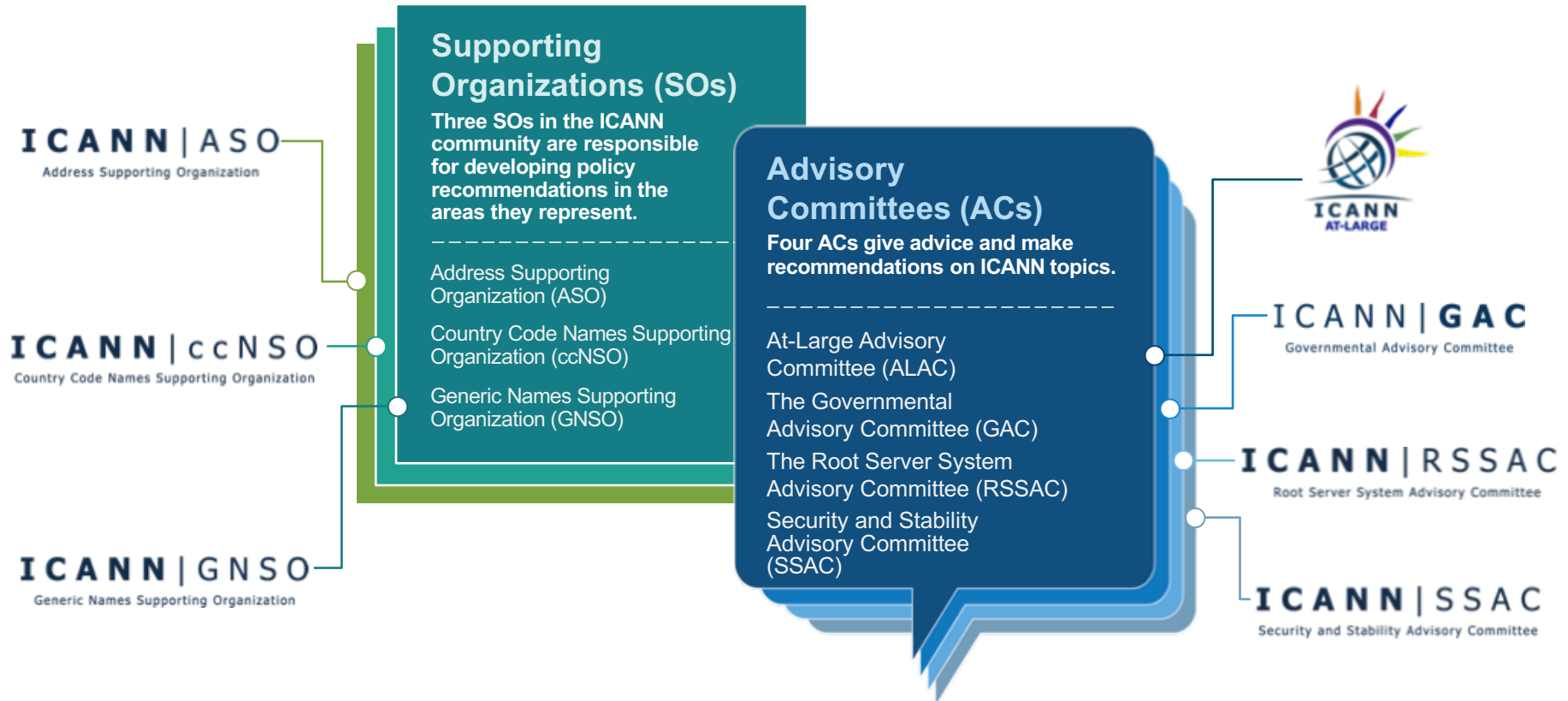


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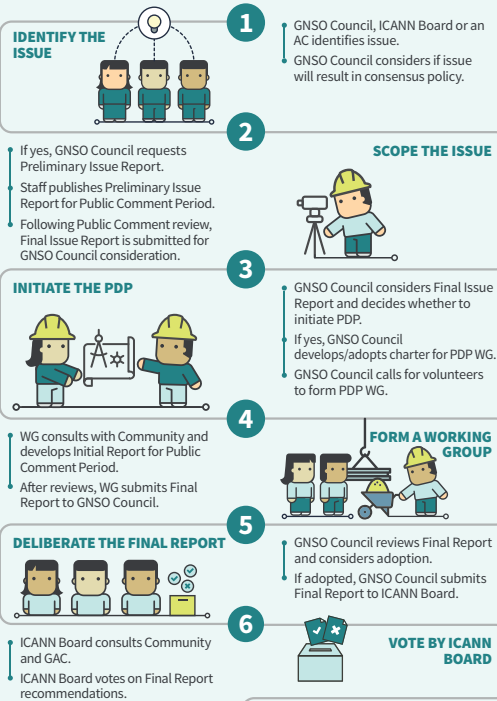
The ICANN Policy Development Support Team facilitates bottom-up, consensus-driven processes for global gTLD, ccTLD and IP address policies.



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



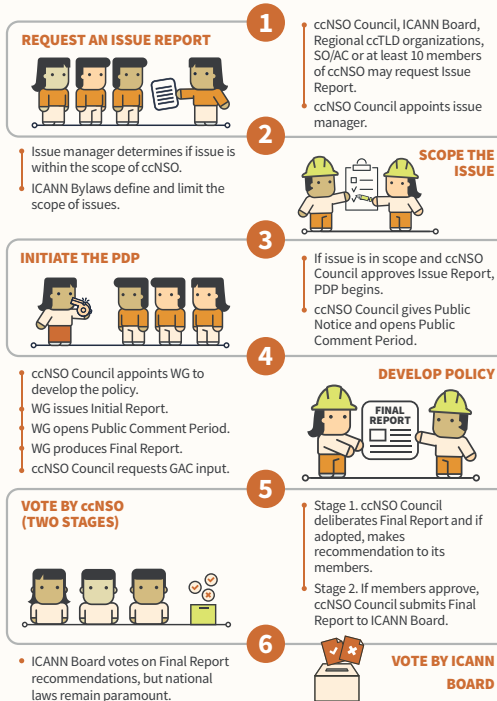
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Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO)

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



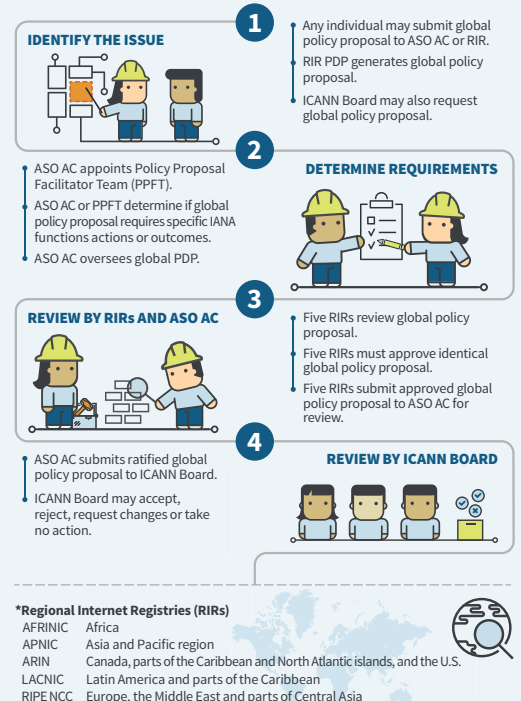
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Address Supporting Organization (ASO)

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



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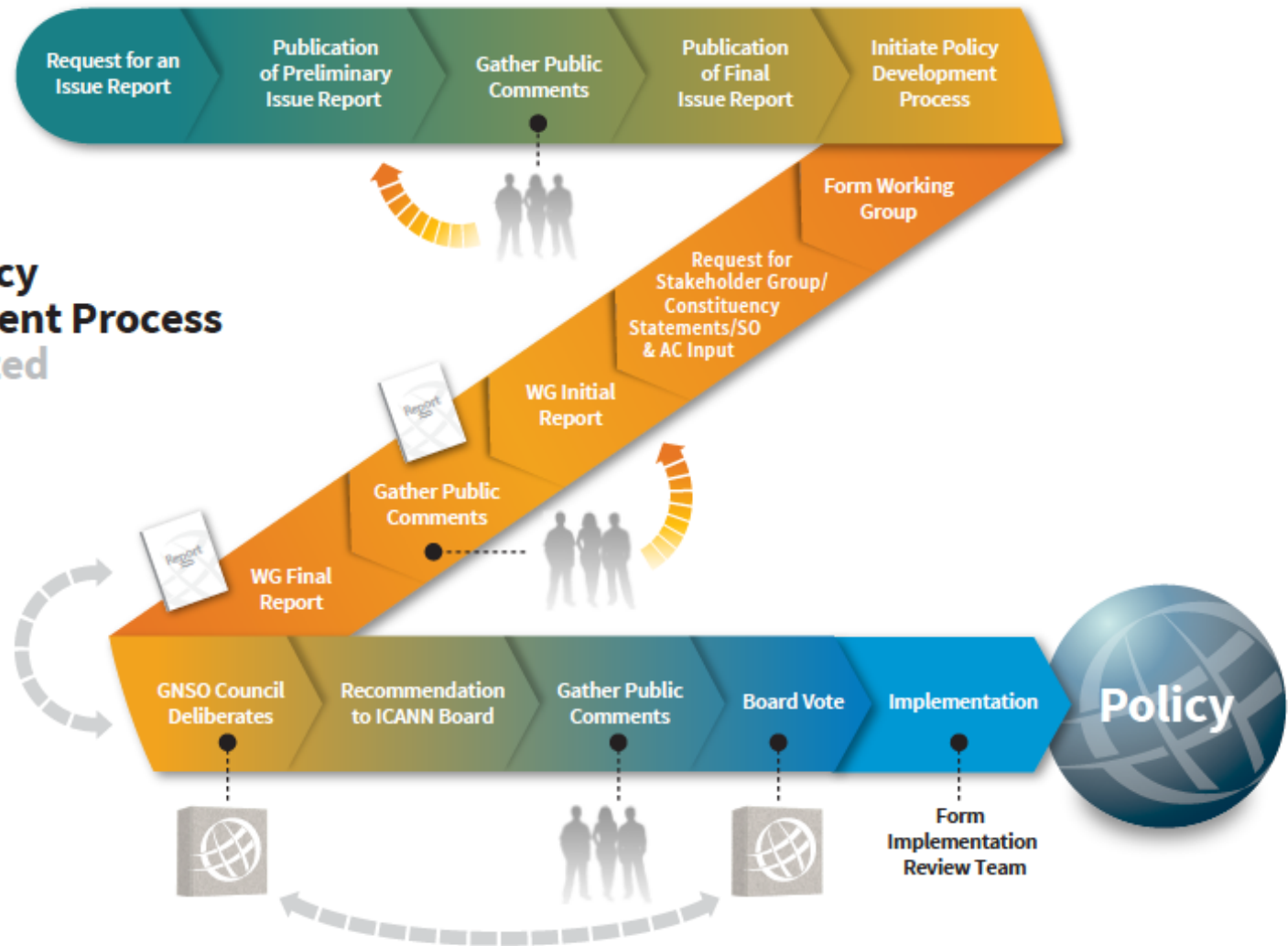
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	Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO)	Country Code Supporting Organization (ccNSO)	Address Supporting Organization (ASO)
Remit	Substantive policies relating to generic top-level domains (gTLDs)	Global policies relating to country-code top-level 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"> Expedited PDP on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Review of all Rights Protection Mechanisms (RPMs) 	Delegation, re-delegation and retirement of ccTLDs	No global policies currently; for regional policies see https://aso.icann.org/global-policies/rir-regional-policies/

GNSO Policy Development Process & Public Comment Opportunities

GNSO Policy Development Process *Summarized

*Some steps omitted, for brevity.



Who can launch an ICANN public comment forum?

- ⦿ Public comment proceedings can be initiated by an ICANN community structure (e.g. for new policies being proposed) or ICANN Org department (e.g. for operational questions)
- ⦿ A typical public comment proceeding runs for a minimum of 40 days
 - In exceptional circumstances, this can be shortened
 - In many situations, the group launching the public comment proceeding can agree to extend the time beyond 40 days
- ⦿ A staff report is published 14 days after the forum is closed

What are the rules for submitting a public comment?

- ⦿ Participation requires compliance with ICANN's [Expected Standards of Behavior](#) and is subject to ICANN's [Terms of Service](#)
- ⦿ All comments submitted are published on the relevant webpage
- ⦿ Each commentator's name and (if provided) affiliation is also published

Where can I find more information?

- ⦿ Currently open public comment forums: <https://www.icann.org/public-comments>
- ⦿ Upcoming public comment proceedings: <https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/upcoming-2012-02-25-en>
- ⦿ Recently closed forums: <https://www.icann.org/public-comments#closed-public>
- ⦿ All public comment proceedings (archived and searchable by year): <https://www.icann.org/public-comments/archive>

What are other tools and mechanisms used for policy participation?

- ⦿ Working groups within each SO or ACI
- ⦿ Meetings: in-person, teleconference, virtual
- ⦿ Public comments are critical
- ⦿ Online collaboration mechanisms
- ⦿ Regular publications & briefings
- ⦿ Webinars & updates



These tools all support
bottom-up, multi-stakeholder
consensus policy work

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)
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