



How can I help ICANN shape the future of the Internet?

ICANN welcomes and encourages your participation in the diverse, international ICANN community as we realize the vision of one world, one Internet.

If you want to know what the ICANN community is working on and how it may affect the Internet, or need more information about a particular topic before you participate, please explore our website: www.icann.org. ICANN tackles fascinating issues related to the Domain Name System (DNS), Internet Protocol addresses and numbers - systems that all Internet users rely on - and related subjects like DNS security and stability. Get a foundation for your viewpoint and activities by following links from Current Topics, Policy Issues, and our Public Comment Forum.

ICANN participation can take many forms, depending upon your interests and expertise, the amount of time you can spare, and how involved you'd like to be in policies and activities that shape the unique identifiers of the Internet. Feel free to consider the options listed here, choose one you like, and then contact us: start@icann.org. We look forward to helping you get started!

Post your insights on the Public Comment Forum.

Soliciting public views on substantial issues the ICANN community and staff are working on is a vital part of ICANN's processes. You can learn more about pending issues and respond with your opinion at the online Public Comment Forum.

Join a Working Group.

In ICANN's community Working Group model of decision-making, volunteer teams take on specific issues and arrive at recommendations and policies by consensus. What are working groups currently doing? Read the latest monthly Policy Update to find out. To learn about new groups seeking volunteers, watch for Announcements. Joining a working group allows you to focus your efforts on one specific issue for a limited time.

Volunteer for an ICANN leadership position.

Each year a community "Nominating Committee" asks for volunteers who are willing to serve on the ICANN Board, GNSO Council, ccNSO Council, and At-Large Advisory Committee. See the Nominating Committee's information page to learn more.



Current Topics: <http://www.icann.org/en/topics/>
Policy Issues: <http://www.icann.org/en/policy/>
Public Comment Forum: <http://icann.org/en/public-comment/>
Policy Update: <http://www.icann.org/en/topics/policy/>
Announcements: <http://www.icann.org/en/announcements/>
Nominating Committee: <http://nomcom.icann.org/>



Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

Join a Constituency or User Group.

ICANN's diverse, international community includes several Constituencies that enable formally recognized interest groups to shape policies for the world's generic top-level domains (gTLDs). The ICANN community also includes a global network of individual



Internet user groups that provide input on a whole range of DNS issues of interest to individual users.

There are other membership opportunities for country-code TLD operators, governments, and others. Each group looks for different kinds of participation. Those soliciting members include:

Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO)

If you care about generic top-level domains (like .com, .net ...), you can join a Constituency of the GNSO, such as the Business Constituency, Intellectual Property Constituency, Internet Service Providers Constituency, or Non-Commercial Users Constituency.

At-Large Advisory Committee and Community (ALAC)

At-Large is the voice of the world's individual Internet user at ICANN. If you already participate in a group that wants to influence the Internet on behalf of individual users, consider registering it as an At-Large Structure (ALS).

Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO)

If you manage a country code Top Level Domain (.cn, .uk, ...), join the ccNSO. ccTLD managers in the ccNSO are addressing a range of issues critical to ccTLD operations.

Start a new Constituency.

ICANN encourages the formation of new Constituencies for participation in the GNSO. If you are involved with a specific and significant group of stakeholders that is interested in ICANN-related issues affected by gTLD policies - and you are considering sustained involvement in ICANN - you may want to explore creating a new Constituency. If you'd like more information, email start@icann.org. You can see pending proposals for new Constituencies and more information on how to apply on ICANN's "new Constituencies" webpage.

If you're not sure where your strengths fit, email ICANN Staff at start@icann.org. We'd be pleased to hear from you and look forward to discussing ICANN's volunteer opportunities.

Welcome to the ICANN community!

GNSO: <http://gns0.icann.org/>
At-Large: <http://www.atlarge.icann.org/en/whatis.htm>
ccNSO: <http://ccnso.icann.org/applications/>
New Constituencies: <http://gns0.icann.org/en/improvements/new-co-process-en.htm>