

## About ICANN

The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) assigns domain names and manages some key technical aspects of the Internet's underlying address book. (unique identifiers system)

ICANN develops policies related to how many top-level domains there will be, which ones will exist, to whom they will be assigned, and the regulations that apply to the entities that run them. Its policies are developed through a multi-stakeholder process.

ICANN currently performs its mission under a U.S. Government contract and is accountable to the global community under an Affirmation of Commitments.

ICANN is currently engaged in a process of globalization, ending unilateral U.S. government oversight. ICANN has offices and engagement centers in different parts of the world. Information on ICANN's organization, governance, procedures, and range of activities is all available at [www.icann.org](http://www.icann.org).



## Join Us!

The NCUC welcomes all individuals and noncommercial organizations interested in advocating for and protecting noncommercial communications, activities and interests on the Internet, within ICANN.

By joining us you can have a real effect on making ICANN a more transparent and accountable corporation. Together we can represent the non-commercial users' interests more strongly.

Joining NCUC gives you and/or your organization the chance to be directly represented in global public policy development for the Internet.

Prospective members should complete the application form for the Noncommercial Stakeholder Group (NCSG) within which NCUC is located in the ICANN organization, and select NCUC as the constituency you wish to join. The application form can be found at: <http://ncuc.org/page/become-a-member> or by writing to us at [ncuc@ncuc.org](mailto:ncuc@ncuc.org).

We do most of our work online through email lists and other electronic platforms.

More information about how we are organized and work together is available at: [www.ncuc.org](http://www.ncuc.org).

*Come, join us!*

Rafik Dammak, Chair of the NCUC

# NCUC

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# MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD IN INTERNET GOVERNANCE

## Who We Are

The Noncommercial Users Constituency (NCUC) is the home for civil society organizations and individuals in ICANN's Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO). The GNSO is the place where different stakeholders are represented in ICANN and develop consensus policies for governing generic top level domain (gTLD) names like .com and .org.

The NCUC advocates positions on domain name-related policies that protect and support noncommercial communication and activity on the Internet. As a part of the GNSO's Noncommercial Stakeholders Group (NCSG) we have real voting power in ICANN's bottom-up, multi-stakeholder policymaking process, including the opportunity to help elect members of the GNSO Council and one member of the ICANN Board of Directors.

We have 462 members from 107 countries and all five ICANN-recognized geographic regions, including 111 noncommercial organizations and 351 individuals (as of January 2016).

Our members include individuals and non-profit organizations involved in civil liberties and human rights, Internet freedom, consumer protection, education, research, development, and many other areas of public policy advocacy.



## What We Do

Mobilize civil society actors to participate in ICANN, including its working groups and other processes

Send members to ICANN's three meetings per year around the world, which are free of charge and open to all interested parties

Help elect (NCSG) representatives to the GNSO Council, which coordinates the policy development process for gTLDs

Appoint representatives to ICANN's Nominating Committee, which appoints members of the Board of Directors and other ICANN bodies

Develop and advocate policy positions

Collaborate and interact with other stakeholders in ICANN on matters of common concern, including businesses, governments, and others

Organize conferences and events exploring global Internet governance issues

## Noncommercial Uses and Users

We seek to ensure that commercial interests do not override the interests of nonprofits and ordinary users

## Diversity and Consumer Choice

We support a competitive domain name industry that offers Internet users innovation, quality, and affordability

## Human Rights

We promote an approach to domain name policy that is consistent with internationally recognized human rights

## Freedom of Expression

We challenge efforts to abuse the core of the Internet by censoring expression and regulating content

## Privacy

We oppose efforts to use domain registration records for indiscriminate surveillance

## Access to Knowledge

We advocate for protection of the global public sphere against excessive intellectual property restrictions

## Development

We work for policies that promote socio-economic growth and development in all areas of the world

## Multilingual Internet

We want all cultures and linguistic groups represented in the domain name space

## Denationalization

We support transferring US government stewardship of the IANA to the global multistakeholder community

## Global Internet Governance

We strive to make ICANN and other governance institutions accountable, promote multistakeholder participation, and resistant to intergovernmental control