ICANN At-Large

"Advancing the interests of the world's individual Internet users in ICANN"

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"New" ICANN = New Role for Users

- ICANN coordinates global Internet's systems of unique identifiers, including systems of domain names/numeric addresses used to reach all computers on the Internet; also coordinates related policy development.

- 2003 re-organization of ICANN increased role of <u>individual user community ("At-Large")</u> to help guide ICANN's activities/decisions along with other Internet stakeholders (such as domain name registration companies, Internet service providers, etc.)

Structure for Individual Users ("At-Large") Involvement

- ICANN created Interim At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) in 2003 and called for framework of local, regional groups to promote <u>structured involvement</u> and <u>informed participation</u> of world's "At-Large" community.

At-Large Structures	→	Regional At-Large Organizations	→	At-Large Advisory Committee

At-Large Advisory Committee Members in Asia/Pacific

Current ALAC members from Asia/Aust./Pac.:

- Tommy Matsumoto (based in Japan)
- Izumi Aizu (based in Japan)
- Hong Xue (based in P.R. China)

(Email: committee@alac.icann.org)

At-Large Framework
Under Construction

- **Local:** Existing or newly formed groups designated as At-Large Structures focus on participation by individual users at the local or issue level.
- **Regional:** 5 Regional At-Large Organizations (RALOs) created by At-Large Structures, act as region's main forum/coordination point for public input to ICANN.
- **International:** ALAC composed mostly of members selected by RALOs, providing advice on activities of ICANN that relate to the interests of individual Internet users.

At-Large Participation/ Representation

- Groups that involve (or want to involve) individuals in Internet issues should seek "At-Large Structure" designation and have a voice in ICANN activities and decisions.
- At-Large Structures (ALSs) represent a variety of individual users and are wholly independent from ICANN.
- ALS designation is free and simply recognizes groups meet ICANN's criteria for informing and involving individual users.

At-Large Participation/ Representation

Types of groups designated (or interested in designation) as At-Large Structures include:

- Professional societies (e.g. engineers, attorneys)
- Academic organizations
- Community networking groups
- Consumer advocacy groups
- Internet Society chapters
- Computer/Internet user organizations
- Internet civil society groups

Why "At-Large Structure" Designation? ALSs have:

- Recognized role in forming policies that affect how individuals' use the Internet.
- Quick and easy access to first-hand information on what's happening in ICANN and why it matters to end-users.
- Opportunities to provide group members education on ICANN's work and Internet developments.
- Interaction with other groups in the same region and groups with common interests.
- Representation in ICANN at regional and international level;
- Opportunities for group members to serve on important regional/international decision-making bodies in ICANN.
- Internet tools to support groups' work, and potential for grant funding to support selected group activities.

Building an At-Large Framework
19 groups designated as "At-Large Structures" to date:

- Società Internet (Italy/Europe)
- **Arab Knowledge Mgt. Society (Jordan/Asia-Pac.)**
- Alfa-Redi (Peru/Latin America-Carib.)
- FITUG (Germany/Europe)
- Internet Society Luxembourg (Luxembourg/Europe)
- Internet Society Bulgaria (Bulgaria/Europe)
- Moroccan Internet Society (Morocco/Africa)
- Anais.AC (Cameroon/Africa)
- Sudan Internet Society (Sudan/Africa)
- Internet Society - Finland (Finland/Europe)

Building an At-Large Framework
"At-Large Structure" certified groups, cont.:

- Catalan Chapter of the Internet Society (Spain/Europe)
- Asoc. Costarricense de Derecho Info. (Costa Rica/Latin America-Carib.)
- Internet Society Vasudhay Kutumbhkum (India/Asia-Pac.)
- **ISOC Taiwan Chapter (Taiwan/Asia-Pac.)**
- **At Large@China (P.R. China/Asia-Pac.)**
- **Natl. Info. Infra. Enterprise Promotion Assoc. (Taiwan/Asia-Pac.)**
- Internet Society Congo (DRC/Africa)
- **Internet Users Network (Japan/Asia-Pac.)**
- Internet Society Belgium (Belgium/Europe)

Asia-Pacific Region

Unt. Arab Emirat.	Micronesia (FS)	Korea (DPR)	Nepal
Afghanistan	Georgia	Korea (R)	Nauru
Armenia	Hong Kong	Kuwait	Niue
Australia	Indonesia	Kazakhstan	New Zealand
Azerbaijan	Israel	Lao (PDR)	Oman
Bangladesh	India	Lebanon	Papua New Guin.
Bahrain	Iraq	Sri Lanka	Philippines
Brunei	Iran, Islamic	Marshall Islands	Pakistan
Darussalam	Republic of	Myanmar	Palestinian Ter.
Bhutan	Jordan	Mongolia	Palau
Cook Islands	Japan	Macao	Qatar
China	Kyrgyzstan	Maldives	Saudi Arabia
Cyprus	Cambodia	Malaysia	Solomon Islands
Fiji	Kiribati	Norfolk Island	Singapore

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Syrian Arab Rep.	Cocos Islands		
Thailand	Christmas Island		
Tajikistan	Heard/McDonald		
Tokelau	Islands		
Timor-Leste	Taiwan		
Turkmenistan	Antarctica		
Tonga			
Turkey			
Tuvalu			
Uzbekistan			
Viet Nam			
Vanuatu			
Samoa			
Yemen			

At-Large Structure Designation

1. Determine your group's eligibility or form a new group that meets simple ALS criteria.
2. Complete ALS application form available at www.alac.icann.org and www.apralo.org
3. Submit form to als@alac.icann.org
4. ALAC reviews form, certifies eligible groups as "At-Large Structure".

At-Large Structures Can Benefit Asia-Pacific Region's Users

- Through websites, on-line discussion lists, email announcements, conferences, etc. ICANN At-Large will have the information and tools users need to be involved.
- User involvement enabled by At-Large Structures will help ensure that ICANN takes actions that reflect individual Internet users' needs in this region.

Next Step: Asia User Groups Form AP RALO

- Asia-Pacific (At-Large Structures) User Groups work together to sign MOU with ICANN to create Asia-Pacific Regional At-Large Organization (APRALO)

- APRALO will be coordination point for information and participation of AP users; can serve as strong voice and support mechanism for individual user community involvement in ICANN and in other international fora.

How Asia-Pacific Users Can Shape Future Internet

Working together, AP (At-Large Structures) user groups can affect ICANN actions on range of issues important to users; At-Large community is actively working on:

- **IDNs** - supporting development/deployment of IDNs ("local language" domain names) that takes into account the interests of individual Internet users
- **New Domains** – advising on the introduction of new top-level domains (i.e. .info, .name, .museum, etc.)
- **Internet Governance** – promoting public-private partnership for the Internet; advancing users' interests in WSIS process
- **Whois** – supporting privacy of personal information used in domain name registrations (WHOIS database)
- **Intellectual Property** – ensuring that processes for settling trademark and domain name disputes respect users' rights
- **ICT Development** – supporting discussions of key Internet resource issues that affect ICT development

Join ICANN At-Large

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