

Engaging with ICANN

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Overview

- Recap - early days, issues
- Structure and principles
- Policy development
- Initiatives
- Participation

The early days of the Internet

- Network set up in the US scientific community
- Under R&D contracts to the US government
- Administered by the UCLA from Los Angeles
- Originally connected 4 universities
- Growing slowly into a larger scientific research network
- With increasing decentralisation and
- Involving scientists in the whole world
- Email was added in 1972, file transfer in 1973

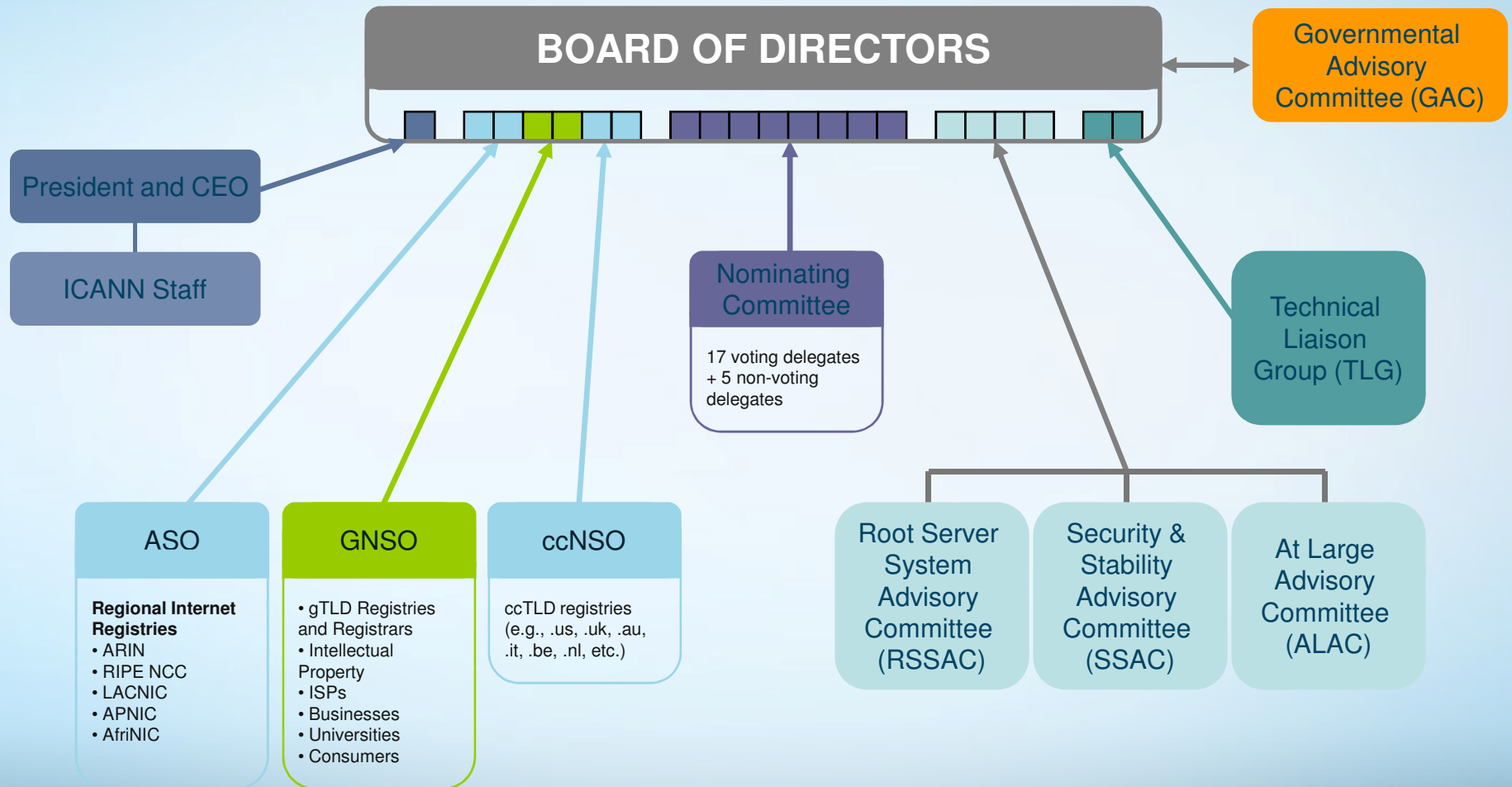
Issues leading to the creation of ICANN

- Globalization of Internet
- Commercialization of Internet
- Need for accountability
- Need for more formalized management structure
- Dissatisfaction with lack of competition
- Trademark/domain name conflicts

ICANN established

- As a Private-Public Partnership
Coordinating the Stable Operation of
the Internet's Domain-Name and
Numbering Systems

ICANN community



The basic challenge

- Creating an effective mechanism for technical self-management by the global Internet community serving a globalized economy

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
- Provide forum for multi-stakeholder bottom-up development of related policy
- Ensure on a global basis an opportunity for participation by all interested parties

Issues Not Lying within ICANN's Mission

- Monitor content on the Internet
- Control spam
- Ensure the validity of transactions online
- Enforce laws governing
 - Consumer protection
 - Privacy
 - Data protection
 - Intellectual Property
 - E-commerce, etc.

ICANN internationalizing

- ICANN branch offices outside the USA
- Staff hail from over twenty different countries
Board from various nationalities
- Government Advisory Committee: over 100 governments and 10 observers
- Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO)
- Supporting Organizations and Committees that lead the bottom-up policy development process are internationally based and populated

Policy Development Process

Policy process: Open and international

- Participation open to all who have an interest in ICANN's mission of technical coordination for the global Internet
- Various online forums accessible through ICANN's website
- Public participation sites, wiki, RSS, online magazine
- Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees have active mailing lists for participants
- Public meetings held three times each year – rotation at different continent
 - Fellowships newly introduced to increase participation (next round closing 24 August)

“STAY ABREAST”



ICANN facilitates the development of policies for setting technical direction in the DNS through a bottom-up, collaborative process

- ICANN staff does not create or make Internet policy
- Policy created through a bottom-up process involving all necessary constituencies and stakeholders in the Internet Community
- Necessary constituencies and stakeholders are those whose technical or policy making expertise is required in order to formulate sound policy and those who are affected by the promulgation of new policy

Some initiatives

- Joint Project Agreement
- Accountability Frameworks
- Internationalized Domain Names deployment
- Increased participation and collaboration

Joint Project Agreement (JPA)

- New document with 3 year term
 - replaced MOU that expired 30 September, 2006
- Developed after consultations between DOC and ICANN, and community input
- Recognition of ICANN's responsibilities
- Major changes:
 - No longer report to the DOC, instead annual reports directed at the community
 - 18 month review opportunity
 - Affirmation of responsibilities document annexed

Accountability Frameworks (AF)

- Simple lightweight agreement on the services ICANN and ccTLDs will provide
 - Reflects the key elements of mutual concern identified by the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO)
 - Mutual recognition and commitments by both parties
 - Covers dispute resolution and termination
- Does not affect rights, or the service ICANN will provide
- Can be tailored to local requirements or circumstances

Accountability Framework, cont'd.

- Formalises relationship between the parties
- Provides clarity on what to expect
- Shows commitment to community-based coordination of the global interoperable Internet
- All ccTLD Managers invited to have a signed agreement (contribution is voluntary)
- 29 AF's and EoL agreement now signed

–<http://www.icann.org/cctlds/agreements.html>

Pacific Islands representation

	Country	ALS	GAC	ccNSO	AF
1	American Samoa				
2	Cook Islands				
3	Christmas Islands			"	"
4	Fed. States of Micronesia				
5	Fiji	"	"		
6	French Polynesia				
7	Guam				
8	Kiribati				
9	Marshall Islands				
10	New Caledonia				
11	Niue	"	"	"	
12	Northern Marianas				
13	Norfolk				"
14	Nauru				
15	Papua New Guinea		"		
16	Pitcairn				"
17	Palau		"	"	
18	Samoa				
19	Solomon Islands				
20	Tokelau				
21	Tonga		"		
22	Tuvalu		"		
23	Vanuatu				
24	Australia	"	"	"	
25	New Zealand	"	"	"	

ICANN collaboration in the Pacific

- PICISOC is an ALS in APRALO
- PITA and ICANN have signed MOU
- PacNOG
- PacINET
- APTLD
- Outreach
- Others if invited...(contact us if you want a speaker)

ICANN meetings

- Last meeting in San Juan, Puerto Rico
 - 25 - 29 June 07
 - <http://www.icann.org/meetings/sanjuan/>
- Next meeting in Los Angeles, USA
 - 29 Oct - 2 Nov 07
 - Fellowships close 24 August 07

“ALL WELCOME”

Useful references

- <http://www.icann.org>
- ccTLD agreements
 - <http://www.icann.org/cctlds/agreements.html>
- GAC representatives
 - <http://gac.icann.org/web/contact/rep/index.shtml>
- ccNSO membership application
 - <http://ccnso.icann.org/applications/clean-app.shtml>
- ALS application
 - <http://alac.icann.org/applications/>
- ICANN public forums
 - <http://forum.icann.org/>
 - <http://public.icann.org/>

Call for public comment

- http://www.icann.org/public_comment/

Open for comment now:	Recently closed comment forums:	Upcoming forums:	Archived forums:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of new top-level domains (ends 30 Aug 07) • ICANN geographical regions report (ends 29 Aug 07) • Changes to the Registrar Accreditation Agreement (ends: 10 Sep 07) • Independent review of Nominating Committee (ends: 17 Sep 07) • Strategic Plan 2008-2011 (ends: 24 Aug 07) • Draft Management Operating Principles (ends: 31 Aug 07) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North American RALO formation • IDN .test Evaluation Plan • .Name registry renewal agreement • Neustar new registry service • IDN insertion into the root zone • ICANN's performance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Plan 2008 - Issues Paper (opens: Aug 07) 	<p>Click here for a full list of comment forums.</p>

Thank you for listening!

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