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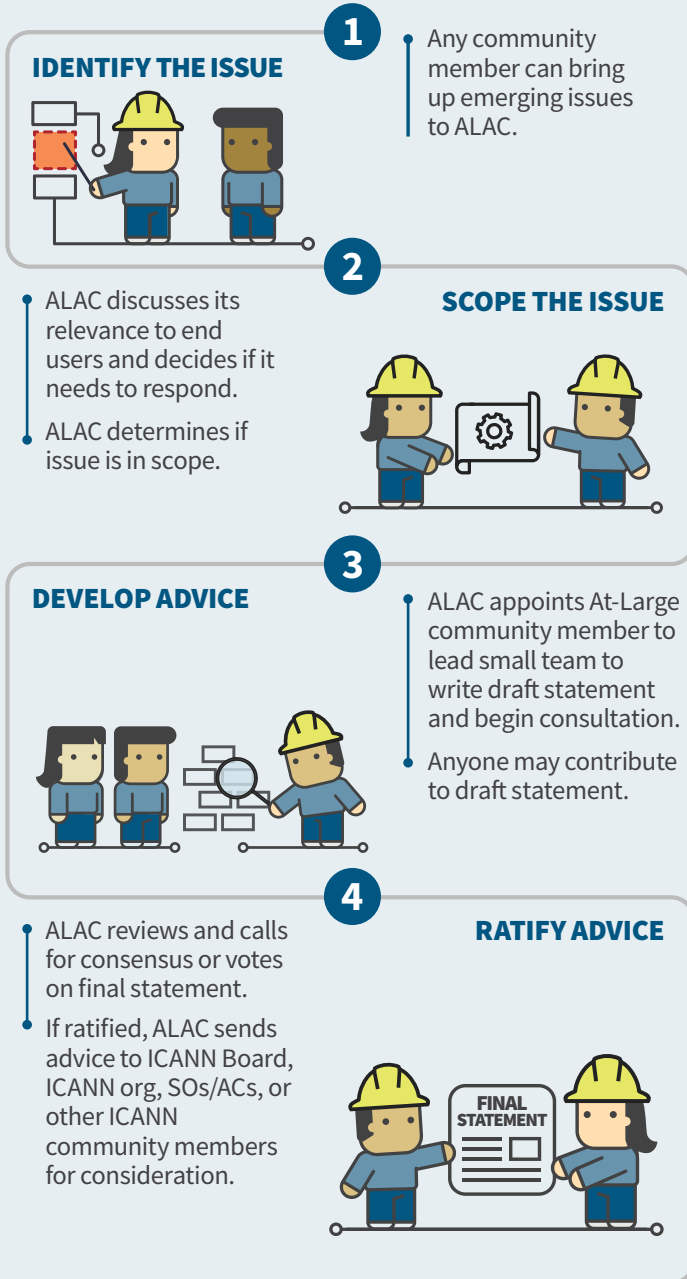
The Policy Development Support Team facilitates bottom-up, consensus-driven processes for advice on global gTLD, ccTLD, and IP address policies.

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At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)

ALAC voices interests of Internet end users and advises ICANN Board on policies within ICANN's mission and scope.
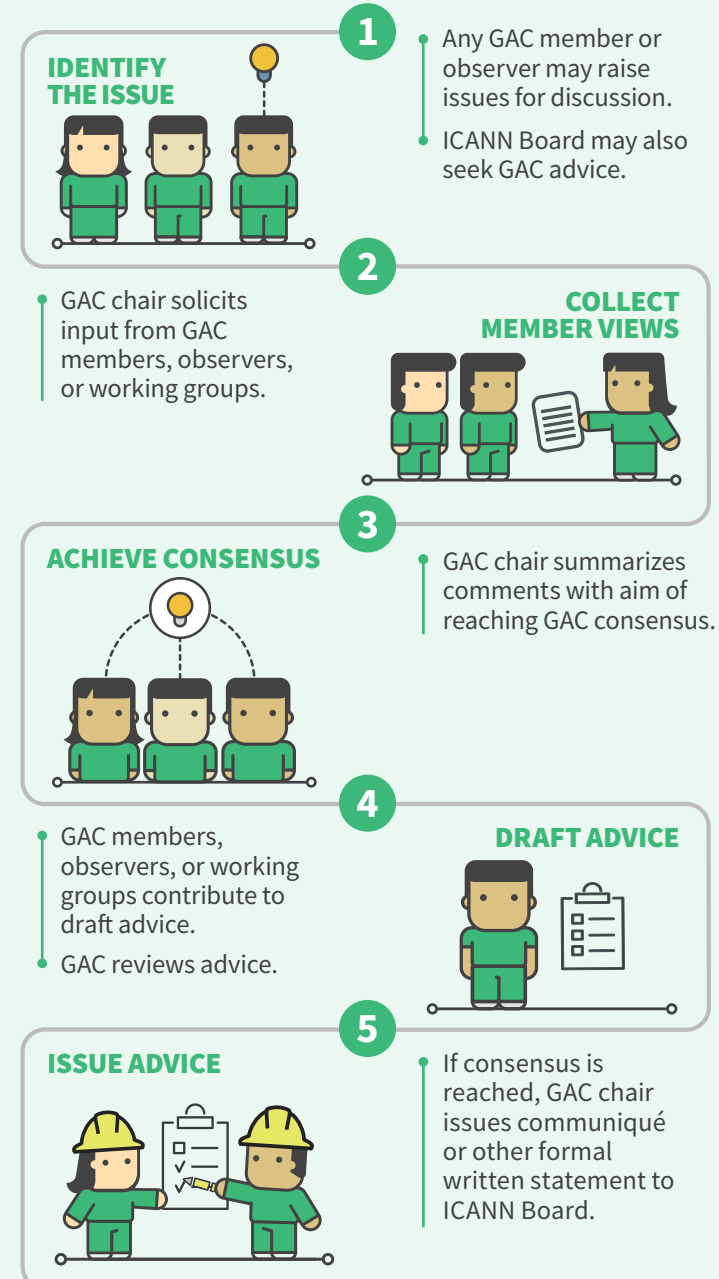
ALAC Advice Development Process

1 IDENTIFY THE ISSUE
- Any community member can bring up emerging issues to ALAC.

2 SCOPE THE ISSUE
- ALAC discusses its relevance to end users and decides if it needs to respond.
- ALAC determines if issue is in scope.

3 DEVELOP ADVICE
- ALAC appoints At-Large community member to lead small team to write draft statement and begin consultation.
- Anyone may contribute to draft statement.

4 RATIFY ADVICE
- ALAC reviews and calls for consensus or votes on final statement.
- If ratified, ALAC sends advice to ICANN Board, ICANN org, SOs/ACs, or other ICANN community members for consideration.

FINAL STATEMENT

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Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC)

GAC advises ICANN Board on public policy issues, particularly in areas where ICANN policies intersect with national laws and international agreements.
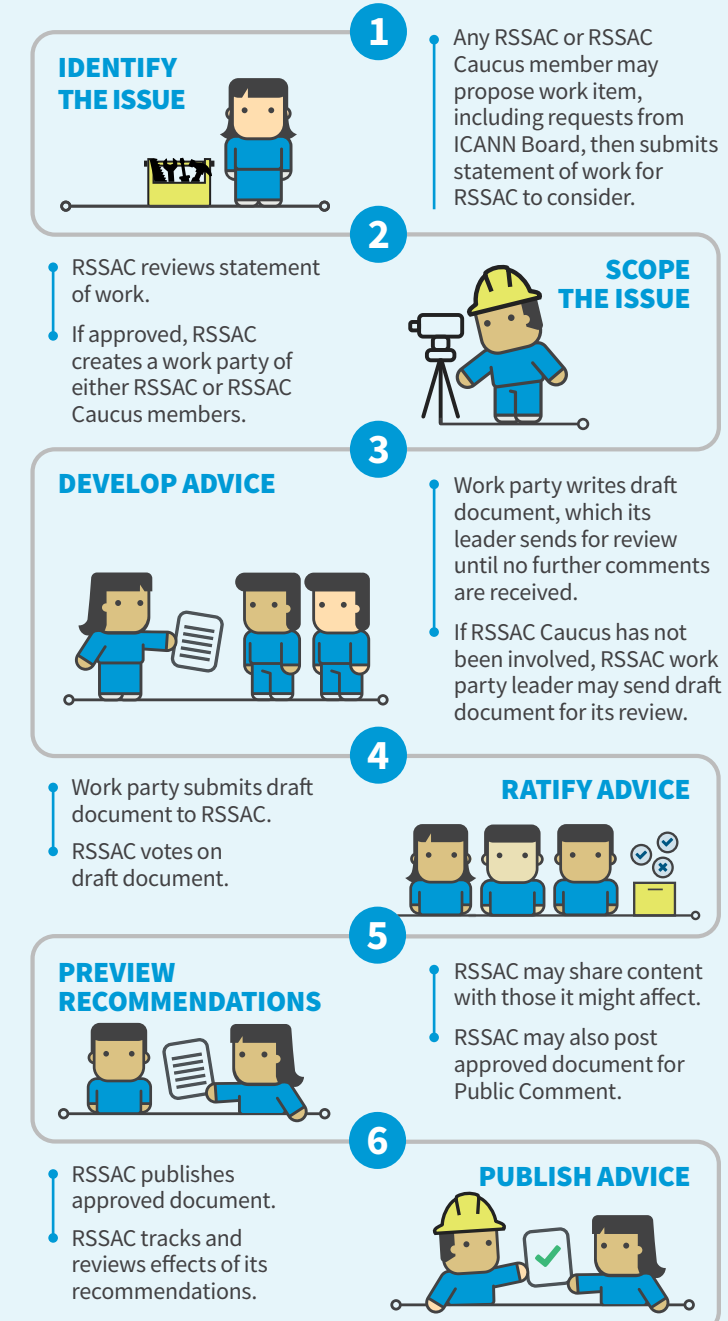
GAC Advice Development Process

1 IDENTIFY THE ISSUE
- Any GAC member or observer may raise issues for discussion.
- ICANN Board may also seek GAC advice.

2 COLLECT MEMBER VIEWS
- GAC chair solicits input from GAC members, observers, or working groups.

3 ACHIEVE CONSENSUS
- GAC chair summarizes comments with aim of reaching GAC consensus.

4 DRAFT ADVICE
- GAC members, observers, or working groups contribute to draft advice.
- GAC reviews advice.

5 ISSUE ADVICE
- If consensus is reached, GAC chair issues communiqué or other formal written statement to ICANN Board.

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Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC)

RSSAC advises ICANN Board and community on matters relating to the operation, administration, security, and integrity of the Internet's Root Server System.
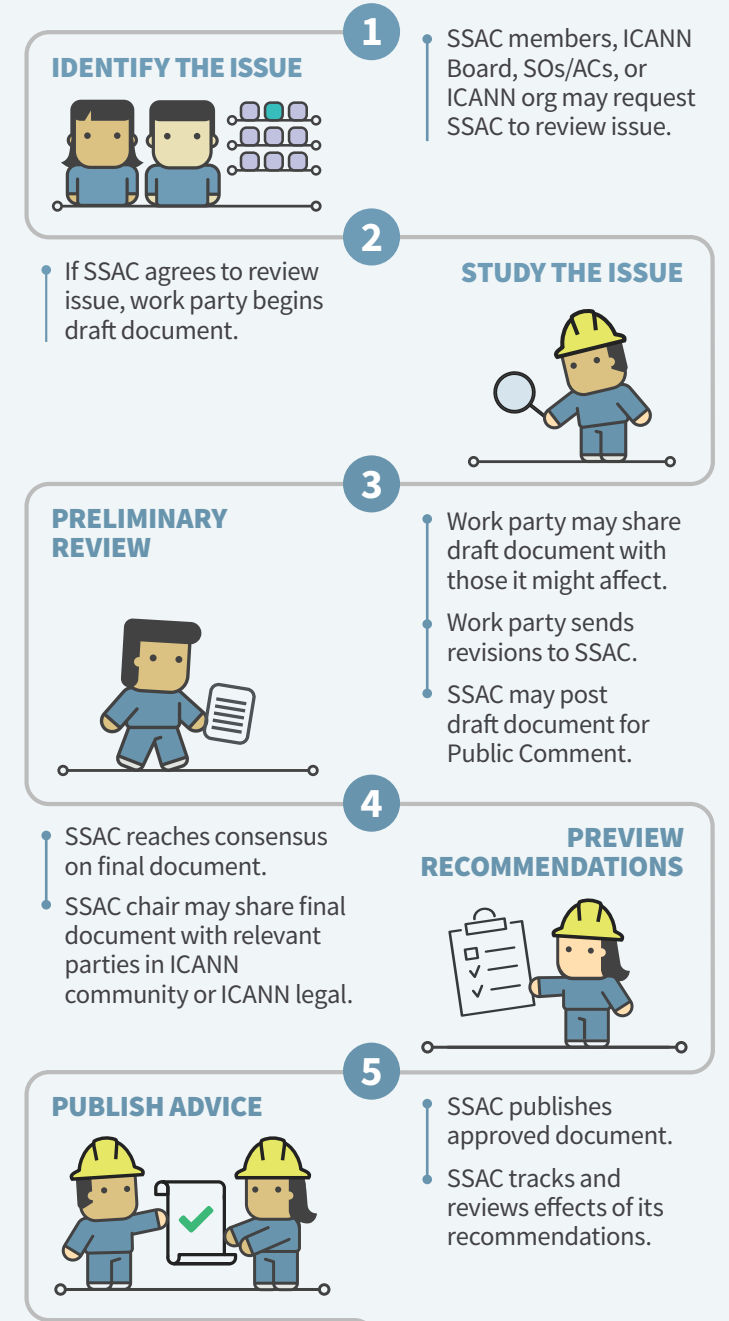
RSSAC Advice Development Process

1 IDENTIFY THE ISSUE
- Any RSSAC or RSSAC Caucus member may propose work item, including requests from ICANN Board, then submits statement of work for RSSAC to consider.

2 SCOPE THE ISSUE
- RSSAC reviews statement of work.
- If approved, RSSAC creates a work party of either RSSAC or RSSAC Caucus members.

3 DEVELOP ADVICE
- Work party writes draft document, which its leader sends for review until no further comments are received.
- If RSSAC Caucus has not been involved, RSSAC work party leader may send draft document for its review.

4 RATIFY ADVICE
- Work party submits draft document to RSSAC.
- RSSAC votes on draft document.

5 PREVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS
- RSSAC may share content with those it might affect.
- RSSAC may also post approved document for Public Comment.

6 PUBLISH ADVICE
- RSSAC publishes approved document.
- RSSAC tracks and reviews effects of its recommendations.

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Root Server System Advisory Committee

Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)

SSAC advises ICANN Board and community on issues relating to the security and integrity of the Internet's naming and address allocation systems.

SSAC Advice Development Process

1 IDENTIFY THE ISSUE
- SSAC members, ICANN Board, SOs/ACs, or ICANN org may request SSAC to review issue.

2 STUDY THE ISSUE
- If SSAC agrees to review issue, work party begins draft document.

3 PRELIMINARY REVIEW
- Work party may share draft document with those it might affect.
- Work party sends revisions to SSAC.
- SSAC may post draft document for Public Comment.

4 PREVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS
- SSAC reaches consensus on final document.
- SSAC chair may share final document with relevant parties in ICANN community or ICANN legal.

5 PUBLISH ADVICE
- SSAC publishes approved document.
- SSAC tracks and reviews effects of its recommendations.

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SO/AC Supporting Organizations/Advisory Committees