Civil Society Home

Civil society in ICANN includes not-for-profit, non-commercial, non-governmental organisations, individual Internet end-users, and academia.

ICANN civil society stakeholders include:

- Non-Commercial Stakeholder Group (NCSG)
  - The Non-Commercial Users Constituency (NCUC)
  - The Not-for-Profit Operational Concerns Constituency (NPOC)
- At-Large (individual users)

The At-Large community is structured into five Regional At-Large Organizations (RALO) each composed of a number of regional At-Large Structures (ALS), that consist of Internet user organizations and unaffiliated users. The RAlo each appoint two members of the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC), which acts as the representative body of the At-Large community in ICANN. At-Large Structures may self-identify as civil society organizations.

Non-Commercial Stakeholders Group (NCSG) is a home for civil society organizations and individuals within ICANN’s Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO), where policy for generic Top-level Domains (gTLDs) is developed. The NCSG provides a voice and representation in the GNSO and other ICANN policy processes to non-profit organizations and individuals who are primarily concerned with the noncommercial, public interest aspects of domain name policy.

The NCSG has two differently focused constituencies, the Non-Commercial Users Constituency (NCUC) and the Not-for-profit Operational Concerns Constituency (NPOC).