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# What did I hope to get out of ICANN 39?



## How does ICANN work?

- What does ICANN do and how does it carry out its work locally, regionally and internationally?
- My interest is internet governance – does ICANN deal with this too?
- How does the ICANN fellowship work?
- What contacts can I make at ICANN?

## What does ICANN do?

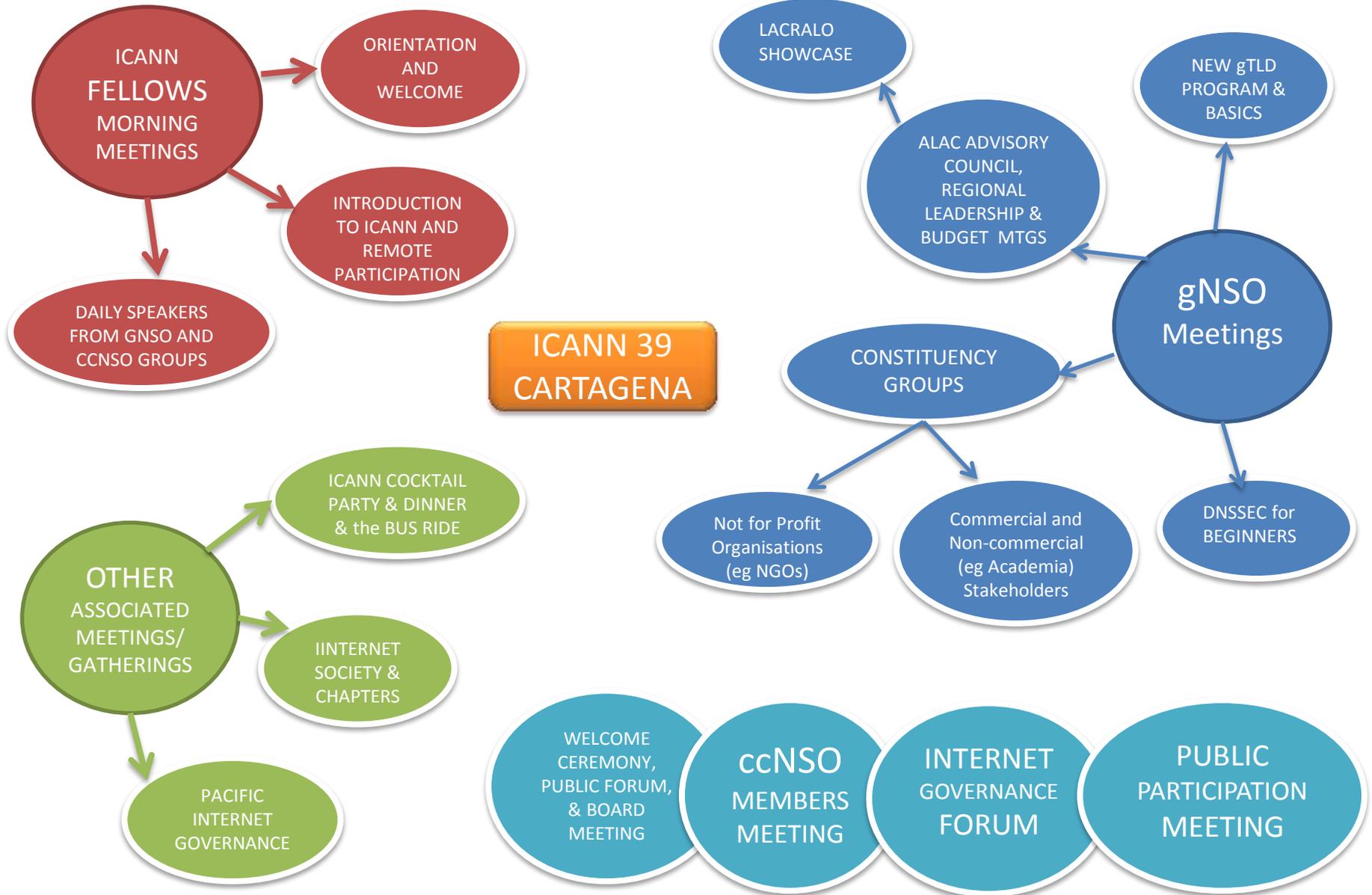
- What structures /organisations make up ICANN?
- How are decisions made?
- How do they contribute to the work of ICANN?
- How can ICANN help internet governance in the Pacific?

- How can ICANN help me?
- How can I contribute to the groups that make up the ICANN structure?
- Can I connect CIAG to ICANN?
- How can we improve the voice of the Pacific in ICANN?

## How can I contribute?



# Meetings I attended during ICANN week...



# Daily Fellow Meetings



Janice arranged a daily series of speakers to help us better understand the workings of ICANN. Not only were these meetings helpful for learning more about ICANN but they also provided an opportunity for Fellows to network with each other and to learn about how ICANN issues are relevant to their own country situations.

## SUNDAY

1. An introduction to each other
2. An introduction to ICANN
3. A training session on Remote Participation
4. Fellowship Cocktail party

## MONDAY

1. An introduction to the ICANN conference program and our proposed speakers
2. Attendance of the **WELCOME CEREMONY** and the President's Report

## TUESDAY

1. **gNSO** (Olga) – advise the Board on generic TLDs – involves non-commercial and commercial stakeholder groups. Deal with registrars & registries.
2. **ccNSO** (Chris)– focuses on policy relating to ccTLDs, including delegation and redelegation. gTLDs are the hot topic this week
3. **GAC** (Heather) involves govts and public authorities. GAC Communique outlines decisions made.
4. **ALAC** (Cheryl) – see next slide

## WEDNESDAY

1. **IANA** (Internet Assigned Numbers Authority) (Elise). Technical arm of ICANN - deals with number resources, domain names, protocol parameters (involving IETF). Doesn't deal with policy, or how country codes should be run. And is not an educational or technical support agency.
2. **Participation and Engagement** (Filiz) ICANN is focusing on community building and facilitating meaningful member participation

## THURSDAY

1. **gTLD Applications** (Carla & Andrew). They explained the very comprehensive process whereby applicants can apply for a new gTLD which will require a full business plan. Cost US\$185,000. There is a possibility an application will be made for .pacific
2. **Business Constituency** (Marilyn) Assists business community with domain names and other internet – related activities. Constituency group also interested in IGF issues.
3. Fellows attended the Public Forum.

## FRIDAY

1. This was a day given to the Fellows to express what they had learned from their (first-time for many) experience at an ICANN meeting. The Fellowship group has consolidated a network with fellow Diplo and ISOC connections.
2. The Fellows then moved to the auditorium to hear the decisions made at the **ICANN BOARD MEETING**.
3. Big interest in governments wanting to take over the IGF and the internet in general.

# ALAC (The At-Large Community)

Because of my interest in internet governance, I attended the ALAC sessions whenever I could. Other PICISOC Board member, Siaosi Sovaleni, attended the GAC sessions – related to his SPC role with governments.



## ALAC is a major advisory body to the ICANN Board

- Led by the Advisory committee, ALAC represents the broader interests of individual users of the internet and provides advice to the ICANN Board from “the grassroots” – 5 regional groups (including APRALO)
- First session involved concerns about communication from Board and among ICANN members – the ICANN website is being revamped and improved



## The Pacific Islands are part of the APRALO group

- I had not realised PICISOC had been represented on the APRALO group until quite recently. Les Allinson was replaced at the last election by Fouad Bajwa.
- Discussed with Tracy and Siaosi about how we might get more of a voice for the Pacific – perhaps a “small islands developing states” constituency group
- Attended the LACROLA showcase but it was mainly in Spanish unfortunately



## How to join ALAC

- ALAC Chair, Cheryl Langdon-Orr has encouraged me to register the Cook Islands Internet Action Group as a member of ALAC (CIIAG is a registered CI NGO)
- An application form is available on <http://www.atlarge.icann.org/framework.htm#CertificationProcess>
- I aim to provide some feedback on the Geographic Regions Review (and others)

# Thanks and Appreciation



## ICANN FELLOWSHIP

Thanks to ICANN for enabling my attendance at this meeting, especially as I didn't make the first cut and the withdrawal of another applicant made this opportunity possible. I was already looking forward to the meeting in San Francisco (March 2011). I appreciate that I still have a lot to learn, but I was able to answer most of the questions I raised initially. I didn't apply for the USA meeting separately but I hope to get another ICANN Fellowship in the future. I was so lucky to get my first experience of it in such a venue as Cartagena. Many thanks to Janice for her continuous enthusiastic guidance and support right from the outset.

## ICANN LEADERSHIP

One of the many positive experiences that I had was how approachable the group leaders were. We already had Janice as a model of support and guidance, but it was the same in each of the workshop sessions that I attended. Group leaders and other participants are obviously used to a culture of sharing and support, so that every question was an important one and everyone was really understanding and helpful. Thanks also to Save Vocea, the ICANN rep for the Pacific, who was always on hand to offer support, as he does in our region. I hope to communicate more with our APRALO representatives now that I know who they are.

## ICANN FELLOWS

I would also like to thank my ICANN Fellows. Each one contributed to the enjoyment of the week because they were all committed to learning, engagement and participation. It was quite easy to identify the Fellows who had been to previous ICANN meetings. They slotted so easily into the ICANN conference model. I really appreciated meeting the "Latin Mafia" and my African colleagues, particularly Towela (Malawi) and Mistura (Nigeria) - I enjoyed our breakfasts together and our daily pre-briefs. Tracy has been a Diplo Fellow and an ISOC Ambassador at past IGFs but for ICANN we aim to collaborate on a possible model of future involvement for small island developing states (SIDS) in the Pacific & the Caribbean.

Several Pacific colleagues attended this ICANN with me - Siaso Sovaleni (also from the PICISOC Board), Save Vocea (ICANN Pacific), Herman Valdez (APNIC) and Keith Davidson (InternetNZ). As members of the organising committee for the Pacific IGF, 2011 we were able to squeeze in some time to have a meeting about our event. **THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR A GREAT MEETING IN CARTAGENA.**