What is NCUC?

A History

Once upon a time, the Noncommercial users didn’t have a space to fight for their rights, related to domain names.

What rights? We will tell you.

But now we have a space to fight for noncommercial users’ rights, that is called NCUC: welcome 😊
Where is NCUC in ICANN Governance System?

• We are a constituency
• Our overarching Stakeholder Group is Noncommercial Stakeholder Group (NCSG). That is why you had to first apply for NCSG. Remember that complicated form 😊
• We contribute to ICANN policy through various ways, mainly:
  • Policy statements
  • Policy making groups
  • Run for elections and become Councilors at the Generic Name Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council.
    • What is GNSO? GNSO council approves policies. It’s like a parliament. All the contradicting parties live there. But we manage.
Find NCUC

One day, you can be our councilor, isn’t that exciting?
Navigating the ICANN Maze

1. Always have ICANN mandate in mind: policy regarding domain system.

2. We will send you a questionnaire about your skills and background. Please fill that in. If you already know what you want to work on, then contact one of our focal points or your Executive Committee rep (last slide).


4. Attend NCSG Policy Meetings – this takes place monthly, usually on the Tuesday before the GNSO Council Meeting on Thursday.
Navigating the ICANN.org Website

Learn more
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Public Comment Opportunities

Public Comment is an opportunity for all stakeholders to provide input and feedback on all facets of ICANN's work. Find and participate in Open community discussions, review past work and browse upcoming topics.

To learn more about Operational Consultations, please visit this page.

Open for Public Comment

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How Public Comment Works

Public Comment is a vital element in ICANN's decision-making process whereby the community is given an opportunity to comment upon proposals initiated by a working group or staff department. Each proceeding is open for at least 40 days.
What do we do at NCUC?

• Our work has three parts:
  • **First Part:** We help make policies related to *generic* domain names, and during that we advance the issues below:
    • Freedom of Expression/Access to Knowledge
    • Privacy and Data Protection
    • Human Rights
    • Discuss Internet Governance
    • Development and many more
  • **Second Part:** We fix ICANN as a corporation! We help ICANN to be more transparent and accountable.
  • **Third Part:** We work on enhancing NCUC governance mechanism
Topics NCUC Work on

Access to knowledge/Freedom of Expression and trademarks
• Tension between freedom of expression and trademark rights
• Seeking balance in domain policy and dispute resolution

Privacy, ICANN and WHOIS
• Concern - treatment of registrant data (those that register www.example.com)
• You can recommend privacy protections
• You can engage with discussions on data protection regulations
NCUC and IG

WHO RUNS THE INTERNET?

The Internet itself is a globally distributed computer network comprised of many voluntarily interconnected autonomous networks. Similarly, its governance is conducted by a decentralized and international multistakeholder network of interconnected autonomous groups drawing from civil society, the private sector, governments, the academic and research communities, and national and international organizations. They work cooperatively from their respective roles to create shared policies and standards that maintain the Internet’s global interoperability for the public good.

WHO IS INVOLVED:

IAB
INTERNET ARCHITECTURE BOARD
Oversees the technical and engineering development of the IETF and RTF.
www.iab.org

ICANN
INTERNET CORPORATION FOR ASSIGNED NAMES AND NUMBERS
Coordinates the Internet’s systems of address identification: IP addresses, protocol parameter registries, top-level domain space (DNS root zone).
www.icann.org

IETF
INTERNET ENGINEERING TASK FORCE
Develops and promotes a wide range of Internet standards dealing, in particular, with standards of the Internet protocol suite. Their technical documents influence how people design, use, and manage the Internet.
www.ietf.org

IGF
INTERNET GOVERNANCE FORUM
A multistakeholder open forum for debate on issues related to Internet governance.
www.ifg.org

ISOC
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR STANDARDIZATION
Develops international standards. The ISO 3986 standard establishes internationally recognized codes for the representation of names of countries, territories or areas of geopolitical interest and their subdivisions. ISO 3166 does not establish the names of countries, only the codes that represent them.
www.isoc.org

ISC
INTERNET SOCIETY
Assures the open development, administration and use of the Internet for the benefit of all people throughout the world. Currently ISOC has over 100 chapters in around 30 countries.
www.isoc.org

RIRs
REGIONAL INTERNET REGISTRIES
Manage the allocation and registration of Internet number resources, such as IP address blocks, within geographic regions of the world.
www.arin.net
Africa
www.apnic.net
Asia
www.lacnic.net
Latin America & Caribbean
www.ripe.net
Europe, Middle East & parts of Central Asia

W3C
WORLD WIDE WEB CONSORTIUM
Create standards for the world wide web that enable an Open Web Platform, for example, by focusing on the issues of accessibility, internationalization, and mobile web solutions.
www.w3.org

INTERNET NETWORK OPERATORS’ GROUPS
Discuss and influence matters related to Internet operators and regulation within informal fora made up of Internet Service Providers (ISPs), Internet Exchange Points (IXPs), Internet Exchange Points (IXPs), and others.
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Legend:
- Advice
- Community Engagement
- Education
- Operations
- Policy
- Research
- Standards
- Services

This graphic is a living document, designed to provide a high level view of how the Internet is run. It is not intended to be a definitive guide. Please provide feedback at www.explainclause.com/who-runs-the-internet
Cross Community Working Group (CCWG) On Enhancing ICANN Accountability - two work Streams:

- WS1: mechanisms to complete the IANA Stewardship Transition.
- WS2: accountability topics that extend beyond the IANA Stewardship Transition: Diversity, Guidelines for Good Faith Conduct, Human Rights, Jurisdiction, Ombudsman, SO/AC Accountability, Staff Accountability, Transparency.

How to get involved?
- Join the subgroups dealing with particular topic as a member or an observer
- Help us to draft public comments to the subgroup reports (all the subgroups have different timelines)
Getting Involved: NCUC Bylaws & Procedures

• A great way to get involved is to work with the Procedures Task Force and Bylaws Process!

• The Procedures Task Force meets weekly, but you can also follow along with the Google Doc:
  – https://docs.google.com/document/d/1b-GyV4FQdIZ8MIWiKVznSsxlb-_z7GQCZotf1g_wosk/edit?usp=sharing

• The new bylaws work will be beginning soon!
ICANN 58 Copenhagen

A good opportunity to get involved: what to expect, what to attend on-site and remotely

Find the ICANN Schedule here: https://schedule.icann.org/

• NCUC Outreach (will cover all of the hot topics)

• NCUC Constituency day
  • Possible meeting with the CEO to discuss human rights
  • Meeting with the Board members to tell them about NCUC
  • Newcomers segment on what NCUC does

• Public Forum: Get the Mic and say whatever you want to the Board
Your Executive Committee Reps and Points of contact

www.ncuc.org/governance/executive-committee/
Regions: Europe, Asia Pacific, North America, LAC, Africa

You are already on the regional mailing list, contact your EC members through that list or ask Maryam at maryam.bakoshi@icann.org to put you in touch.
Thank You!

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