Capacity Building Activities for Government

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ICANN

ICANN's Mission

The mission of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) is to **ensure the stable and secure operation of the Internet's unique identifier systems**

Specifically, ICANN:

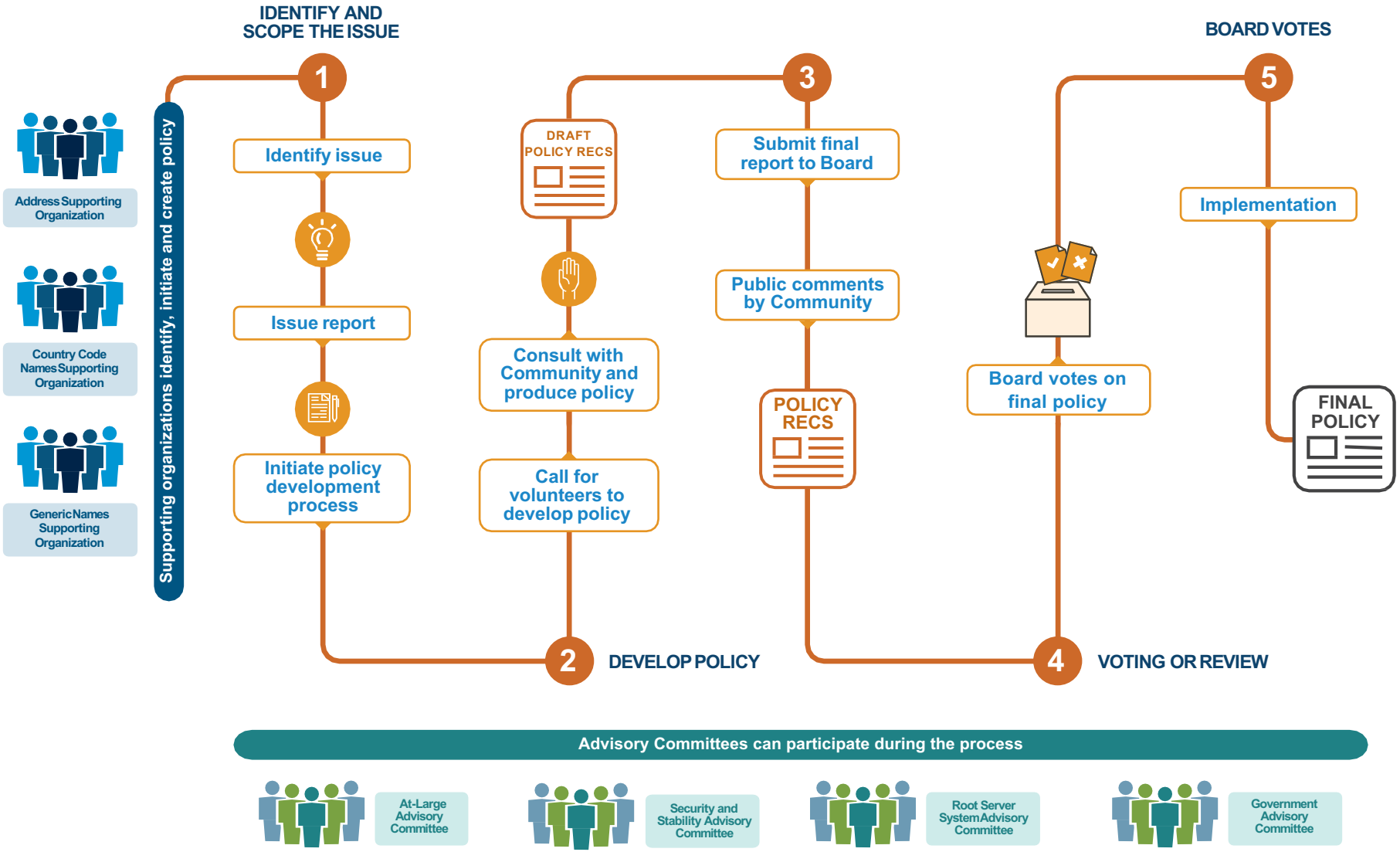
1. Coordinates the allocation and assignment of names in the root zone of the Domain Name System
2. Coordinates the development and implementation of policies concerning the registration of second-level domain names in generic top-level domains (gTLDs)
3. Facilitates the coordination of the operation and evolution of the DNS root name server system
4. Coordinates the allocation and assignment at the top-most level of Internet Protocol numbers and Autonomous System numbers
5. Collaborates with other bodies as appropriate to provide registries needed for the functioning of the Internet as specified by Internet protocol standards development organizations

Our Other Partners

We all work together in different ways to help make the Internet work.

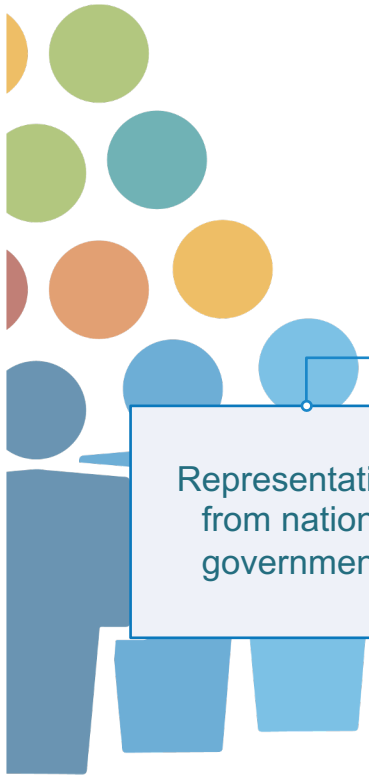
ICANN Ecosystem

How Does the Community Develop Policy?



The Governmental Advisory Committee

Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC)



GAC
The GAC provides advice on public policy issues, particularly on interactions with policies and national laws or international agreements.

https://gacweb.icann.org

- Representatives from national governments
- Representatives from distinct economies recognized in international forums
- Representatives from multinational governmental and treaty organizations (usually in observer capacity)
- Representatives from public authorities (usually in observer capacity)

How the GAC works

- 3 meetings/year where it discusses issues with the ICANN Board and other ICANN SO/AC and other groups.
- 6 UN languages + Portuguese for meetings.
- Travel support for 40 participants (35 for GAC Members and 5 for Observers) per meeting
- Mailing lists and Conference calls
- Website: https://gacweb.icann.org
- ICANN Policy Staff and ICANN GAC Support provide full support to the GAC

Active GAC Working Groups on Substance

- **GAC Working Group on Under-Served Regions (USRWG)**: Focuses on regions under-served by the DNS industry, and least developed economies and small island developing states. A particular focus is on under-served economies/countries from the Africa, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) regions.
- **GAC Working Group to Examine the Protection of Geographic Names in any Future Expansion of gTLDs** : Examines the Protection of Geographic Names in any Future Expansion of gTLDs to review and considers any necessary improvements to the existing protections
- **GAC Public Safety Working Group (PSWG)** : Focuses on aspects of ICANN's policies and procedures that implicate the safety of the public
- **GAC Working Group on Human Rights and International Law (HRILWG)** : Focuses on aspects of ICANN's policies and procedures which relate to human rights and relevant international law

GAC Capacity Building Workshop Initiative

Overview

- Concept proposed through work plan endorsed by the Governmental Advisory Committee

  *Rational: to **lower barriers to participation while increasing diversity and effective participation** of GAC members from under-served regions on the functioning of ICANN*

- Demand driven capacity building
  - Agendas and locations determined by the GAC
  - Locations chosen to provide diversity of access and leverage existing events

- Pre and post workshop surveys
  - Contents determined by target audience
  - Outcomes evaluated after each event

Overview of the First Phase of the Program 1/3

- **Some common themes:**
  - Internet Ecosystem
  - Operation of ICANN and Role of the GAC
  - Operation of the DNS
  - Personal Data Protection & Access to WHOIS data
  - Security and stability
  - Policy issues new round of gTLDs

- **Some location specific programs**
  - Disaster preparedness, resilience and recovery
  - Law enforcement

Overview of the First Phase of the Program 2/3

- Participation and presentations from ICANN's multistakeholder community, especially ALAC (Internet users) and ccNSO (country code top level domain operators/registries)

- ICANN Board participation

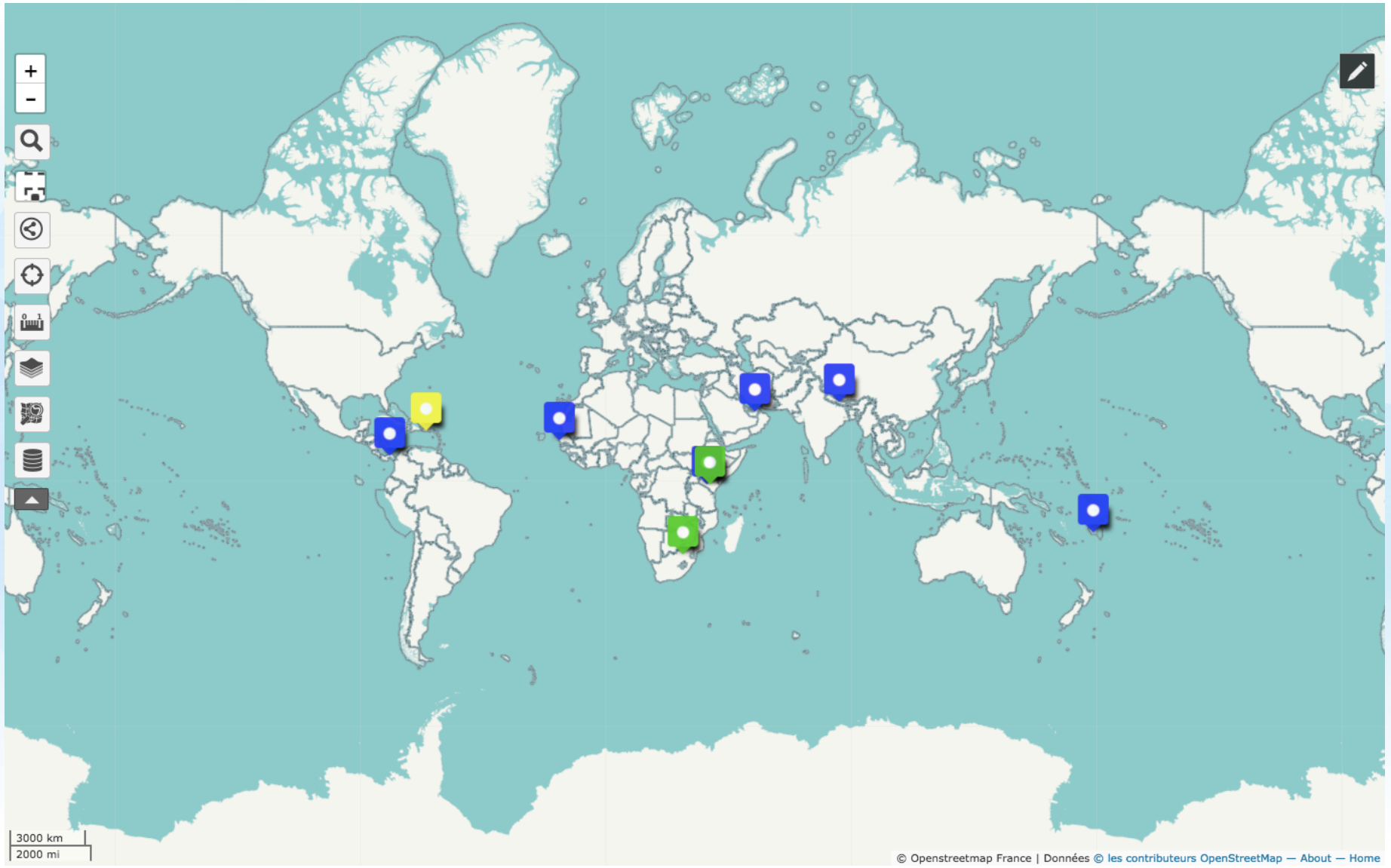
- ICANN Org Department:
  - Government Engagement Team (Project Manager)
  - GAC Support Team
  - Global Stakeholder Engagement Team
  - Office of the CTO
  - Public Responsibility Support Team
  - IANA
  - Constituency travel
  - Security Team

- Cooperation with IGOs (ITU and Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie)

Overview of the First Phase of the Program 3/3

- **Capacity building workshops**
  - Since 2017 there have been **9 workshops and one virtual in 5 regions**
    - Africa
      - Nairobi, Kenya; Johannesburg, South Africa and Dakar, Senegal
    - Pacific
      - Nandi, Fiji
    - Asia
      - Kathmandu, Nepal
    - Middle East
      - Abu Dhabi, UAE; Manama, Bahrein
    - Latin America – Caribbean
      - San Juan, Puerto Rico; Panama, Panama City; virtual Cancùn, Mexico
  - Around 275 participants during the first phase of the program

GAC Capacity Building Workshops Map



Generic
Law Enforcement
Specific

Next Phase of the GAC Capacity Building Program

- Adjustment to COVID-19 Pandemic
- Series of webinars to be organized between August 2020 and December 2020 (Africa, Asia, Pacific)
- Development of online courses providing global knowledge to GAC representatives
- Better collaboration with other Technical Organizations and International Organizations

Specific Targeted Capacity Building Activities for Governments

Capacity building Activities with the ITU

- Participation in regional capacity building workshops
- ITU-D Sector Member from June 2019
- New phase of collaboration with ITU-D

Engagement activities with Governments and IGOS

- Capacity building for Governments
- Engagement in International Organizations
- Collaboration with International Organizations
- Engagement with missions in New York and Geneva

Other engagement

- ICANN Publications
  - Technical Expertise from the Office of the CTO
    https://www.icann.org/octo
  - Thematic papers from the Government Engagement Team
    https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/government-engagement-publications-2020-03-02-en
- ICANN Learn Platform
  learn.icann.org

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