

Your Participation Makes the Difference



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www.icann.org

Meetings:

www.icann.org/meetings

Mailing Lists:

forum.icann.org



Web:

www.isoc.org

www.ietf.org



Web:

www.nro.net

Meetings:

www.nro.net/meetings

Mailing Lists:

www.nro.net/interact

Your participation is essential to keeping the Internet open and accessible to all. You make the policies, you approve the procedures, and you write the standards that make the Internet the efficient and effective system it is today.

Technical organisations coordinate many critical aspects of the Internet and need continuous participation from the entire Internet community.

Your participation enriches the discussions, debates, activities, and policy development processes of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), the Internet Society (ISOC), and the Number Resource Organization (NRO).

There are many ways to be involved:

Meetings

ICANN holds regular meetings in various locations around the world. ISOC is a global professional membership society and the organisational home for the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF). Both ISOC and the IETF hold meetings on a regular basis. The NRO consists of five Regional Internet Registries, or RIRs, each of which holds meetings throughout the year. All of these bodies welcome the participation of new members.

Most meetings are open to the public and offer community discussion and question and answer sessions. If you cannot attend in person, you can join many meetings remotely via the Internet through webcasting and live streaming video feeds.

Mailing Lists

Many Internet community organisations maintain mailing lists and forums for public participation in their activities. Announcement lists help the community keep up-to-date on general organisational activities. ICANN, ISOC, and the NRO also maintain lists for public policy discussions. All lists are publicly archived.

Publications

Organisations release various printed and online publications, including policy documents, newsletters, annual reports, fact sheets, media information, journals, and books.

Elections

All three organisations and many of their sub-organisations hold elections for Board of Trustees, advisory panels, and other chapter, section, and committee activities. Election procedures and voting rights vary, but you can participate in many ways, such as voting, nominating candidates, and serving as a candidate or elected official.