

**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, multistakeholder policymaking process, includig the opportunity to help elect members of the GNSO Council and one member of the ICANN Board of Directors.

We have 561 members from 100 countries and all five ICANN-recognized geographic regions, including 119 noncommercial organizations and 442 individuals (as of January 2017).

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 non-profits 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 supported 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, fully open to multistakeholder participation and resistant to intergovernmental control