


# Civil Society in ICANN and Internet Governance



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## ONE WORLD. ONE INTERNET.

**WHAT DOES ICANN DO?**

To reach another person on the Internet you have to type an address into your device – a name or a number. That address must be unique, so computers will know where to find each other. ICANN maintains and administers these unique identifiers across the world. Without ICANN's management of this system, known as the Domain Name System or DNS, we wouldn't have a global, scalable Internet where we can find each other.

**Community-Driven Policy**

To keep pace with dynamic technologies and rapid innovation, ICANN enables consensus-driven, multistakeholder policy development, with broad representation from the global Internet community.

**Competition & Choice**

From accrediting over 1000 registrars, to introducing new Top Level Domains (TLDs), ICANN works to expand consumer choice by fostering competition and innovation in the domain name marketplace.

**WHICH FUNCTIONS DOES ICANN COORDINATE?**

- Domain Name System (DNS)
- Internet Protocol (IP) address allocation
- Protocol-Parameter Registry
- Root Server Systems
- Generic Top-Level Domain name (gTLD) system management
- Country Code Top-Level Domain name (ccTLD) DNS
- Time zone database management

**Multistakeholder Model:**

Civil Society & Internet Users, the Private Sector, National & International Organizations, Governments, Research, Academic and Technical Communities are all represented.

**Security & Stability**

ICANN supports DNS security through technical training and engagement, coordinating and collaborating with the community in the implementation of standards such as DNSSEC.

**HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?**

- Sign up for updates at [myicann.org](http://myicann.org)
- Join one of the many Public Comment Forums on ICANN's website
- Attend ICANN's Public Meetings in person or online to provide input at a Public Forum
- Join one of ICANN's Supporting Organizations or Advisory Committees

**WHO'S INVOLVED?**

A number of groups, each of which represents a different interest on the Internet. All of them come together with the Board of Directors to shape ICANN decisions.

**Contractual Compliance**

ICANN oversees the contracts it maintains and enforces the consensus policies developed through the community-driven process. ICANN's Contractual Compliance function seeks to ensure compliance with the agreements and the consensus policies.

**Interoperability**

ICANN's work enables new technologies to flourish while maintaining interoperability across the global Internet. For example, management of the unique protocol identifiers allows communication using secure connections between users.

**Supporting Organizations**

- Addressing
- Country Code Names
- Generic Names

**Advisory Committees**

- At-Large
- Governmental
- Root Server System
- Security & Stability

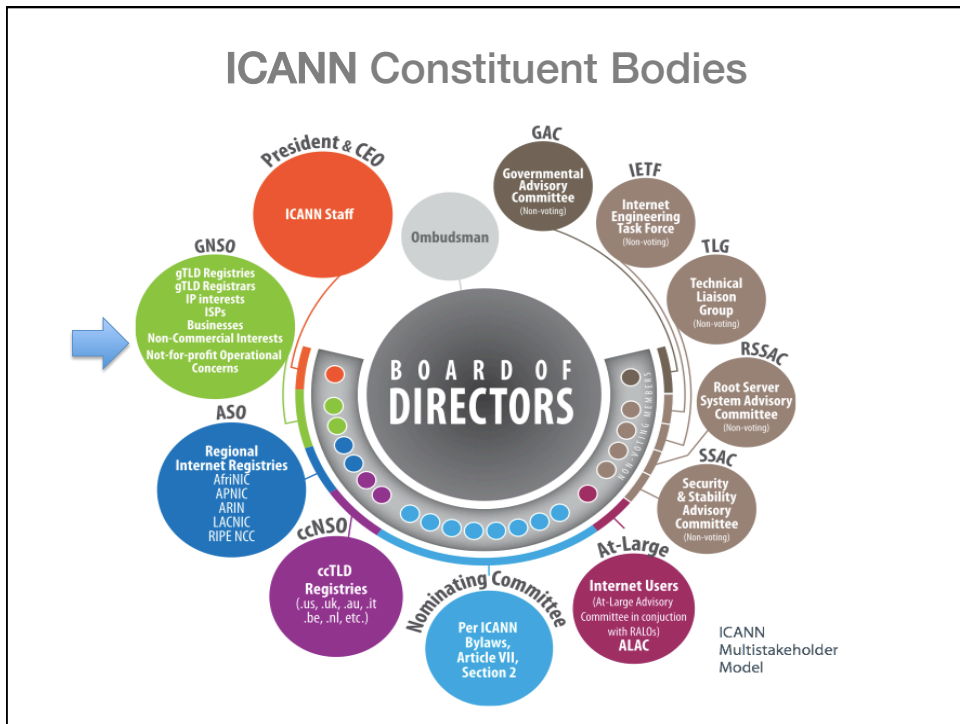
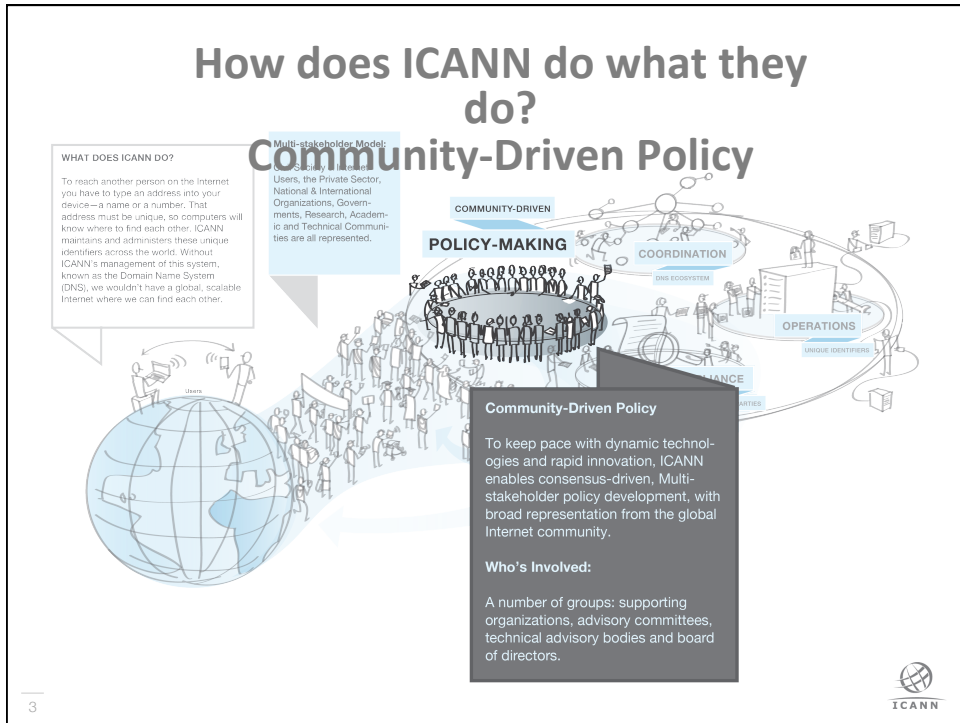
**Technical Advisory Bodies**

- Technical Liaison Group
- Internet Engineering Task Force

**Board of Directors**

For more information or to get involved, please visit [www.icann.org](http://www.icann.org)

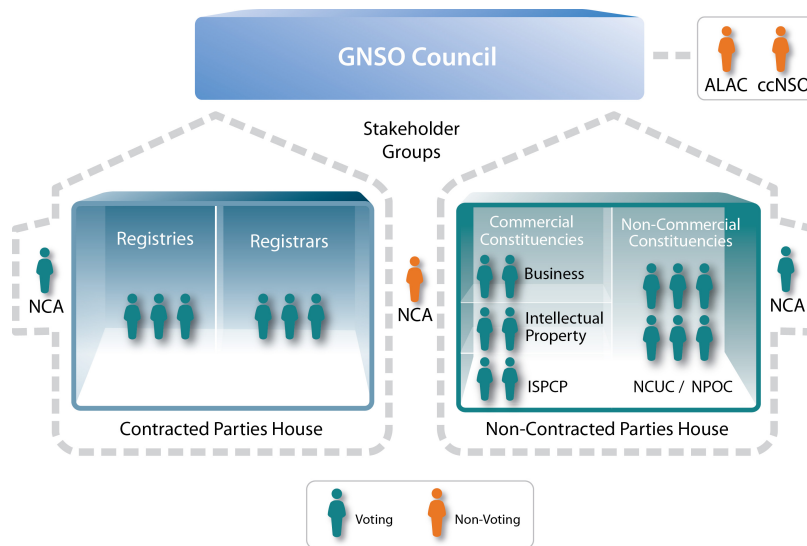
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## Multistakeholder Policy Making



## The GNSO Structure



## The NonCommercial Users Constituency

[www.ncuc.org](http://www.ncuc.org)

- Created in 1999 to ensure representation of noncom users and the protection of noncomm uses/spaces on the Internet in what was initially a very business dominated organization
- Currently 357 members from 81 different countries, including 95 noncommercial organizations and 262 individuals. 2/3rds from outside USA
- Annually elects chair & and Executive Committee with representatives of 5 regions, appoints people to various positions, helps elect 6 GNSO Councilors

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## Issues

### *From early years*

- Freedom of Expression
- Privacy
- Access to Knowledge, protection of the global public sphere against excessive trademark restrictions etc.
- Diversity and Consumer Choice

### *Recent years the agenda has expanded*

- Human Rights more broadly
- Development
- Global Internet Governance (ICANN, bit of external)

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## Activities

*In past few years, generally in the NonCommercial Stakeholder Group context:*

- Participate in GNSO Council and Working Groups, Adopt policy statements and positions
- File comments in Public Comment Periods, providing input to decisions
- Advocacy and lobbying within GNSO and ICANN more generally

*Also...*

- Organize policy conferences and workshops, e.g. <http://www.ncuc.org/singapore2014/programme/>

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## Constituency Day Meeting Next Tuesday 24 June 09:00 to 12:30 BST in Cadogan room

<http://london50.icann.org/en/schedule/tue-ncuc>

*Group Discussions of:*

- The High Level Meeting and the evolving views/roles of Governments in ICANN
- Accountability, IANA, the 4 Transition Tracks
- ICANN in the Larger Internet Governance Ecosystem

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## Constituency Day (2)

### *Visit from the US Government*

- Lawrence E. Strickling, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information and Administrator, National Telecommunications and Information Administration
- Fiona Alexander, Associate Administrator (Head of Office) for International Affairs, NTIA
- Ambassador Daniel A. Sepulveda, U.S. Coordinator for International Communications and Information Policy, U.S. Department of State
- Christopher Painter, Coordinator for Cyber Issues, U.S. Department of State

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## Overview of this Session

- The rapidly changing Internet governance ecosystem, and ICANN's role therein
- ICANN's current drive to become a more globalized organization
- The importance of ICANN's policies for public interest advocates
- How civil society works with ICANN's structures, and how to get involved
- Brief overview of the ICANN meeting week, highlights of key debates
- Open discussion
- Reception

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## ICANN 50 Full Schedule

Click on session to access remote participation details

Sunday, 22 June		London	Bahawal	Calagan	Flamma	Hilton Meeting Rooms 1-4			Palace Suite	Park Suite	Sovereign	Thomas Suite	Vicount	Windsor Suite
Room	Start/End					1-1	1-2	1-3						
	0700-0730												Join & Attend Leadership Meeting Breakfast (C)	
	0730-0800													
	0800-0830	Followup Meeting and Guest (C)												
	0830-0900					ATLAS I Thematic Group 3: Global Internet The User Perspective - Session 1 (0800-1000)	ATLAS I Thematic Group 4: Large Community Engagement - Session 1 (0800-1000)	ATLAS I Thematic Group 5: Regional Community Engagement - Session 1 (0800-1000)	ccNSO System Implementation Committee (C)				ATLAS I Thematic Group 2: The Future of Multistakeholder - Session 1 (0800-1000)	
	0900-0930					ATLAS I Thematic Group 3: Global Internet The User Perspective - Session 2 (0900-1100)	ATLAS I Thematic Group 4: Large Community Engagement - Session 2 (0900-1100)	ATLAS I Thematic Group 5: Regional Community Engagement - Session 2 (0900-1100)	ccNSO System Implementation Committee (C)				ATLAS I Thematic Group 2: The Future of Multistakeholder - Session 2 (0900-1100)	
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## Some Key Sessions for Civil Society Participants

**Friday, June 20:**  
Workshop on Civil Society in ICANN and Internet Governance

**Saturday, June 21:**  
GNSO Working Session  
Informal Discussion on Civil Society in ICANN and Internet Governance

**Sunday, June 22:**  
GNSO Working Session  
Newcomer Welcome Session

**Monday, June 23:**  
Welcome Ceremony and President's Opening  
Governmental High Level Government Meeting

**Tuesday, June 24:**  
NonCommercial Users Constituency  
Not For-Profit Operational Concerns Constituency  
NonCommercial Stakeholder Group, including with the Board of Directors

**Wednesday, June 25:**  
NCSG Privacy Workshop  
Exploring ICANN's Development and Public Responsibility Programs  
Internet Governance Session  
GNSO Council Public Meeting

**Thursday, June 26:**  
ICANN Public Forum  
Enhancing ICANN Accountability  
Transition of NTIA's Stewardship of the IANA Functions

[All week: At Large's ATLAS II conference]

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