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ICANN Policy and Advice Development

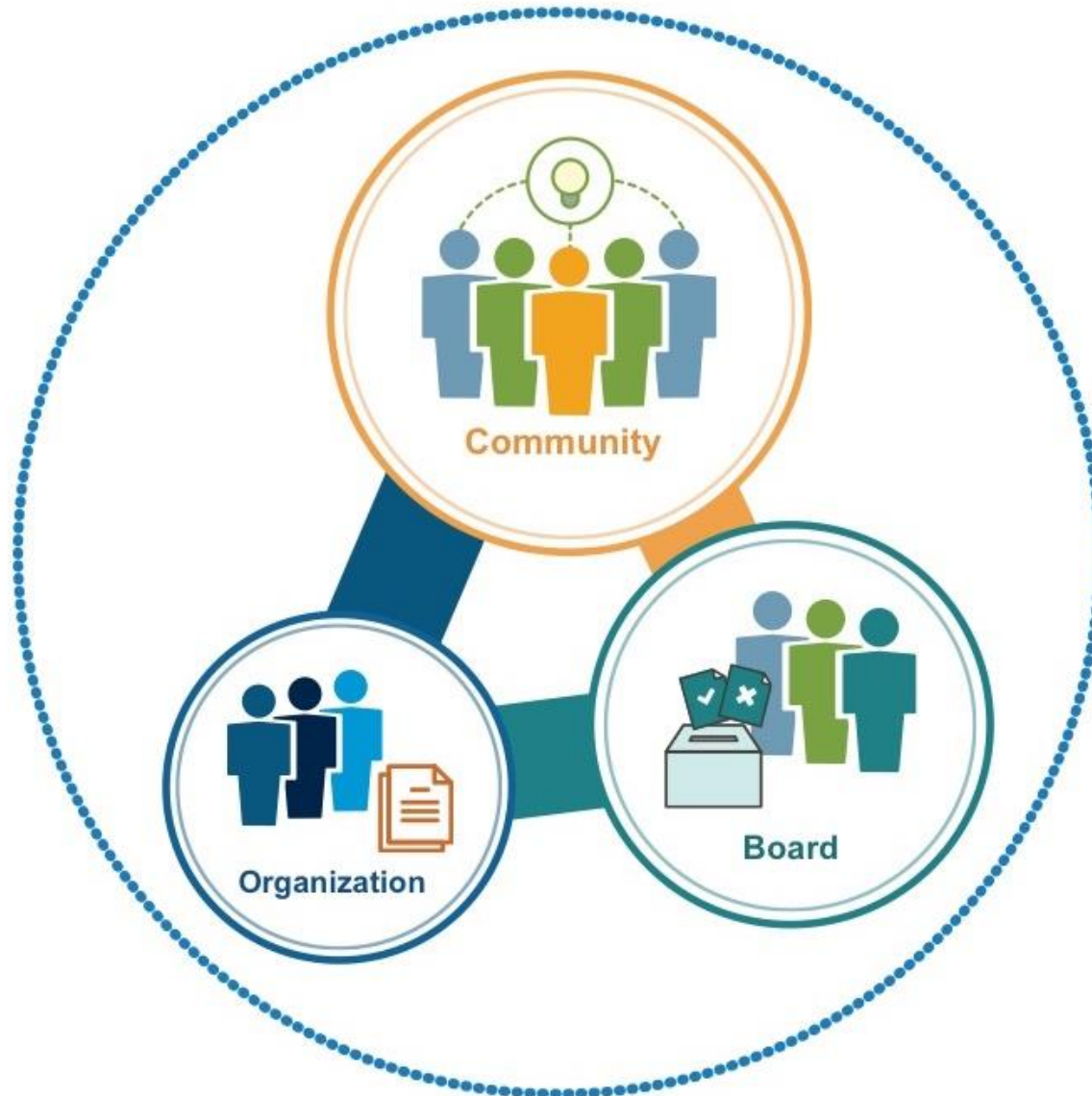
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ICANN Ecosystem



Supporting Organizations (SOs)



ASO

The ASO Address Council is composed of 15 volunteers — 3 from each of the Regional Internet Registries (RIRs)— who work on global Internet Protocol (IP) Address Policy.



ccNSO

The ccNSO consists of ccTLD managers who have agreed to be members and a ccNSO Council



GNSO

The GNSO consists of the Contracted Parties House (registries, registrars) the Non-Contracted Parties House (commercial and non-commercial interests) and the GNSO Council

Supporting Organizations (SOs)

Three SOs in the ICANN community are responsible for developing policy recommendations in the areas they represent.

Address Supporting Organization (ASO)

Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO)

Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO)

Multistakeholder Policy Development

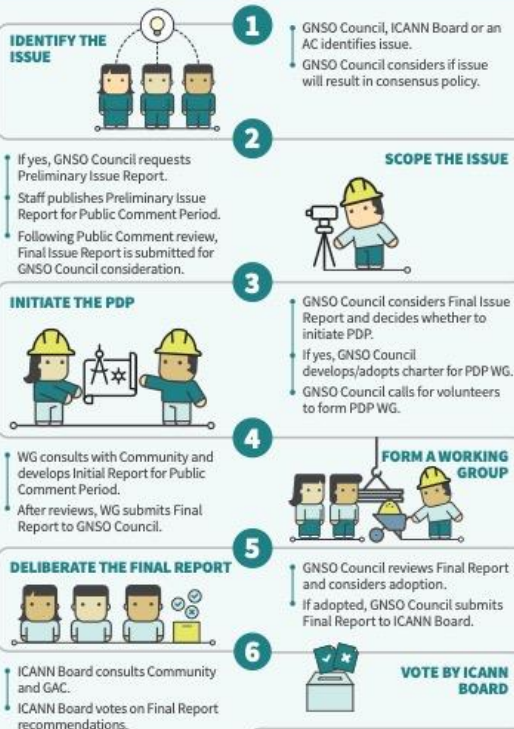
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Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO)

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GNSO Policy Development Process



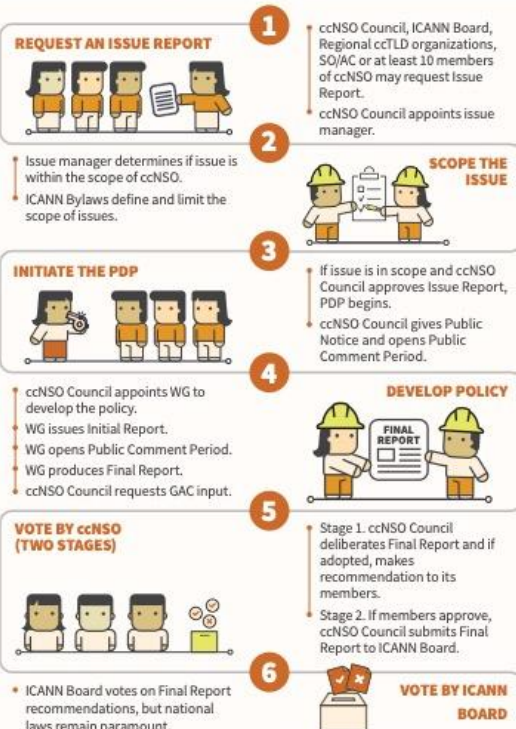
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ccNSO Policy Development Process



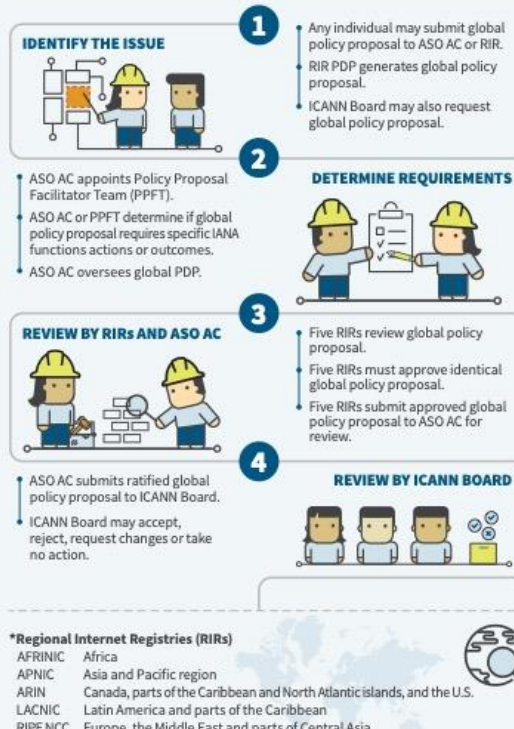
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ASO Global Policy Development Process



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LACNIC	Latin America and parts of the Caribbean
RIPE NCC	Europe, the Middle East and parts of Central Asia

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GAC Governmental Advisory Committee | PDP Policy Development Process | SO/AC Supporting Organizations/Advisory Committees | WG Working Group

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Overview of GNSO Policy Development

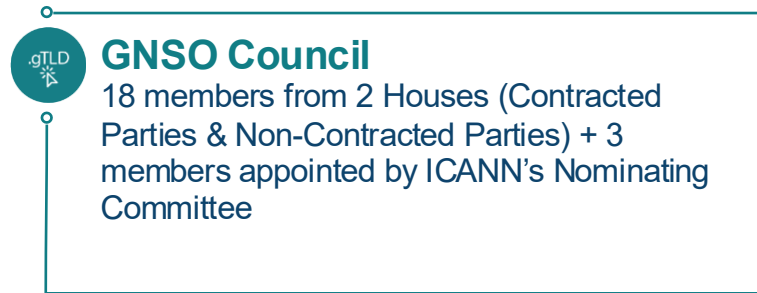
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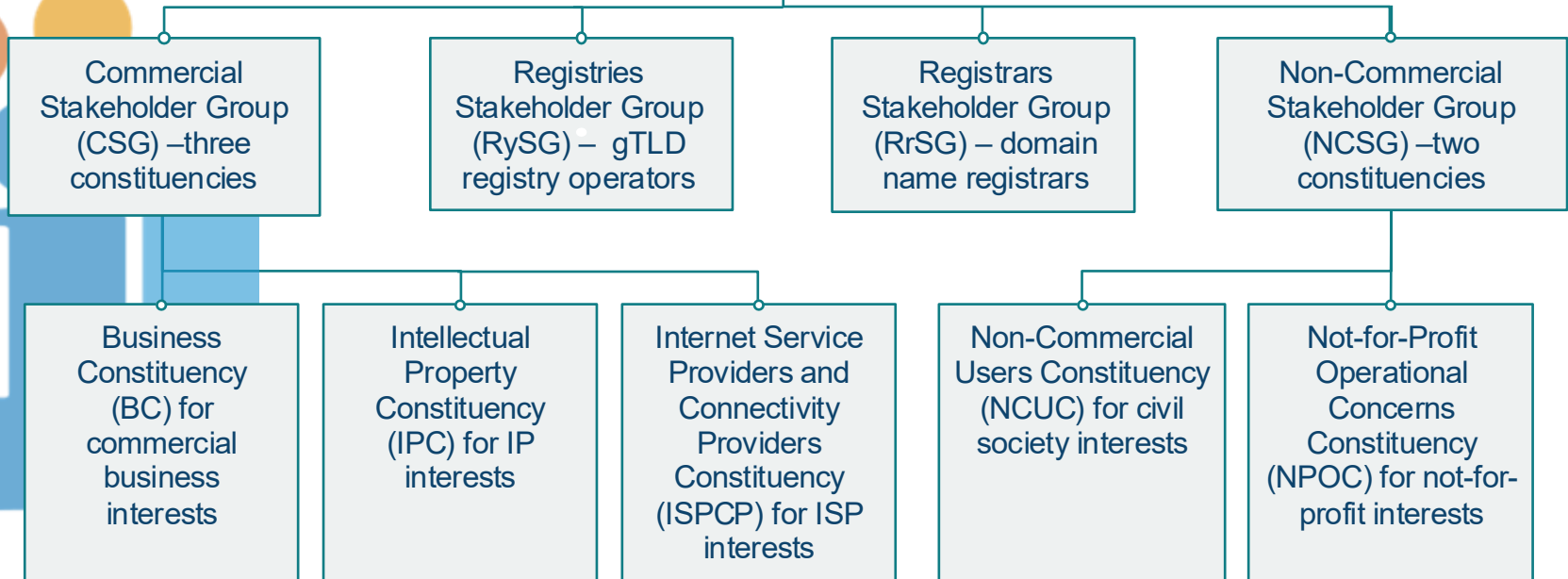
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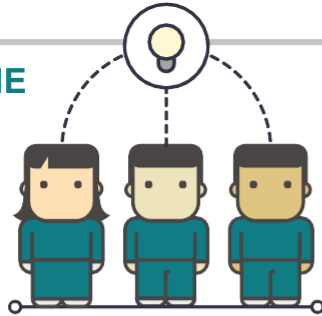
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GNSO Policy Development Process

IDENTIFY THE ISSUE



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- GNSO Council, ICANN Board or an AC identifies issue.
- GNSO Council considers if issue will result in consensus policy.

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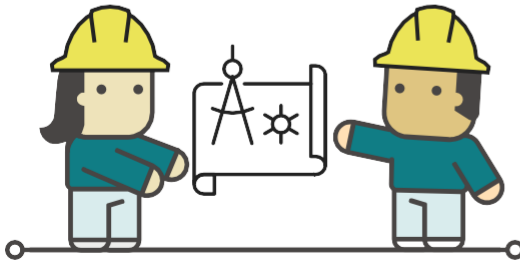
SCOPE THE ISSUE



- If yes, GNSO Council requests Preliminary Issue Report.
- Staff publishes Preliminary Issue Report for Public Comment Period.
- Following Public Comment review, Final Issue Report is submitted for GNSO Council consideration.

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INITIATE THE PDP



- GNSO Council considers Final Issue Report and decides whether to initiate PDP.
- If yes, GNSO Council develops/adopts charter for PDPWG.
- GNSO Council calls for volunteers to form PDPWG.

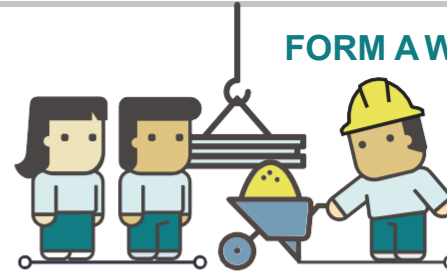
GNSO Policy Development Process



- WG consults with Community and develops Initial Report for Public Comment Period.
- After reviews, WG submits Final Report to GNSO Council.

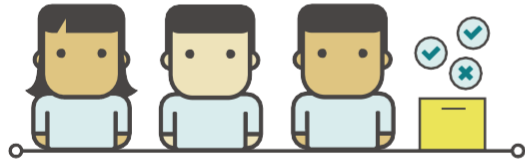
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FORM A WORKING GROUP



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DELIBERATE THE FINAL REPORT



- GNSO Council reviews Final Report and considers adoption.
- If adopted, GNSO Council submits Final Report to ICANN Board.

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VOTE BY ICANN BOARD



- ICANN Board consults Community and GAC.
- ICANN Board votes on Final Report recommendations.



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Advice Development ICANN Advisory Committees

Advisory Committees (ACs)

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Four ACs give advice and make recommendations on ICANN topics.

At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)

Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC)

Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC)

Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)



ALAC

The ALAC voices the interests of the individual Internet user and is composed of 15 members- 2 from each of the five Regional At-Large Organizations (RALOs) and 5 appointed by the ICANN Nominating Committee. It is supported by over 200 At-Large Structures (ALSes) and volunteers.



GAC

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



RSSAC

The RSSAC advises the ICANN community and Board on the operation, administration, security, and integrity of the Internet's Root Server System.



SSAC

The SSAC advises on matters related to the security and integrity of the Internet's naming and address allocation systems.

Multistakeholder Advice Development

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At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)

ALAC expresses the interests of individual Internet end users as part of policy development and in advice to the ICANN Board.

ALAC Advice Development Process



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Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC)

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GAC Advice Development Process



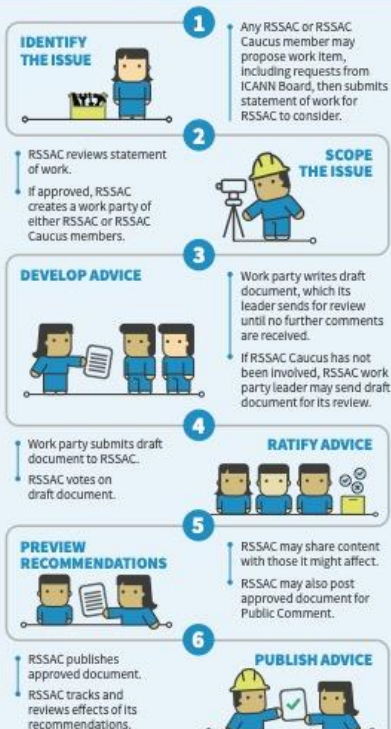
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Governmental Advisory Committee

Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC)

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RSSAC Advice Development Process



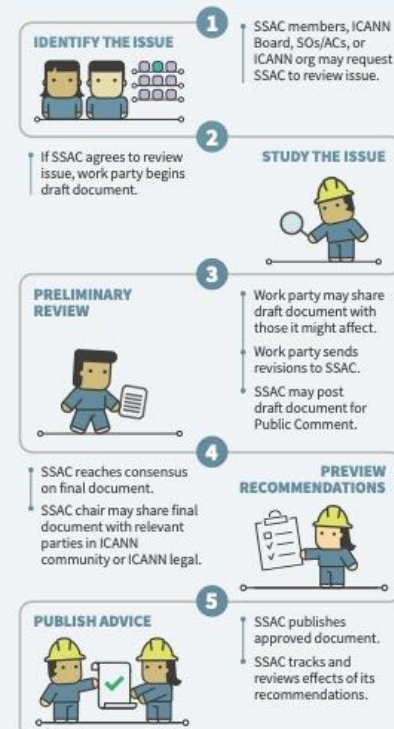
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SO/AC Supporting Organizations/Advisory Committees

ALAC Advice Development Process

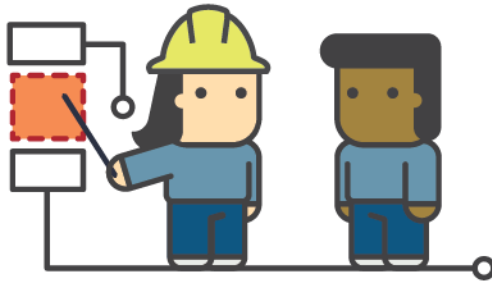


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ALAC Advice Development Process

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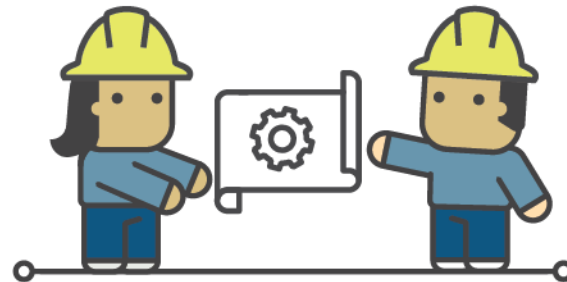


- Any At-Large community member can bring up emerging issues to ALAC.

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SCOPE THE ISSUE

- ALAC discusses issues to determine impact on individual users and scope.
- ALAC determines key elements of its position.

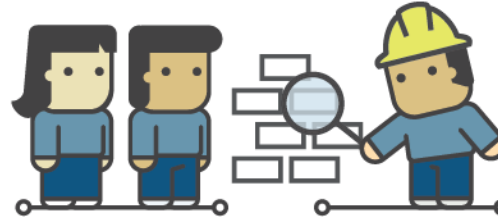


ALAC Advice Development Process

- ALAC designates issue shepherds to participate in policy development.
- Issue shepherds lead drafting of ALAC responses.

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PARTICIPATION



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ADVICE



- ALAC reviews and calls for consensus or votes on final statement.
- If ratified, ALAC sends advice to ICANN Board, ICANN org, SOs/ACs, or other ICANN community members for consideration.



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Participation in Policy and Advice Development

How to Participate in Policy Development



1

JOIN

an open community
or working group



2

OBSERVE

a mailing list or calls



3

SUBMIT

a public comment

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DNSSEC DS Automation: Security & Stability Assessment

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What We Need Your Input On

ICANN org requests community feedback on the Security & Stability Assessment of DNSSEC Automation, as described in RFCs 7344, 8078, 9615 and 9975. We specifically request that the community review the Assessment to determine whether the assessment correctly identifies the Security and Stability (as defined in Paragraphs 1.2 and 1.3 of the Registry Services Evaluation Policy) issues associated with DNSSEC automation, and whether the proposed mitigations (in the form of hard requirements and recommendations) are sufficient, proportionate, and implementable.

OPEN:

38 DAYS REMAINING

Timeline (UTC)

- Open for Submissions**
12 October 2026
- Closed for Submissions**
23 November 2026 | 23:59
- Report Due**
07 December 2026 | 23:59

Provide Your Input

Submissions to this
Proceeding

Policy Development Support Function

What We Do



Support Communities

Facilitation | Expertise | Research | Drafting | Advising



Manage Processes

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Relationship Building | Communications Materials

Question and Answer Session



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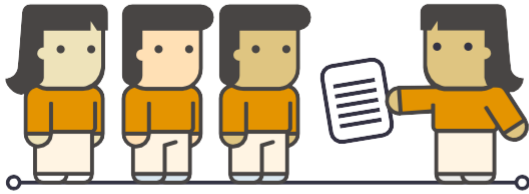
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REQUEST AN ISSUE REPORT



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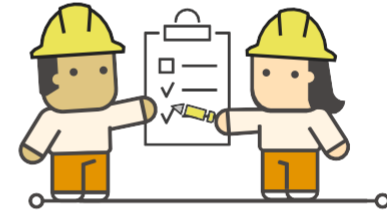
- ccNSO Council, ICANN Board, Regional ccTLD organizations, SO/AC or at least 10 members of ccNSO may request Issue Report.
- ccNSO Council appoints issue manager.



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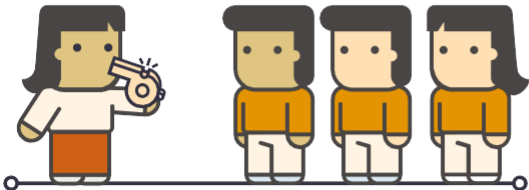
- Issue manager determines if issue is within the scope of ccNSO.
- ICANN Bylaws define and limit the scope of issues.

SCOPE THE ISSUE



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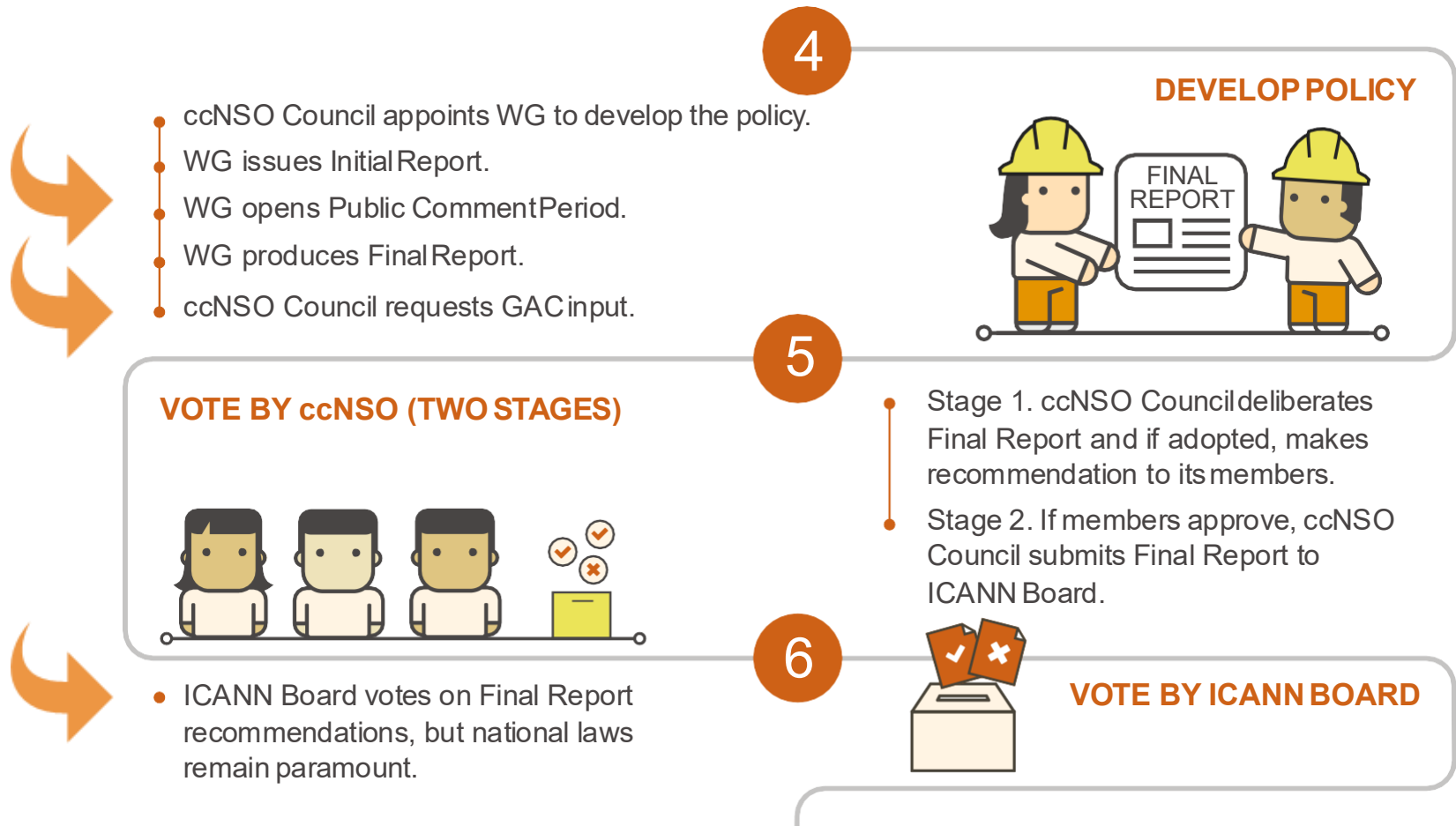
INITIATE THE PDP



- If issue is in scope and ccNSO Council approves Issue Report, PDP begins.
- ccNSO Council gives Public Notice and opens Public Comment Period.



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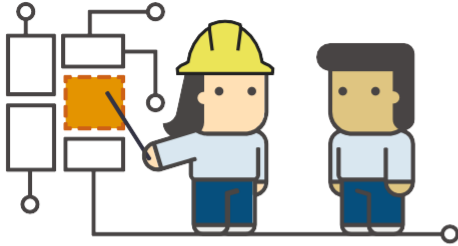
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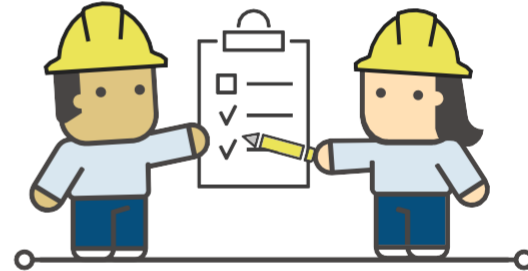
IDENTIFY THE ISSUE



- Any individual may submit global policy proposal to ASO AC or RIR.
- RIR PDP generates global policy proposal.
- ICANN Board may also request global policy proposal.

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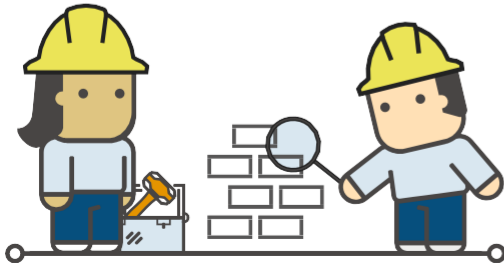
DETERMINE REQUIREMENTS



- ASO AC appoints PolicyProposal Facilitator Team (PPFT).
- ASO AC or PPFT determine if global policy proposal requires specific IANA functions actions or outcomes.
- ASO AC oversees globalPDP.

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REVIEW BY RIRS ANDASO AC



- Five RIRs review global policyproposal.
- Five RIRs must approve identical global policy proposal.
- Five RIRs submit approved globalpolicy proposal to ASO AC for review.

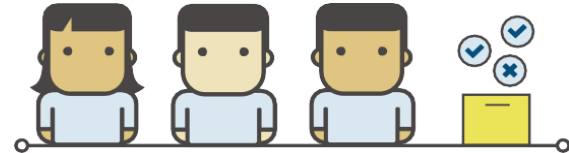
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- ASO AC submits ratified global policy proposal to ICANN Board.
- ICANN Board may accept, reject, request changes or take no action.

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REVIEW BY ICANN BOARD



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