High Level Government Meeting (HLGM) at ICANN80

Why attend ICANN80?

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ICT Ministers Retreat, Belize 13 April, 2024





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

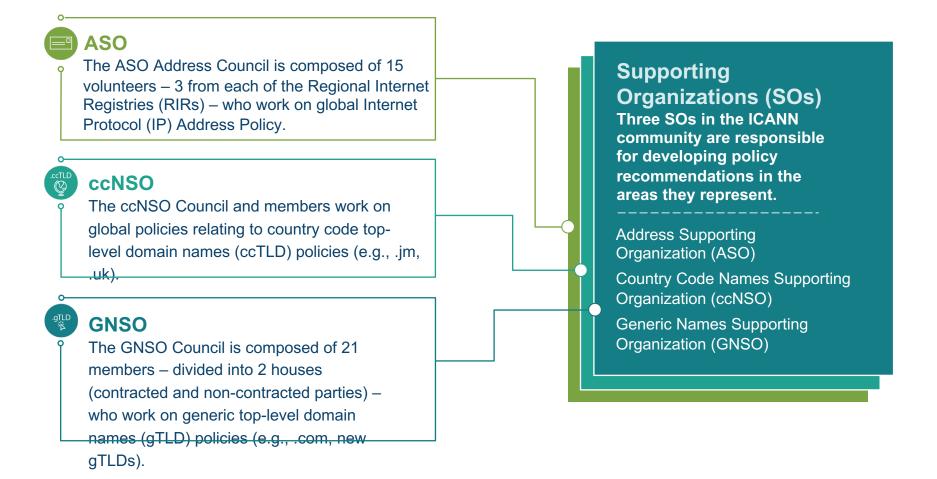


ICANN Ecosystem



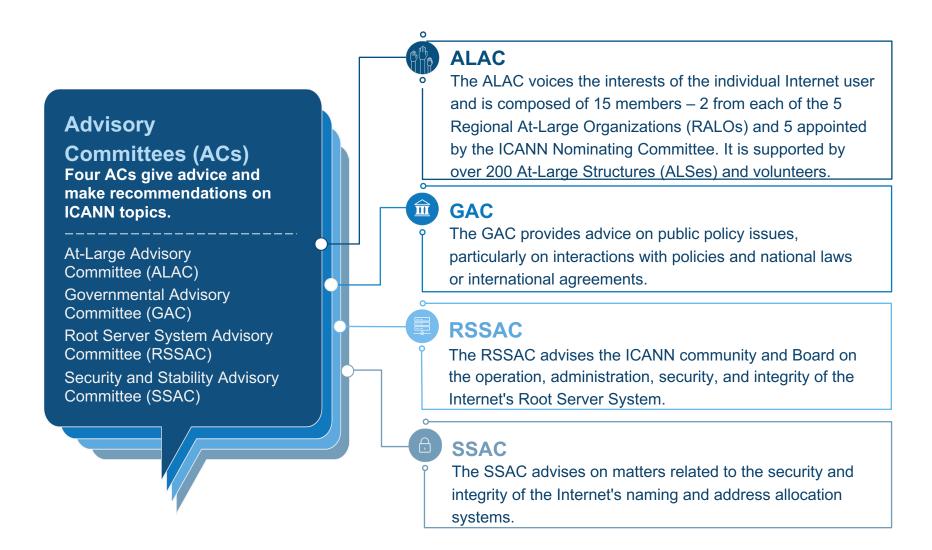


Supporting Organizations (SOs)





Advisory Committees (ACs)





Sample of Key Topics

- 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)



New Policy: new Generic Top Level Domains

















Economic Benefits of UA of IDNs and gTLDs



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



Topics for consideration for ICANN80 HLGM 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 HLGM participation



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