

High Level Government Meeting (HLGM) at ICANN80

Why attend ICANN80?

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80 | POLICY FORUM

KIGALI

10 to 13 June, Rwanda



- ICANN79 – **Community Forum**, 2 to 7 March 2024, **San Juan (NA)**
- ICANN80 – **Policy Forum***, 10 to 13 June, **Kigali (AF)**
Prep Week 28 to 30 May 2024 (Online)
- ICANN81 – 26th AGM, 9 to 14 November, **Istanbul (AP)**
- ICANN82 – Community Forum, 2 to 7 March 2024, **Seattle (NA)**
- Fellowship Program:
 - ICANN80 Application CLOSED, 12 February 2024, fellows announced
 - ICANN81 OPENED: **19 March 2024**
 - ICANN81 Application, CLOSES: **19 April 2024, 23:59 UTC**
 - ICANN82 Application, OPENS: 18 July 2024, 23:59 UTC

* Only those who have successfully completed an ICANN Fellowship (Fellowship Alumni) are eligible to apply for a Policy Forum fellowship

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 work on global policies relating to country code top-level domain names (ccTLD) policies (e.g., .jm, .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 names (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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Committees (ACs)

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 5 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.

Sample of Key Topics

- ⦿ ICANN Grant Program (Auction Proceeds USD \$233,455,563.00)
- ⦿ Next round of Generic Top Level Domains (gTLDs)
- ⦿ Registration Data Request Service RDRS (access to registration data)
- ⦿ Universal Acceptance
- ⦿ DNS Abuse (DNS Security as a subset of Cybersecurity)

Economic Benefits of UA of IDNs and gTLDs



**Growth Opportunity
in Online Revenue**

**Annual opportunity from software
systems working in harmony with the
common Internet infrastructure**

\$3.6
Billion USD

**Existing users
using the new
domain names**

\$6.2
Billion USD

**New Internet
users coming
online through
IDNs**

White Paper/ Report by Analysys Mason, Commissioned by UASG in April 2017. Conservative metrics, do not take into account potential future growth in e-commerce spend, or in the registrations of the new domains.

HLGM Background

The High Level Government Meeting (HLGM) provides the opportunity to:

- *Reaffirm the critical role that governments play in providing advice to the ICANN Board on public-policy issues as it relates to the secure and stable functioning of the Domain Name System.*
- *Enable all parties to gain a clearer understanding of the role of governments in ICANN processes, including the GAC.*
- *Discuss current public policy issues and challenges at senior level. These discussions can occur between government and government, or at intergovernmental level.*
- *Expose senior administrative officials (Ministers, regulators) to ICANN, allowing them to gain a greater understanding of the organization and the issues it deals with. In turn, this may lead to better support for and resourcing of GAC representatives within their home administrations.*

In a Nutshell

- *The HLGGM is a key ICANN meeting taking place every two years*
- *The aim of the HLGGM is to raise high level political awareness about ICANN's role and activities in the broader Internet Governance*
- *The HLGGM is not a GAC+ meeting*

Topics for consideration for ICANN80 HLGGM in Kigali

- ICANN and the Multistakeholder Model
- Cooperation and Governance
- Towards a Better Digital Inclusion
- Support the Development of Meaningful Connectivity in Africa

Status of Caribbean Responses to Invitation

- Travel Support Possibly Available (airfare, accommodation)

Deadline: 26 April 2024

- *Total Invitees from Caribbean Countries: 27*

Confirmed: 3

Declined: 3

- *Current number of “No Response”: 21*

- **Call to Action**

Confirm that the invitation has been received

- *If it hasn't been received reach out to: gac-staff@icann.org (Cc: laurent.ferrali@icann.org & maeva.devoto@icann.org)*
- *Send an official decision by answering Rwanda's email*

Respond positively to the invitation to benefit from HLGGM participation

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