

# Importance of Participation in ICANN

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Prep Week: 6 - 8 September 2022

Community Forum: 17 – 22 September 2022

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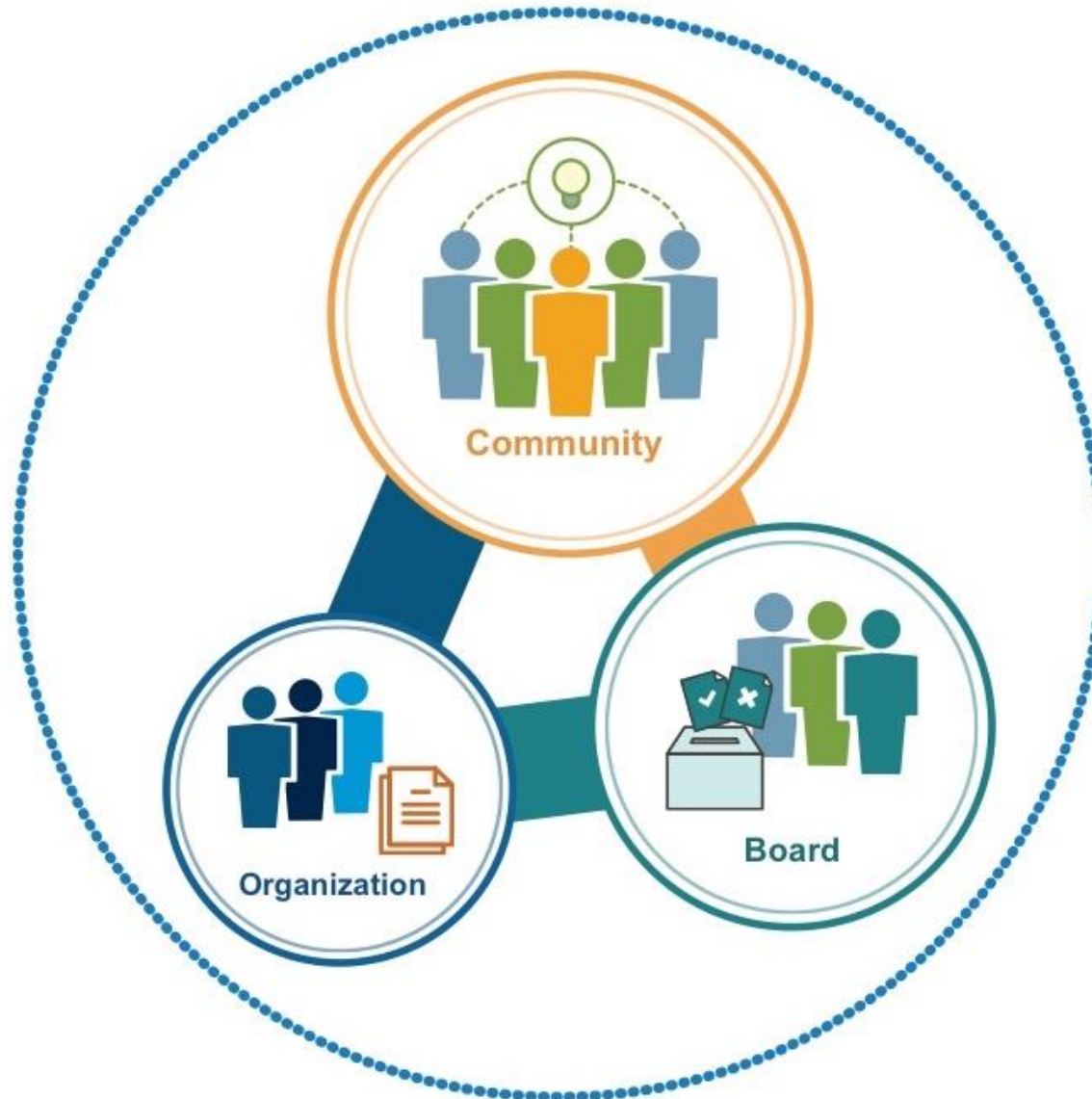
# Mission

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*"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 /.../"*

ICANN Bylaws 1.1.1.

# ICANN Ecosystem



# 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

The 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).

## Supporting Organizations (SOs)

Three SOs in the ICANN community are responsible for developing policy recommendations in the areas they represent.

Address Supporting Organization (ASO)

Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO)

Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO)

# Advisory Committees (ACs)

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Four ACs give advice and make recommendations on ICANN topics.

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.



# GAC ICANN75 Key Topics

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- ❖ Subsequent Procedures for New gTLDs
- ❖ DNS Abuse Mitigation
- ❖ WHOIS and Data Protection Policy (incl. Accuracy)
- ❖ 2022 GAC Leadership Election
- ❖ Joint meetings with the ICANN Board, At Large, ccNSO and GNSO

# GAC Working Groups (WGs)\*:

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## GAC Under-Served Regions WG (USRWG)

Focuses on regions under-served by the DNS industry, and least developed economies and small island developing states

## GAC Public Safety WG (PSWG)

Focuses on aspects of ICANN's policies and procedures that implicate the safety of the public

## GAC WG on Human Rights and International Law (HRIL WG)

Focuses on aspects of ICANN's policies and procedures which relate to human rights and relevant international law

## GAC Universal Acceptance and Internationalized Domain Names Working Group (UA-IDN WG)

Works to develop a single information source on UA and IDNs and to follow efforts on related issues of importance to governments

## GAC WG on GAC Operating Principles Evolution (GOPE WG)

Focuses on a comprehensive review of the GAC Operating Principles to provide the GAC with recommendations for a revised set of Operating Principles

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\* There is also a Board/GAC Interaction Group (BGIG) - this group is made up of both GAC participants and Members of the ICANN Board

# Overview of Newcomer Programs

- **Diversity Programs:** Bring in new friends and contribute to the evolution of the multistakeholder model

## Fellowship Program

- Launched in 2007 at ICANN29
- Foster opportunities for individuals to become active participants in the ICANN community.
- 21+ years old from underserved & underrepresented communities

## NextGen@ICANN Program

- Launched in 2014 at ICANN49
- Invite the next generation to engage with ICANN
- 18-30 year old students from the region where the iCANN meeting takes place

~65%

of alumni for both programs involved in the ICANN community

Source: alumni surveys

# How Program Funding Works



## Fellowship

Travel, accommodations and stipend provided to cover some costs of attending an ICANN Public Meeting



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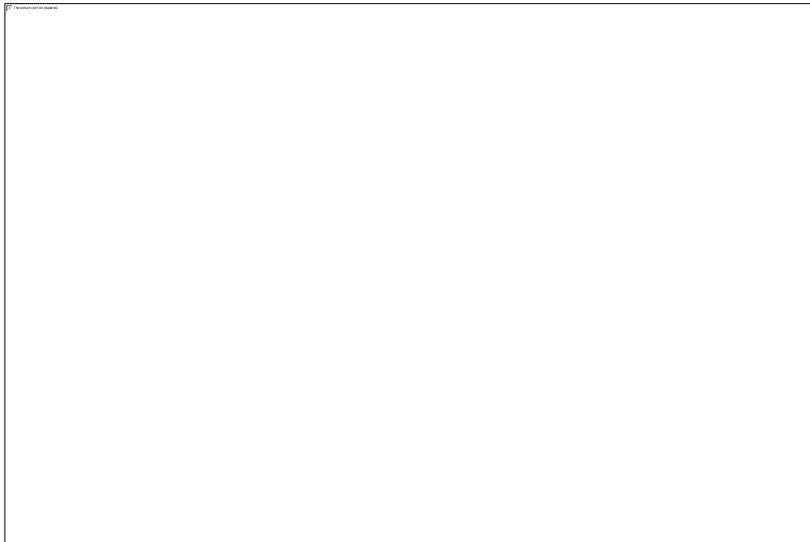


## Newcomer

No funding offered but opens doors to communication and learning through [engagement@icann.org](mailto:engagement@icann.org) and ICANN Learn

# Fellowship Program | At-a-glance

- Global capacity development program to support ICANN's multistakeholder community
- Online application process - three times per year to participate in an ICANN Public Meeting (Policy Forum for alumni only)
- Up to 40 fellows are selected for each round; 5 mentors are appointed by SOs/ACs
- Important source for identifying potential active new community participants and in further honing the skills of returning program participants



# ICANN76 Community Forum

## 11-16 March 2023

### Cancún



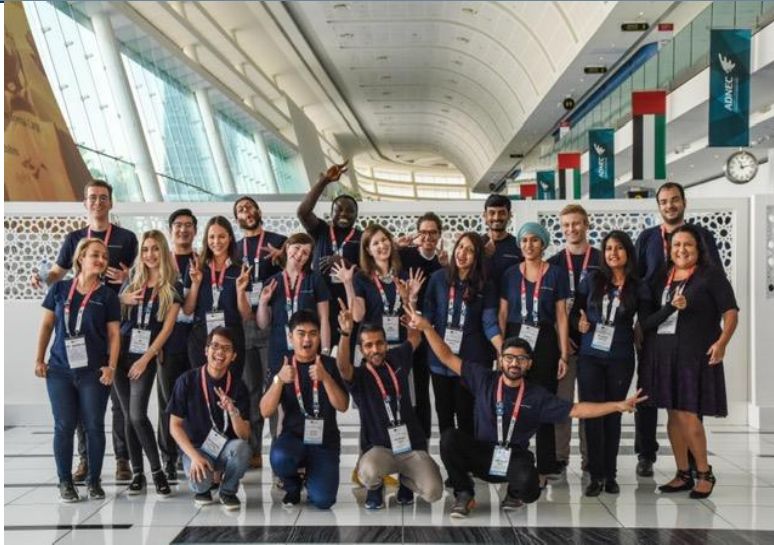
# ICANN75 GAC Preview

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## ICANN75 Hybrid Meeting

- 8 Capacity Building Sessions (Saturday&Sunday)
- 15 sessions (Monday-Thursday)
- Calendar invitations for each GAC session (Gülten Tepe)
  - Registration for all attendees by 14 September  
<https://75.schedule.icann.org/attend>
- Preparatory webinars:
  - IDNs and UA webinar - 1 September (10:00 UTC)
  - ICANN Org/CEO Briefing to the GAC - *week of 5 September*
- ICANN75 Prep Week <https://75.schedule.icann.org/prep-week>
- Written briefings (email/website)
- Health Protocols (in-person) <https://75.schedule.icann.org/health-safety>
- Session Management (Zoom protocols)

# NextGen@ICANN Program | At-a-glance



- Important source for identifying potential new community participants and for bringing new perspectives from universities across the world.
- Up to 12 slots per ICANN meeting to individuals who are living and studying within the region where the ICANN meeting is taking place.
- 3 Additional previous NextGen serve as Mentors
- Participants are encouraged to share ICANN information post meeting with their universities in conjunction with their GSE regional representatives.

At anytime - about anything ...

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