

# ICANN REGIONS

# ICANN's five regions

- Africa
- Asia/Australia/Pacific
- Europe
- Latin American/Caribbean Islands
- North America

Evolved from White Paper discussions

# REVIEW I

Yokohama July 2000

Review was conducted to determine the specific definition of the five geographic regions in connection with ICANN At Large elections

# RESOLUTION

The Board directed staff to assign countries to geographic regions on the basis of the UN Statistics Division's classifications of "Countries or area, codes and abbreviations" and "composition of macro geographic (continental) regions and component geographical regions"

# REVIEW II

Montreal 2003

The Board proposed that the basic definition of the Geographic Regions remain in effect, based on reference to the current versions of the United Nations Statistics Division

# RESOLUTION

The Board reaffirmed the existing definition of the 5 regions and the existing methodology for allocating specific countries and territories to particular regions, pursuant to Article VI, Section 6 of the ICANN bylaws and the allocation table posted by staff on 5 June

# Countries within the Regions

- Africa—54
- Asia/Australia/Pacific—73
- Europe—75
- Latin American/Caribbean Islands—33
- North America—8

# REVIEW III

In accordance with the ICANN bylaws, the geographic regions are to be reviewed again this year.

This will be the ccNSO's first opportunity to consider the regions as the second review coincided with the establishment of the ccNSO



# Questions for ccTLDs

- How do the current regional designations affect ccTLDs?
- Should there be more regions and/or more choice about which region a ccTLD belongs to?
- Should the ccNSO consider running a PDP?