

## Q&A Pod Transcript

Plenary Session: ICANN's Multistakeholder Model within the Internet Governance Ecosystem

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1. Quelle est la relation entre ICANN et ISOC? Comment l'un se positionne par rapport à l'autre? What is the relationship between ICANN and ISOC? How does one position itself in relation to the other?, *ISOC Belgium*

- "ISOC and ICANN are sister organizations in the Internet ecosystem. Both have a long-standing relationship and have been collaborating in championing the Internet based on their respective missions. There are overlaps in terms of membership between ISOC and ICANN (example, some ISOC chapters are At-Large Structures in the ICANN ecosystem). This is where the ISOC chapter has the interest and the capacity to be active and engaged in the work of both organizations."

2. Was ICANN org's changes to the DNS in response to GDPR including the Temp Spec the opening of Pandora's box where ICANN now arguably must comply with any regulations from any country that address the DNS, even if harmful to the DNS or multistakeholder process? If not, then how does ICANN pick and choose between which laws it complies with?, *Marc Trachtenberg*

-Live answered

3. Les BigTech participant-elles à l'approche multipartite? Si oui, comment? Are (if yes, how) does BigTech participate in the multi-stakeholder Model?, *ISOC Belgium*

- I suppose it depends on which companies you include in "big tech". Some, like Amazon and Google, are Contracted Parties. Facebook and Microsoft participate in the Business Constituency. To my knowledge, Apple doesn't participate.

4. To strengthen the ICANN the PDP processes based on the Multistakeholders-model ecosystem, ICANN needs to raise awareness about the ICANN programs within the Global community. As Global community is one of the prime stakeholder in this ecosystem. My Q is that : What are the ICANN key awareness programs to enhance global community participation in the ICANN PDP process, *Syed Iftikhar Shah*

- Check out: the ICANN Learn Programme. There is also the ICANN Fellowship & the ICANN NextGen Programs... but these have been impacted by the Pandemic restrictions.

5. How big a danger to the model is unfinished work? The community has expectations regarding completing work -- SSR1 recommendations are nearly a decade old, for example. This is like dragging weight around unnecessarily., *Mason Cole*

- Hi Mason. I agree, ICANN continues to take on work without clearing the queue of existing projects, initiatives, PDPs, and recommendations. We are sitting on a "backlog" of unimplemented policies, and some of them are now out of date or in conflict with current work.

6. QUESTION: In the GDPR EPDP, we are starting to hear that some contracted parties would PREFER legislation instead of policy, because then they have more clarity on their requirements and liabilities, *Alan Greenberg*

-Hi Alan. I don't think that's true in then general case, but there are some specific topics (e.g. GDPR) where the legislation is unclear and creates a legal risk for contracted parties. So perhaps refined or amended legislation is a better way to characterize that statement.

7. A lot more of the developing world specifically Africa have been cut off. participation from Africa i think has been low. To say the pandemic has increase participation and as such has turn the community more resilient, I bet to differ on this. May be in the develop world, *Wisdom Donkor*

-Live answered

8. I think we need to carefully study the participation rate region by region and not generalize it, *Wisdom Donkor*

-Live answered

9. What are each of your incentives to compromise in the multi-stakeholder model?, *Jeffrey Neuman*

-Live answered

10. Building on prior questions about getting global stakeholders involved, including businesses, how do we evolve the MSM to build consensus that addresses all stakeholders and doesn't advantage what we would call ICANN ""insiders""? Meaning, evolve in a way that breaks the status quo and represents the public interest, *Fabricio Vayra*

-Live answered

11. Following on to comments made by Jorge, James and Rinalia. ICANN and the policies it creates have gotten very complex. As a organization heavily run by

