org

#### ICANN COPV

INTERNET CORPORATION FOR ASSIGNED NAMES AND NUMBERS Coordinates the Internet's systems of unique identifiers: IP addresses, protocol parameter registries, top-level domain space (DNS root zone). www.icam.org

#### IETF CPS

INTERNET ENGINEERING TASK FORCE Develops and promotes a wide range of Internet standards dealing in particular with standards of the Internet protocol suite. Their technical documents influence the way people design, use, and manage the Internet. www.ielf.org

#### IGF ACP

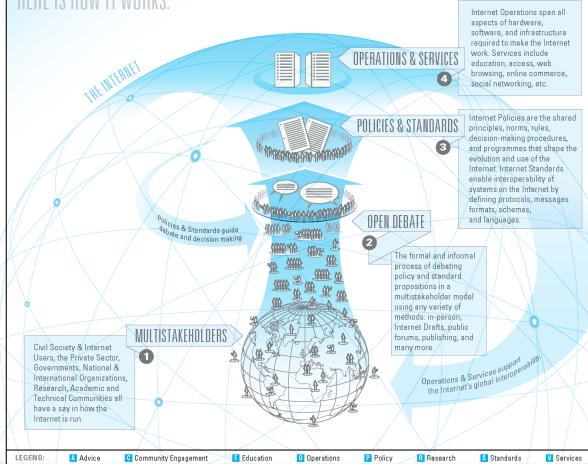
INTERNET GOVERNANCE FORUM A multistakeholder open forum for debate on issues related to Internet governance. www.intgovforum.org

#### IRTF 🖪

INTERNET RESEARCH TASK FORCE Promotes research of the evolution of the Internet by creating focused, long-term research groups working on topics related to Internet protocols, applications, architecture and technology. www.irtf.org

#### GOVERNMENTS AND INTER-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

Develop laws, regulations and policies applicable to the Internet within their jurisdictions, participants in multilateral and multistakeholder regional and international fora on Internet governance.



#### WHO IS INVOLVED

#### ISO S

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR STANDARDIZATION Develops international standards. The ISO 3166 standard establishes internationally recognized codes for the representation of names of countries, territories or areas of geopolitical interest and their subdivisions. ISO 3166 does not establish the names of countries, only the codes that represent them. www.iso.org/iso/country\_codes.htm

#### ISOC CEPV

INTERNET SOCIETY Assure the open development, evolution and use of the Internet for the benefit of all people throughout the world. Currently ISOC has over 90 chapters in around 80 countries. www.internetsociety.org

#### RIRs OPV

5 REGIONAL INTERNET REGISTRIES Manage the allocation and registration of Internet number resources, such as IP addresses, within geographic regions of the world. www.afrinic.net www.agnic.net www.ain.net canada & United States www.lacnic.net Latin America & Caribbean www.ripe.net construction and asia

#### W3C S

WORLD WIDE WEB CONSORTIUM Create standards for the world wide web that enable an Open Web Platform, for example, by focusing on issues of accessibility, internationalization, and mobile web solutions. www.Wa3 org

#### INTERNET NETWORK

Discuss and influence matters related to Internet operations and regulation within informal fora made up of Internet Service Providers (ISPs), Internet Exchange Points (IXPs), and others.

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# **The Internet Ecosystem**



### How Does the Internet Work?

# Key Ressources of the Internet ?

# IP Adresses



Communications Protocol (TCP/IP)

# Domain Names System (DNS)

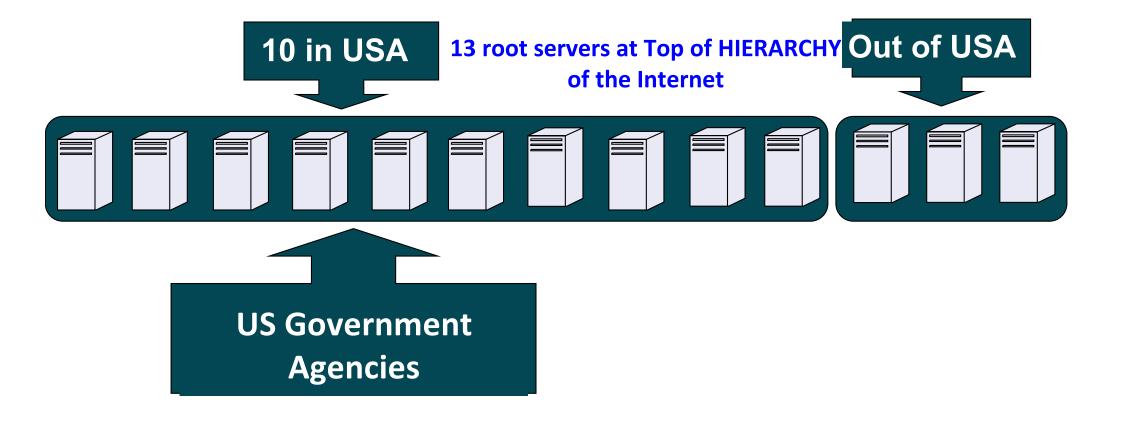
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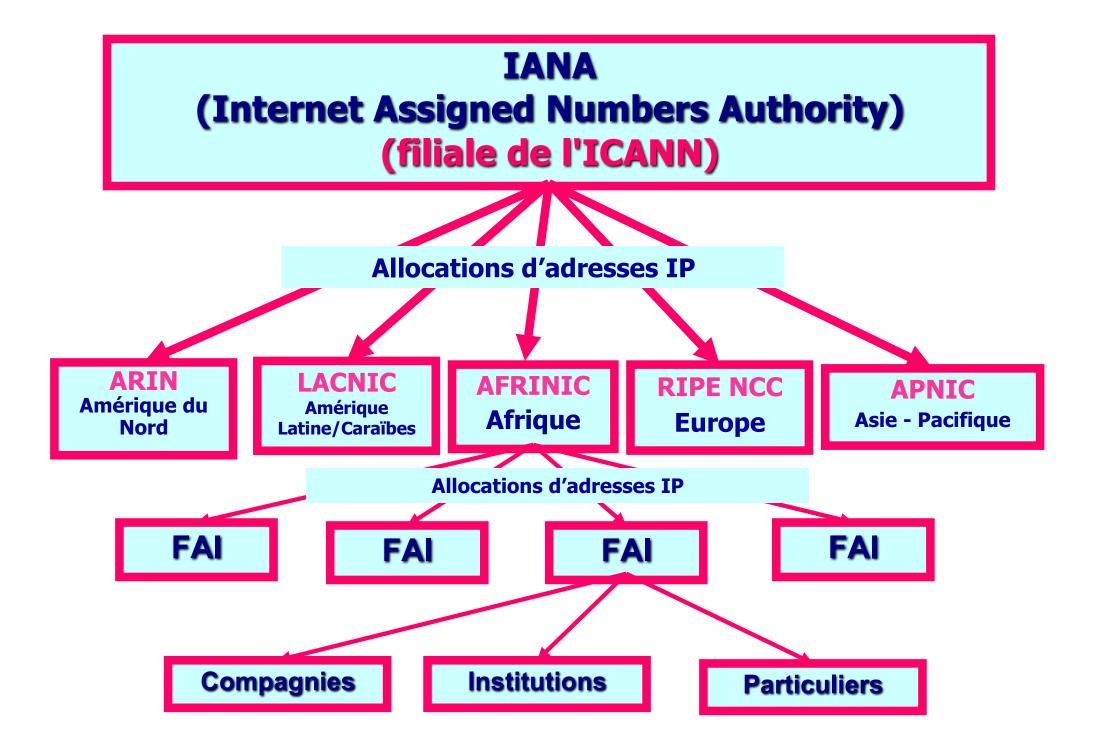


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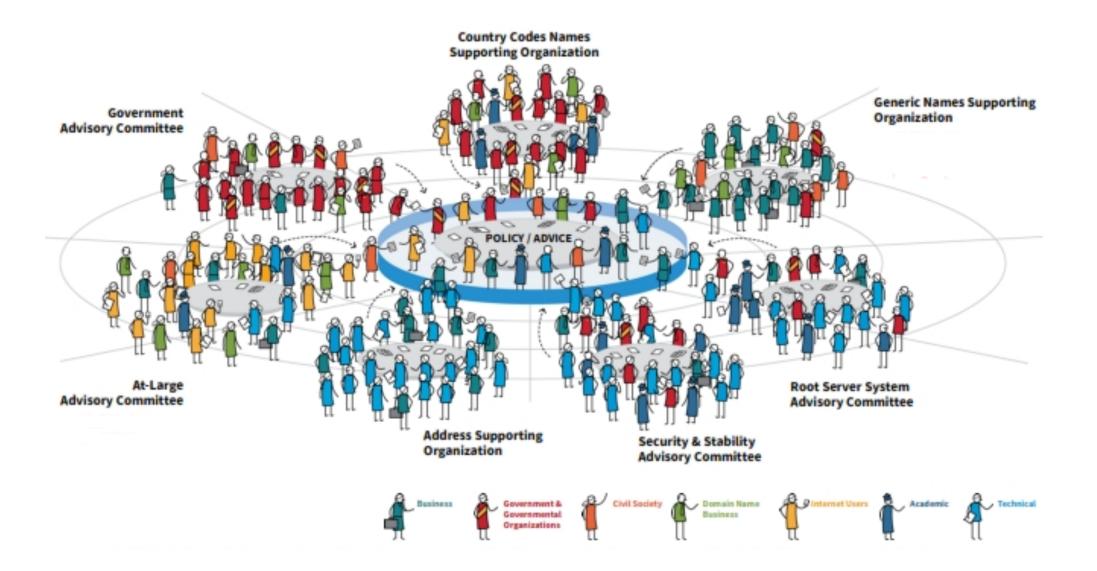
- Names : delegating Top-Level Domains
- Numbers : allocating IP address blocks
- Parameters : maintaining data bases on behalf of IETF
- ...and develop related policies in bottom-up processes involving all stakeholders

### What is ICANN?





#### **ICANN Multi-Stakeholder Model**



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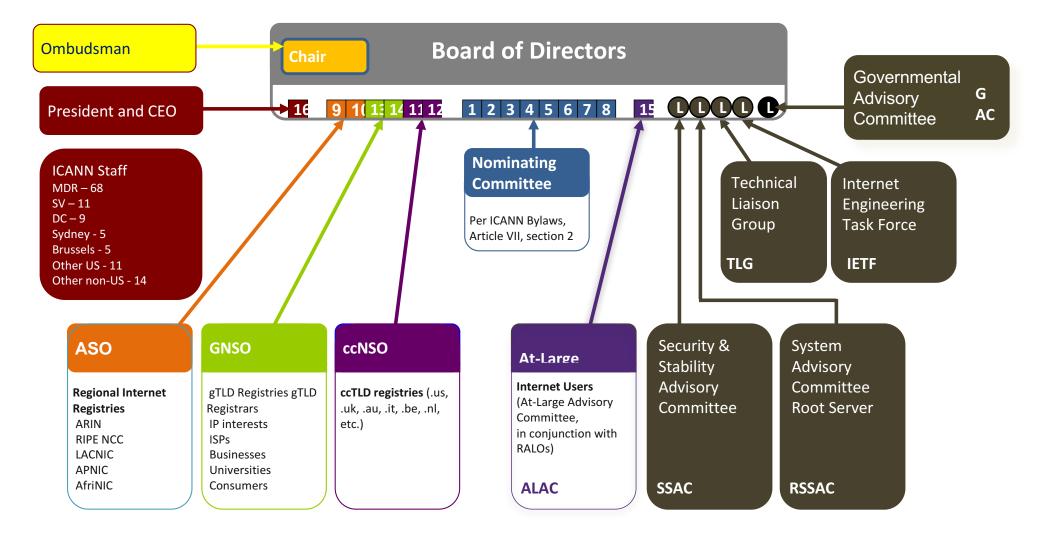
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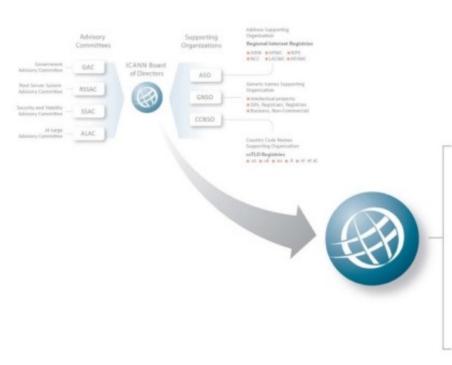
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#### **ICANN Structure**



#### ICANN Board of Directors

- 1 ICANN's CEO
- 8 selected by Nominating Committee
- 2 selected by the ccNSO
- 2 from the GNSO
- 2 from the ASO
- 1 GAC liaison
- 1 SSAC liaison
- 1 IETF liaison
- 1 ALAC liaison
- 1 TLG liaison
- 1 RSSAC liaison

#### 21 members and liaisons

#### Some Examples of Policy that has been developed by ICANNI



- Uniform Dispute Resolution Policy(UDRP)
- Prohibition on use of WHOIS Data for marketing
- Inter-Registrar Transfer Policy
- Restrictions on DomainTasting
- NewgTLDs
- IDN ccTLDs
- Pv6 Allocation- Global Policy

#### **Key Actors**



Registries: administer databases of Top Level Domains (TLD)

Registrars: provide services to register names to end users and business

Registrants: register and make use of the domain name registration

### **ICANN** Meetings



- 3 international public meetings per calendar year in different regions of the world.
- □ + 300 different sessions
- □ Meetings are open to everyone and registration is free
- □ Anyone can express themselves

# How an ALS make a difference?

- Public comments are always requested before any decision is made
- Each ALS member and representatives may participate on ICANN's many councils, working groups and committees
- All Working Groups are open for anyone to join
- Participate in public comment periods
- Become a member of a constituency/stakeholder group
- Sign up for the Policy Update

### □ Apply for an ICANN leadership position

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