



# What to Expect at ICANN70: A Guide for Newcomers

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# Hello!



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# Today's Agenda

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- 1) Welcome!
- 2) What is ICANN
- 3) Policy Development at ICANN – an Introduction
- 4) Topics of Interest at ICANN70
- 5) Resources for Newcomers
- 6) NextGen & Fellows@ICANN70
- 7) Navigating the Virtual Meeting
- 8) Q&A

# Welcome!



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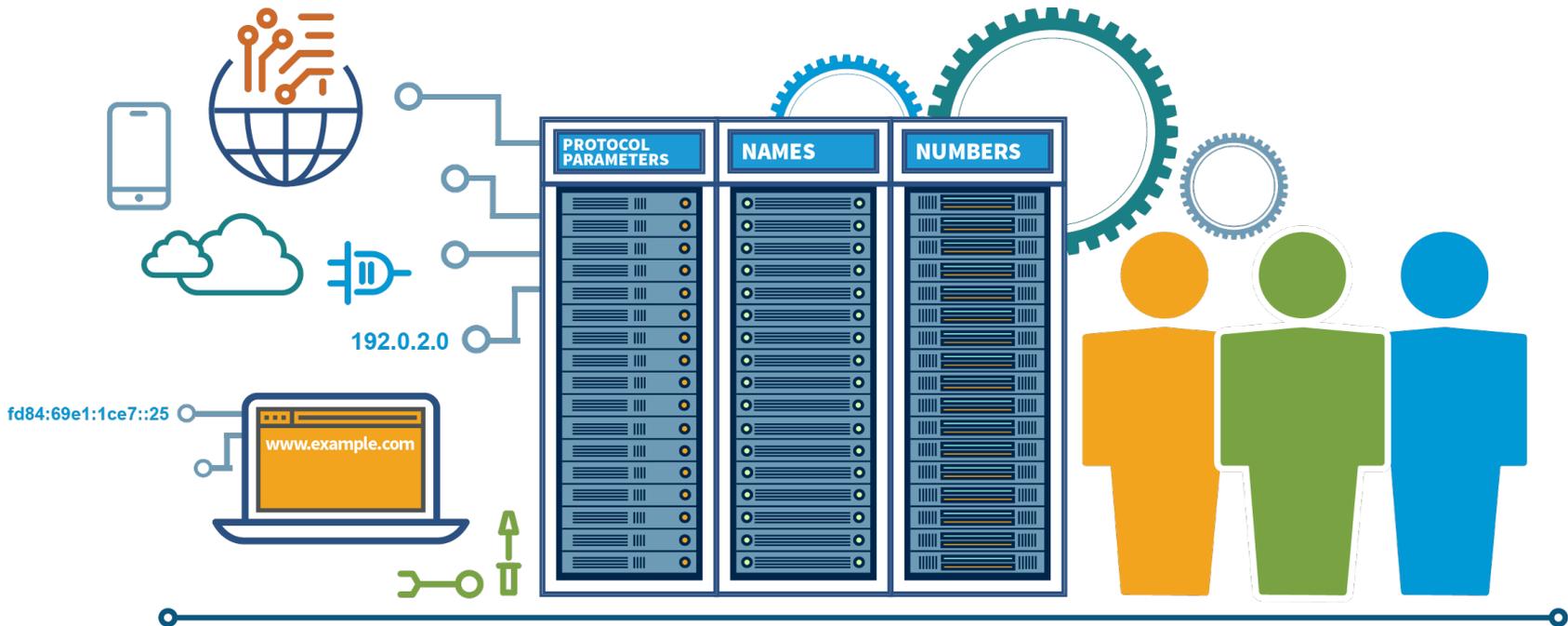
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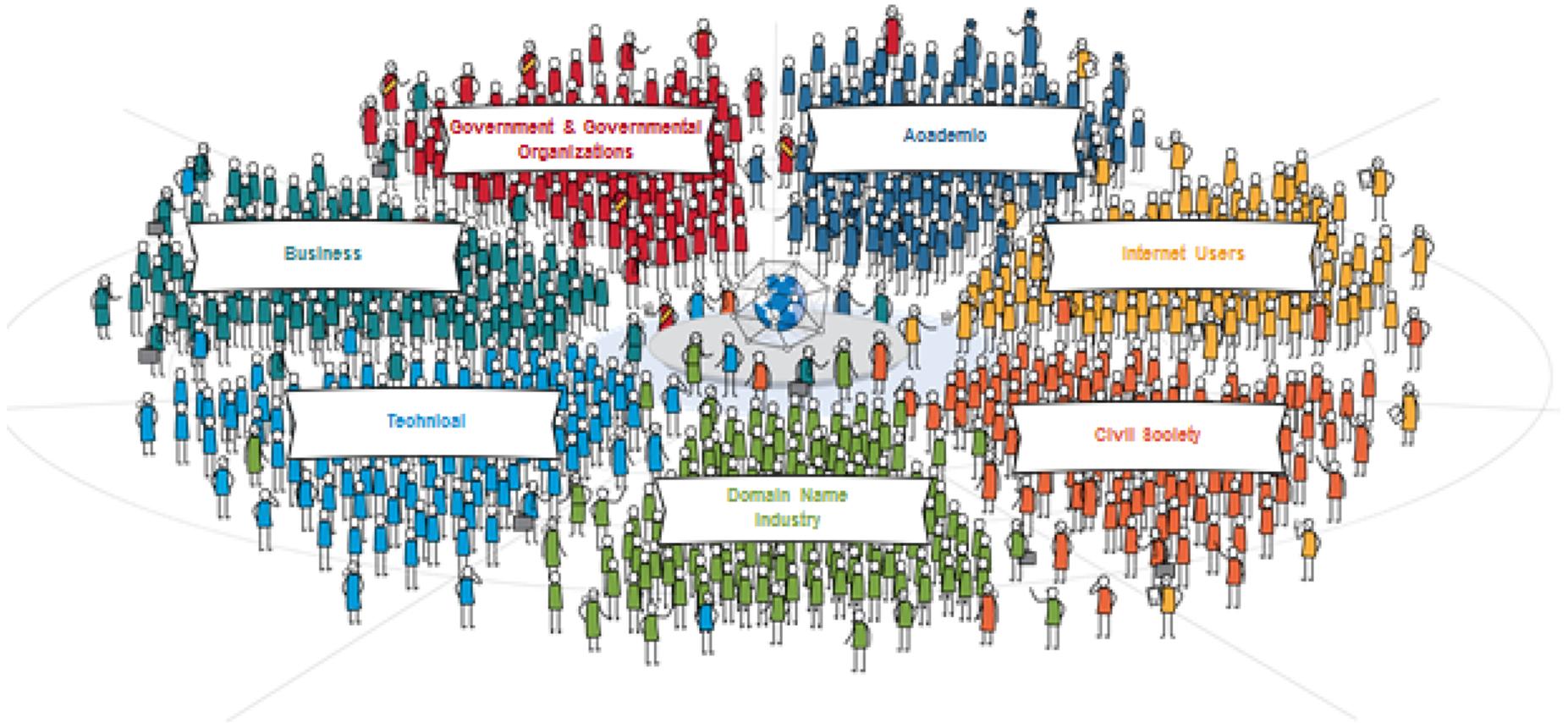
# What is ICANN?

# Overview

Coordinating with our partners,  
we help make the Internet work.



# Multistakeholder Model



# ICANN's Mission

The mission of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) is to **ensure the stable and secure operation of the Internet's unique identifier systems**

Specifically, ICANN:

-  1 Coordinates the allocation and assignment of names in the root zone of the Domain Name System
-  2 Coordinates the development and implementation of policies concerning the registration of second-level domain names in generic top-level domains (gTLDs)
-  3 Facilitates the coordination of the operation and evolution of the DNS root name server system
-  4 Coordinates the allocation and assignment at the top-most level of Internet Protocol numbers and Autonomous System numbers
-  5 Collaborates with other bodies as appropriate to provide registries needed for the functioning of the Internet as specified by Internet protocol standards development organizations

# Policy Development at ICANN: An Introduction



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# Overview of ICANN Ecosystem

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# The ICANN Multistakeholder Community

## MAKING POLICY:

**Three Supporting Organizations (SOs)** in the ICANN community are responsible for developing policy recommendations in the areas they represent: IP addresses; generic top-level domains (gTLDs); and country code top-level domains (ccTLDs).



## PROVIDING ADVICE:

**Four Advisory Committees (ACs)** give advice and make recommendations on ICANN topics. The ACs are made up of representatives from: governments and international treaty organizations; root server operators; Internet security experts; and Internet end users.



# Supporting Organizations (SOs)



## ASO

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



## ccNSO

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



## GNSO

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Address Supporting Organization (ASO)

Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO)

Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO)

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At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)

Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC)

Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC)

Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)



### ALAC

The ALAC voices the interests of the individual Internet user and is composed of 15 members- 2 from each of the five Regional At-Large Organizations (RALOs) and 5 appointed by the ICANN Nominating Committee. It is supported by over 200 At-Large Structures (ALSes) and volunteers.



### GAC

The GAC provides advice on public policy issues, particularly on interactions with policies and national laws or international agreements.



### RSSAC

The RSSAC advises the ICANN community and Board on the operation, administration, security, and integrity of the Internet's Root Server System.



### SSAC

The SSAC advises on matters related to the security and integrity of the Internet's naming and address allocation systems.

# Overview of Policy and Advice Development Processes

# Multistakeholder Advice Development

## At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)

ALAC voices interests of Internet end users and advises ICANN Board on policies within ICANN's mission and scope.

### ALAC Advice Development Process



Learn more about the ALAC  
[alac.icann.org](http://alac.icann.org)



## Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC)

GAC advises ICANN Board on public policy issues, particularly in areas where ICANN policies intersect with national laws and international agreements.

### GAC Advice Development Process



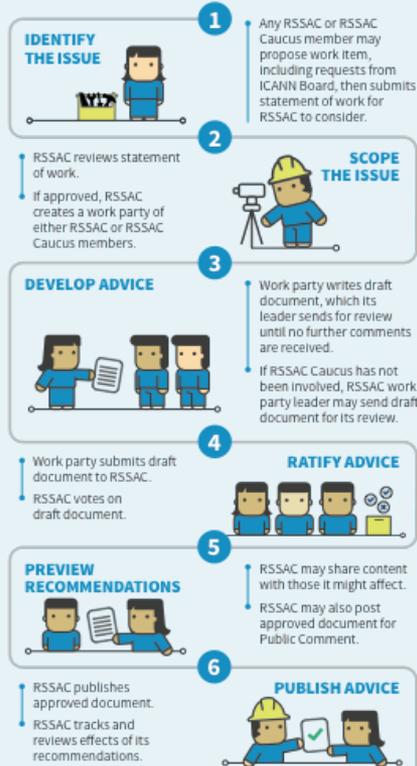
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Governmental Advisory Committee

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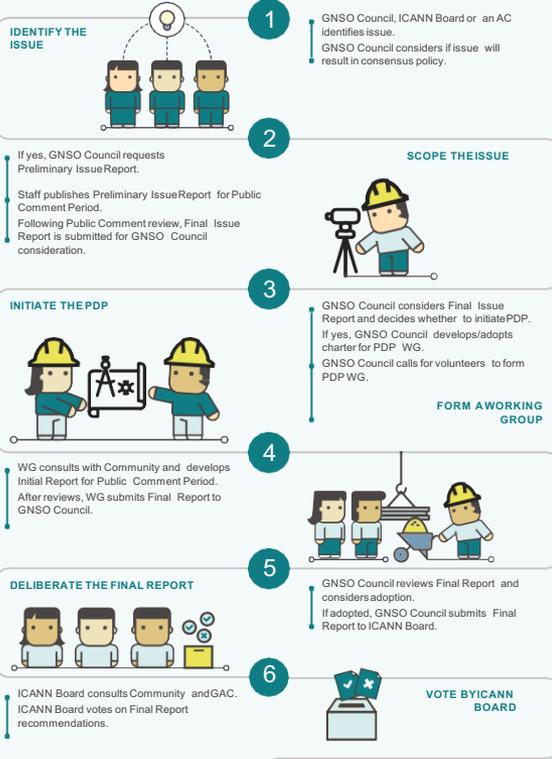
SO/AC Supporting Organizations/Advisory Committees

# Multistakeholder Policy Development

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### GNSO Policy Development Process



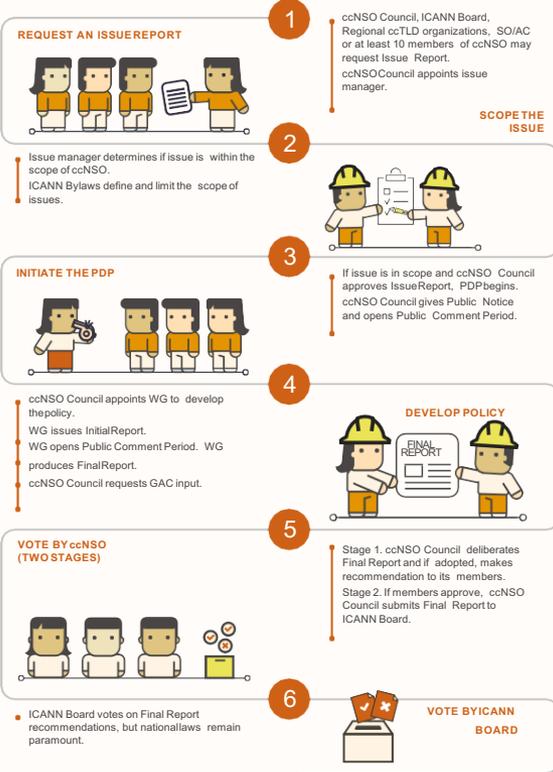
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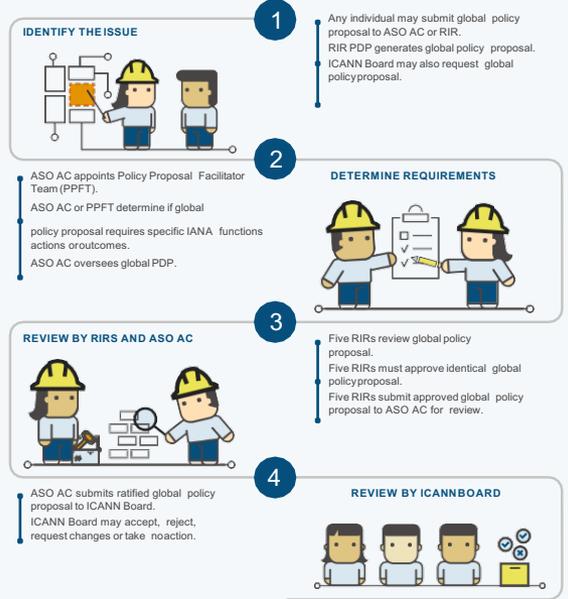
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### ASO Global Policy Development Process



\*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  
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Address Supporting Organization

GAC Governmental Advisory Committee | PDP Policy Development Process | SO/AC Supporting Organizations/Advisory Committees | WG Working Group

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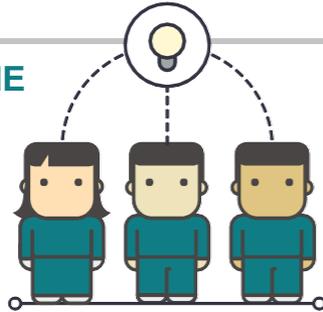
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# GNSO Policy Development Process

## IDENTIFY THE ISSUE



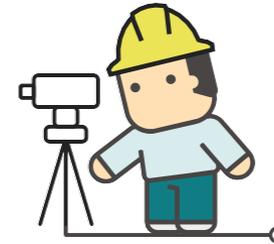
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- GNSO Council, ICANN Board or an AC identifies issue.
- GNSO Council considers if issue will result in consensus policy.

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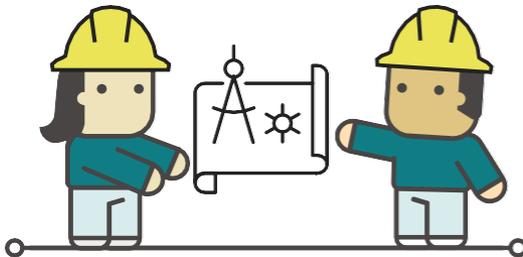
- If yes, GNSO Council requests Preliminary Issue Report.
- Staff publishes Preliminary Issue Report for Public Comment Period.
- Following Public Comment review, Final Issue Report is submitted for GNSO Council consideration.

## SCOPE THE ISSUE



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## INITIATE THE PDP



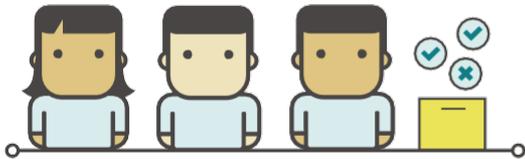
- GNSO Council considers Final Issue Report and decides whether to initiate PDP.
- If yes, GNSO Council develops/adopts charter for PDPWG.
- GNSO Council calls for volunteers to form PDPWG.

# GNSO Policy Development Process



- WG consults with Community and develops Initial Report for Public Comment Period.
- After reviews, WG submits Final Report to GNSO Council.

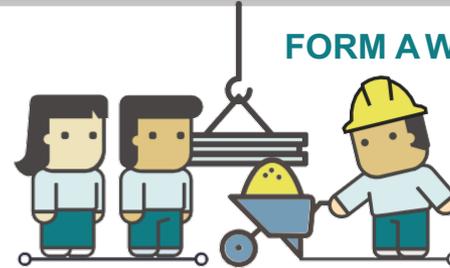
## DELIBERATE THE FINAL REPORT



- ICANN Board consults Community and GAC.
- ICANN Board votes on Final Report recommendations.

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## FORM A WORKING GROUP



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- GNSO Council reviews Final Report and considers adoption.
- If adopted, GNSO Council submits Final Report to ICANN Board.

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## VOTE BY ICANN BOARD



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Generic Names Supporting Organization

# New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP

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The PDP aims to determine what, if any, changes need to be made to the existing policy recommendations, such as:

- Clarifying, amending, or overriding existing policy principles, recommendations, and implementation guidance.
- Developing new policy recommendations.
- Supplementing or developing new implementation guidance.

## **Current Status**

- After the closing of the Public Comment proceeding for its draft Final Report on 30 September 2020, the working group began turning its attention to evaluating input received and making adjustments as necessary.
- This includes seeking resolution on topics where open issues remain, such as closed generics, string contention resolution mechanisms, and a predictability framework.
- The working group is expected to deliver its Final Report to the GNSO Council no later than the end of December 2020.

# How to Participate



1

**JOIN**

an open community



2

**OBSERVE**

a working group



3

**WRITE**

a Public Comment  
submission

## Topics of Interest at ICANN70



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- **Subsequent Procedures**

GAC - Discussion on Subsequent Rounds of new gTLDs  
22 Mar 15:30 UTC & 24 Mar 15:30 UTC

ALAC - Applicant Support: What Does Success Look Like?  
24 Mar 12:30 UTC

- **DNS System Abuse**

GNSO - CPH DNS Abuse Work Group Community Outreach  
22 Mar 15:30 UTC

GAC Discussion on DNS Abuse Mitigation  
23 Mar 14:00 UTC

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- **Registry Data Service, Data Protection and Consumer Protection**

GAC Discussions on Registry Data Services/WHOIS and Data Protection  
22 Mar 17:30 UTC

GNSO - Introduction: PDP to Review the Transfer Policy  
22 Mar 19:30UTC

GNSO - Registration Data Policy IRT  
25 Mar 17:30 UTC

- **Universal Acceptance**

Remediating Universal Acceptance Issues  
25 Mar 14:00 UTC

- **LAC Sessions**

LAC Space  
23 Mar 17:30 UTC

LACRALO Roundtable: Strategic Plans for the LAC Region 2021-2025 - A Look to the Future  
22 Mar 19:30 UTC

# Resources for Newcomers



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# Resources for newcomers



Free online courses on ICANN Learn: <https://learn.icann.org>

- Learn about ICANN groups and processes
- Build skills to enhance participation
- Discuss concepts with fellow learners



ICANN org Regional Newsletters: <https://info.icann.org/LP---Regional-Newsletter.html>



ICANN Social media



ICANN Meetings schedule: <https://70.schedule.icann.org/>



Other useful webpages:

Newcomer webpage: <https://www.icann.org/newcomers>

ICANN Acronyms and Terms: <https://www.icann.org/icann-acronyms-and-terms/en/nav/A>

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# NextGen & Fellows@ICANN70



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# Newcomers NextGen and Fellows @ ICANN70

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**ICANN70 will be held during regular working hours in Cancún, Mexico (EST / UTC-5, Chetumal). All times listed here are in this time zone.**

## ICANN70 Prep Week (8-11 March)

- ⦿ Monday March 8, 9:00 -10:00 (14:00-15:00 UTC) - Global Stakeholder Engagement Update
- ⦿ Monday March 8, 10:30 – 12:00 (15:30-17:00 UTC) - What to Expect at ICANN70: A Guide for Newcomers
- ⦿ Monday March 8, 12:30-14:00 (17:30-19:00 UTC) – Newcomers Intro to Community Groups
- ⦿ Tuesday March 9, 9:00 - 10:00 – (14:00-15:00 UTC) - Joint Meeting: ICANN Board Members & ICANN CEO
- ⦿ Tuesday March 9, 14:30 - 16:00 (19:30 UTC) GNSO Council Policy Update
- ⦿ Thursday March 11, 11:00 – 12:00 (16:00—17:00) Pre-ICANN70 Policy Update

## Other NexGen & Fellows Sessions

- ⦿ Tuesday March 16, 15:00 - 16:30 Cancun time (20:00-21:30 UTC time) – How DNS Works – Session with OCTO team
- ⦿ Thursday March 18, 11:30 - 13:00 Cancun time (16:30-18:00 UTC time) – Consensus Playbook Training – An Interactive Session for Fellows/NextGen@ICANN Program Participants

## NextGen Presentations

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Monday March 22, 10:30 – 12:00 (15:50 UTC) & 12:30 – 14:00 (17:30 UTC)

# ICANN70: What's Happening During the AGM?

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## ⦿ **Monday 22 March**

- ⦿ 09:00 - 10:00 (14:00 UTC) - At-Large Leadership Session: Welcome to ICANN70 and Policy Talking Points
- ⦿ 09:00 - 16:30 - Tech Day – 4 sessions
- ⦿ 10:00 - 10:30 – (15:00 UTC) Virtual Coffee
- ⦿ 12:30 - 14:00 (17:30 UTC) - At-Large Policy Session 1: The Future of ICANN's Mandate and the Development of the DNS: Voices of the Next Generation!
- ⦿ 16:30 – 17:30 (21:30 UTC) DNS Women's Panel Discussion: Data protection Laws
- ⦿ 16:30 – 17:30 (21:30 UTC) GAC Discussion of Rights Protection Mechanisms

## ⦿ **Tuesday 23 March**

- ⦿ 9:00 – 10:00 (14:00 UTC) GAC Discussion on DNS Abuse Mitigation
- ⦿ 10:30 – 12:00 (15:30 UTC) At-Large Policy Session 2: Reimagining ICANN's Role; Responding to National Pressures
- ⦿ 2:00 – 2:30 (19:00 UTC) Virtual Coffee / Fika

## ⦿ **Wednesday 24 March**

- ⦿ 9:00 – 10:00 (14:00 UTC) DNSSEC & Security Workshop (1 of 3)
- ⦿ 10:30– 12:00 (15:30 UTC) At-Large Policy Session 3: Applicant Support: What Does Success Look Like?

# Schedule continued

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## Thursday 25 March

- ⦿ 14:00 – 14:30 (19:00 UTC) Virtual Coffee / Fika
- ⦿ 14:30 - 16:00 (19:30 UTC) - ICANN Public Forum
- ⦿ 16:30 - 17: 30 (21:30 UTC) - ICANN Public Board Meeting

## Plenary Sessions

### Monday 22 March

9:00 – 10:00 (14:00 UTC) GAC Open Plenary

### Tuesday 23 March

- ⦿ 14:30 – 16:00 (19:30 UTC) Plenary Session: Governmental Regulatory Developments and Community Discussion

### Thursday 25 March

- ⦿ 10:30 – 12:00 (15:30 UTC) Plenary Session: Registry Voluntary Commitments: Getting it Right

# Navigating the Virtual Meeting



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# ICANN Expected Standards of Behavior

**Respect** all members of the ICANN community equally, behave in a professional manner and demonstrate appropriate behavior. ICANN strives to create and maintain an environment in which people of many different backgrounds and cultures are treated with dignity, decency, and respect.

**Treat** all members of the ICANN community equally, irrespective of nationality, gender, racial or ethnic origin, religion or beliefs, disability, age or sexual orientation; members of the ICANN community should treat each other with civility both face-to-face and online.



**Listen** to the views of all stakeholders when considering policy issues. ICANN is a unique multistakeholder environment. Those who take part in the ICANN process must acknowledge the importance of all stakeholders and seek to understand their points of view.

All participants are expected to conduct themselves on a professional level and will be held to the standards set forth in the [ICANN Community Anti-Harassment Policy and Terms of Participation](#) and Complaint Procedure and the [ICANN Expected Standards of Behavior](#).

# Engage with ICANN – Thank You and Questions



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