ICANN & Global Partnerships

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The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) is an internationally organized, non-profit corporation that has responsibility for Internet Protocol (IP) address space allocation, protocol identifier assignment, generic (gTLD) and country code (ccTLD) Top-Level Domain name system management, and root server system management functions.
Mission Statement

• To coordinate, overall, the global Internet's system of unique identifiers, and to ensure stable and secure operation of the Internet's unique identifier systems. In particular, ICANN coordinates:

  1. Allocation and assignment of the three sets of unique identifiers for the Internet:
     • Top level domain names (gTLDs & ccTLDs)
     • Internet protocol (IP) addresses and autonomous system (AS) numbers
     • Protocol port and parameter numbers

  2. Operation and evolution of the DNS root name server system

  3. Policy development reasonably and appropriately related to these technical functions
Principles of Operation

• Contribute to stability and security of the unique identifiers system and root management
• Promote competition and choice for registrants and other users
• Forum for multi-stakeholder bottom-up development of related policy
• Ensuring on a global basis an opportunity for participation by all interested parties
Diverse Representation & Open Participation

- ICANN maintains diverse representation in its Board of Directors
- ICANN’s Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees maintain the same diversity in their Councils
- Bottom-up technical policy development and consensus-based decision making
- Participation in ICANN is open to all
- Online forums and mailing lists
- Public meetings are held three times each year – each time on a different continent
- Remote participation is also available: http://public.icann.org/
Current Topics

• New gTLDs introduction in the root
• Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs)
• Registry failover plan
• Single letter domains
• Whois changes
Fellowships Programme

• The programme aims at providing financial scholarships to individuals from developing countries to facilitate participation in ICANN meetings.

• Fellowships Committee (FC) is responsible for qualifying and selecting applicants and is advising ICANN staff on how the programme could be improved.

• Application forms are available online: http://www.icann.org/fellowships/
Fellowships Programme

• **Statistics:**
  – San Juan Meeting:
    • 125 applications received
    • 43 accepted
    • 34 attended
    • 10 deferred to LA
  – Los Angeles:
    • 167 applications received
    • 35 accepted
    • 25 attended
    • 10 deferred to Delhi
Strategic Plan: Challenges & Opportunities

• In developing the strategic objectives for the years ahead, the ICANN community identified a number of challenges and opportunities:
  – Increased globalization of the Internet
  – Increased threats to stability and security of the Internet
  – The need to engage with a broader range of international entities
  – The need to be closer and more responsive to all stakeholders
  – The need to design appropriate structures and processes in completing the transition of technical coordination of the Internet system of unique identifiers
Global Partnerships

• The Global Partnership Strategy has been designed to help meet these challenges through the deployment of a Regional Liaison network

• The role of the Regional Liaisons is to engage proactively with their respective stakeholders and end-user community in their respective regions and respond to the needs of the Internet community and ICANN staff
Global Partnerships Team

• Current Liaisons are:
  – Africa: Anne Rachel Inné, annerachel.inne@icann.org
  – Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan: Veni Markovski, veni.markovski@icann.org
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  – Middle East: Baher Esmat, baher.esmat@icann.org

• Vacancies
  – Manager, Regional Relations – East Asia
  – Manager, Regional Relations – South Asia
  – Manager, Regional Relations – Europe
  – Manager, Regional Relations – Caribbean
What do Regional Managers do?

• Engage proactively with all stakeholders and members of the Internet community in the regions and respond proactively to their needs

• Provide information to stakeholders on how to participate in policy development processes and identify how policy development can be improved to address needs of various stakeholders in regions

• Strengthen relationships with organizations which have expressed interest in participating in the ICANN multi-stakeholder environment

• Act as help-desk on any domain names and IP issues (e.g. registries, registrars, ccTLDs, At-Large, governments, participation, etc.)
Thank You

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