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By the Numbers

ICANN | PUBLIC MEETINGS

What is an ICANN Public Meeting?

ICANN Public Meetings provide opportunities for an internationally diverse group of individuals and organizations to come together to discuss and develop policies for the Internet's naming systems. ICANN's international meetings have been a staple of ICANN's multistakeholder, bottom-up, consensus-building model since its formation in 1998.

What Is a Hybrid Community Forum?

The Community Forum is the first meeting in the three-meeting annual cycle, typically held in February or March. The duration of the Community Forum is six total days, running from Saturday through Thursday.

The Community Forum structure includes time for internal work of the Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees (SO/ACs), cross-community interaction, and plenary sessions on topics of community-wide interest.

Why Do We Publish Technical Data From ICANN Public Meetings?

ICANN Public Meetings need to innovate, adapt, and evolve to meet their purpose: to support ICANN's multistakeholder model. Data from Public Meetings provide reliable information on what attendees want, what ICANN is doing well, and where ICANN has opportunities to improve. By leveraging this data, we can be responsive to our community's needs.

We will continue to look for opportunities to standardize the information that we collect to ensure that data is consistent. Ultimately, our goal is to continue to improve our metrics and provide our community with more valuable data.

If you would like to learn more about ICANN Meetings or have questions about this data report, please contact: meetingsupport@icann.org.

Where Can I Find More Information About ICANN Public Meetings?

Each meeting has a dedicated website that acts as a broad guide to the conference with details on the venue, information about the local area, a program of social events during the week, and answers to frequently asked questions about ICANN meetings.

To find out how to participate, go to https://meetings.icann.org/en/about.

To learn more about the Fellowship Program, go to http://www.icann.org/en/fellowships.

For a schedule of past and upcoming meetings, go to http://meetings.icann.org/calendar.

For the press page, go to https://www.icann.org/media-en.

If you belong to an organization that is interested in displaying an exhibit at a meeting or in sponsoring a meeting, please contact: meeting-sponsorship@icann.org.

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### Attendee Profile for San Juan, Puerto Rico

ICANN79 had 1,737 attendees, with 1,189 participating in-person and 548 virtually.

ICANN Public Meetings are a central pillar of ICANN's multistakeholder model. They provide a venue for advancing policy work, conducting outreach, exchanging best practices, conducting business deals, interacting with members of the ICANN community, with the ICANN Board and staff, and learning about ICANN.

For this section, the attendee profile metrics are derived from data that users provided during the meeting registration process. Attendees were not required to answer all questions. This data does not include remote participants.

ICANN79 In-Person Attendee Breakdown

Event Support Staff
8.8%

ICANN Staff
13.1%

ICANN Board
1.6%

Media
0.2%

104

155

907

Participants
76.4%
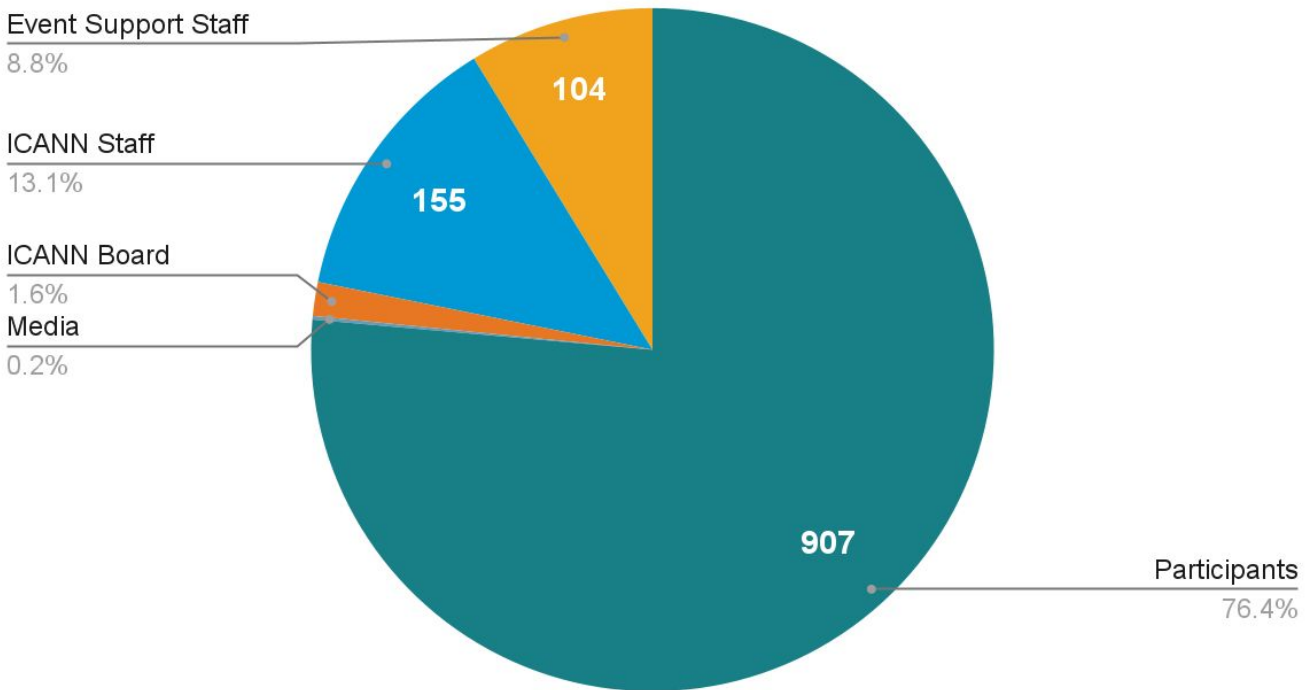
Attendee Profile: Regional

Attendee Profile by ICANN Regions

Geographic diversity is fundamental to ICANN. The ICANN Bylaws (Section 7.5) currently define five geographic regions: Africa, Asia/Australia/Pacific, Europe, Latin America/Caribbean, and North America.

The ICANN geographic regions were originally defined to ensure regional diversity in the composition of the ICANN Board. Subsequently, these definitions were also applied to the Generic Names Supporting Organization, At-Large Advisory Committee, and the Country Code Names Supporting Organization.

Selections are based on the five ICANN geographic regions shown on the map below.
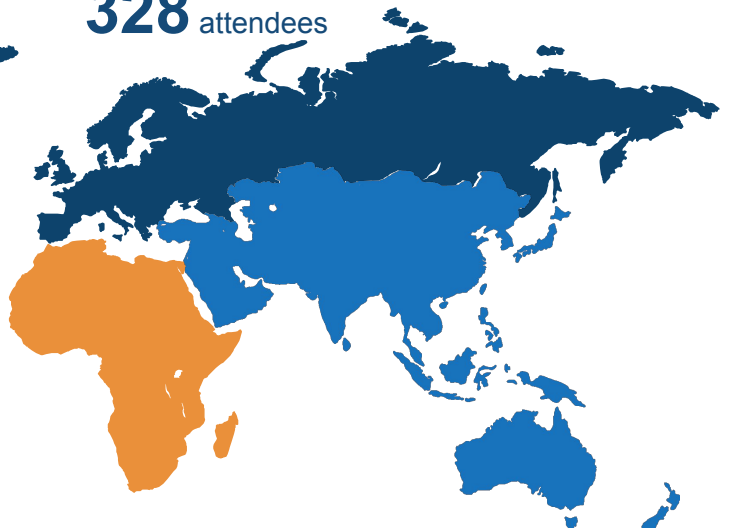
Regional In-Person & Virtual Attendance

North America

845 attendees

Europe

328 attendees

Latin America/ Caribbean

135 attendees

Africa

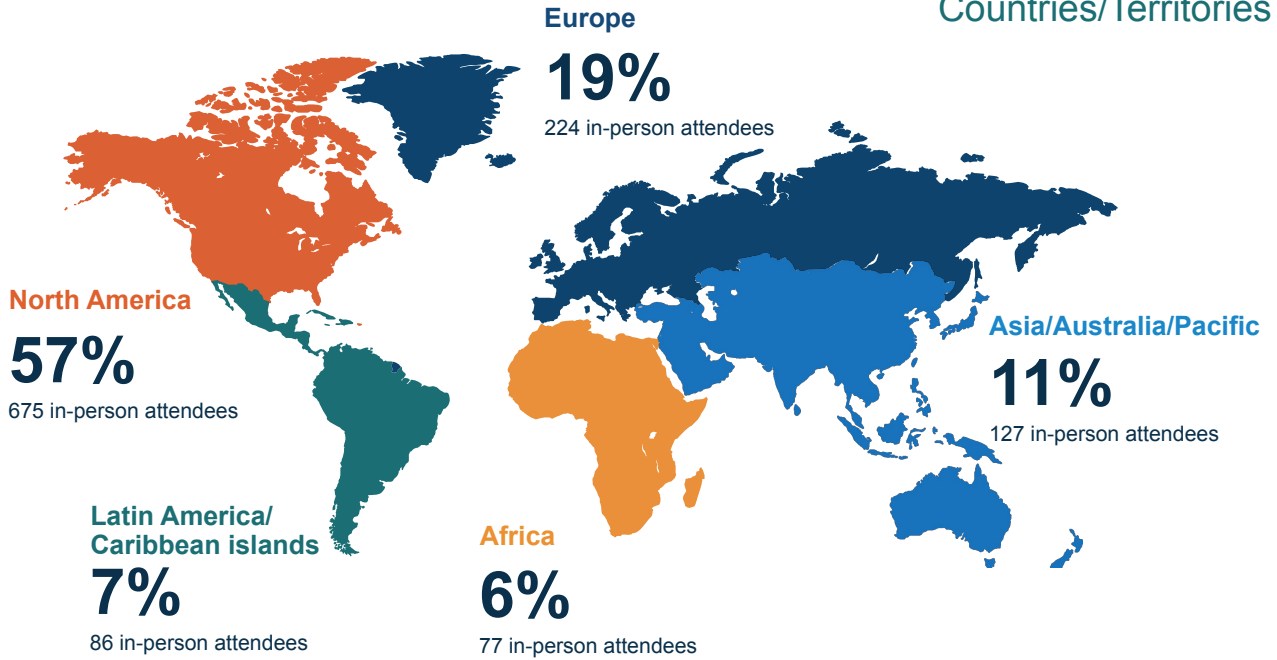**156** attendees

Asia/Australia/Pacific

273 attendees

1,737 Total Attendees
Data includes Org Staff, Support Staff, Board, and Community Members.

Attendee Profile: In-Person vs. Virtual

Regional In-Person Attendance

108 Represented Countries/Territories

Europe
19%
224 in-person attendees

North America
57%
675 in-person attendees

Asia/Australia/Pacific
11%
127 in-person attendees

Latin America/ Caribbean islands
7%
86 in-person attendees

Africa
**6%**
77 in-person attendees

1,189 In-Person Attendees
Data includes Org Staff, Support Staff, Board, and Community Members.

Regional Virtual Attendance

114 Represented Countries/Territories

Europe
19%
104 virtual attendees

North America
31%
170 virtual attendees

Asia/Australia/Pacific
27%
146 virtual attendees

Latin America/ Caribbean islands
9%
49 virtual attendees

Africa
14%
79 virtual attendees
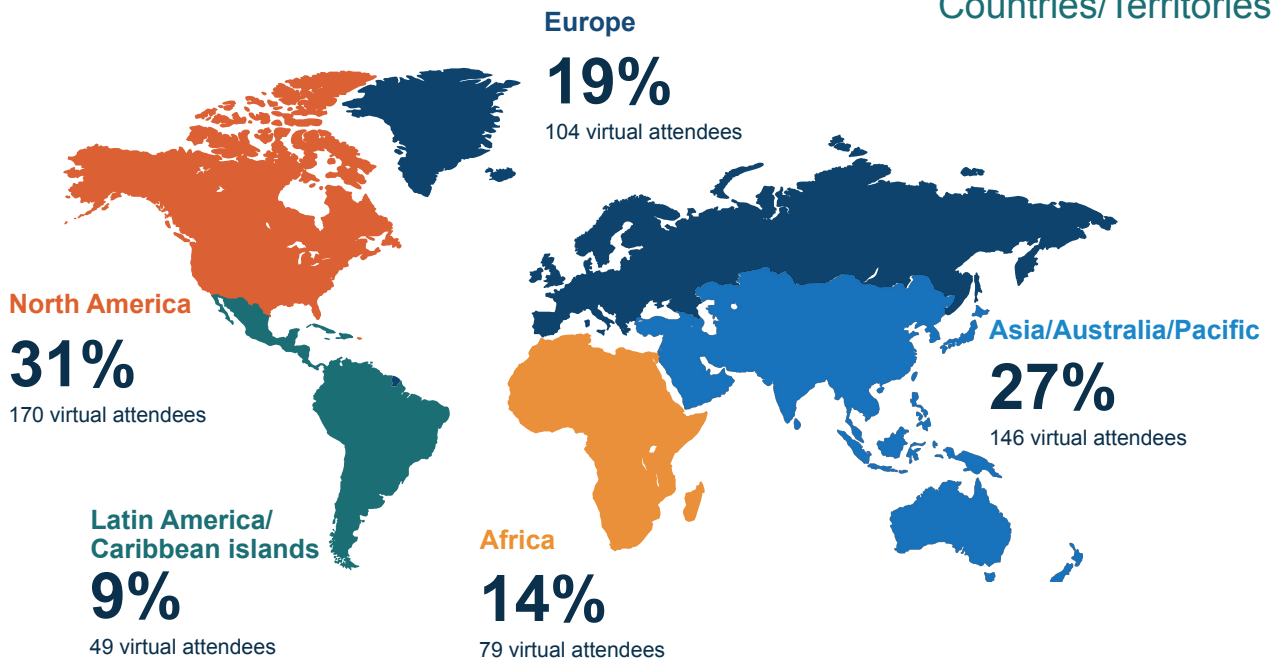
548 Virtual Attendees
Data includes Org Staff, Support Staff, Board, and Community Members.

Attendee Profile: Regional
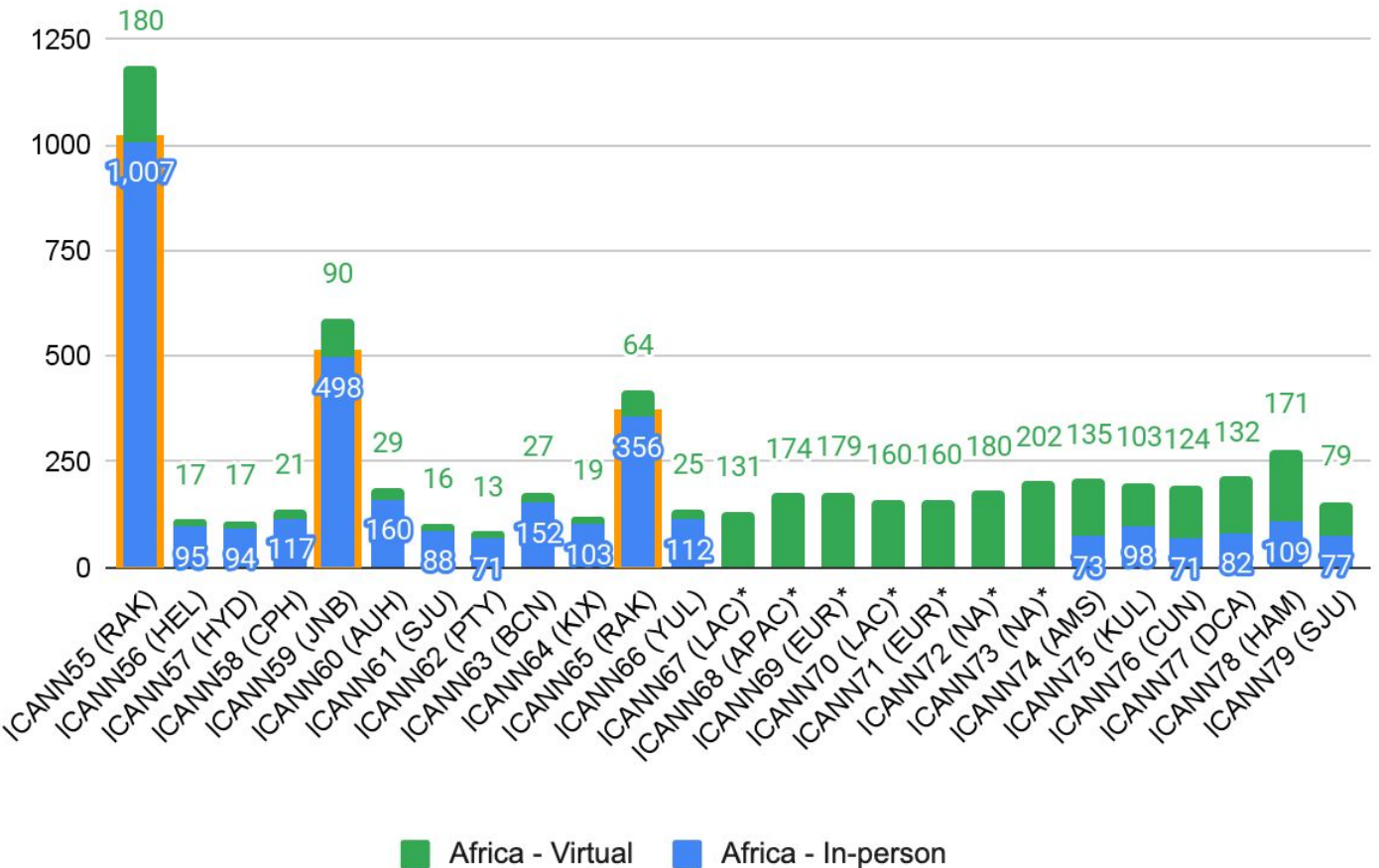
Africa Regional Attendance

The attendee profile metrics for ICANN79 are derived from data that users provided during the meeting registration process.

The Africa region has an average regional attendance rate of 232 people in-person and virtually for ICANN meetings from ICANN55 through ICANN79. This average is currently 11.8% of the overall attendance of ICANN meetings.

156
ICANN79 Attendance

Africa - Virtual **Africa - In-person**

In-person meeting locations are noted by 3-letter airport codes.
*Noted as a virtual-only meeting conducted in the specified regional timezone.
Data includes Org Staff, Support Staff, Board, and Community Members.
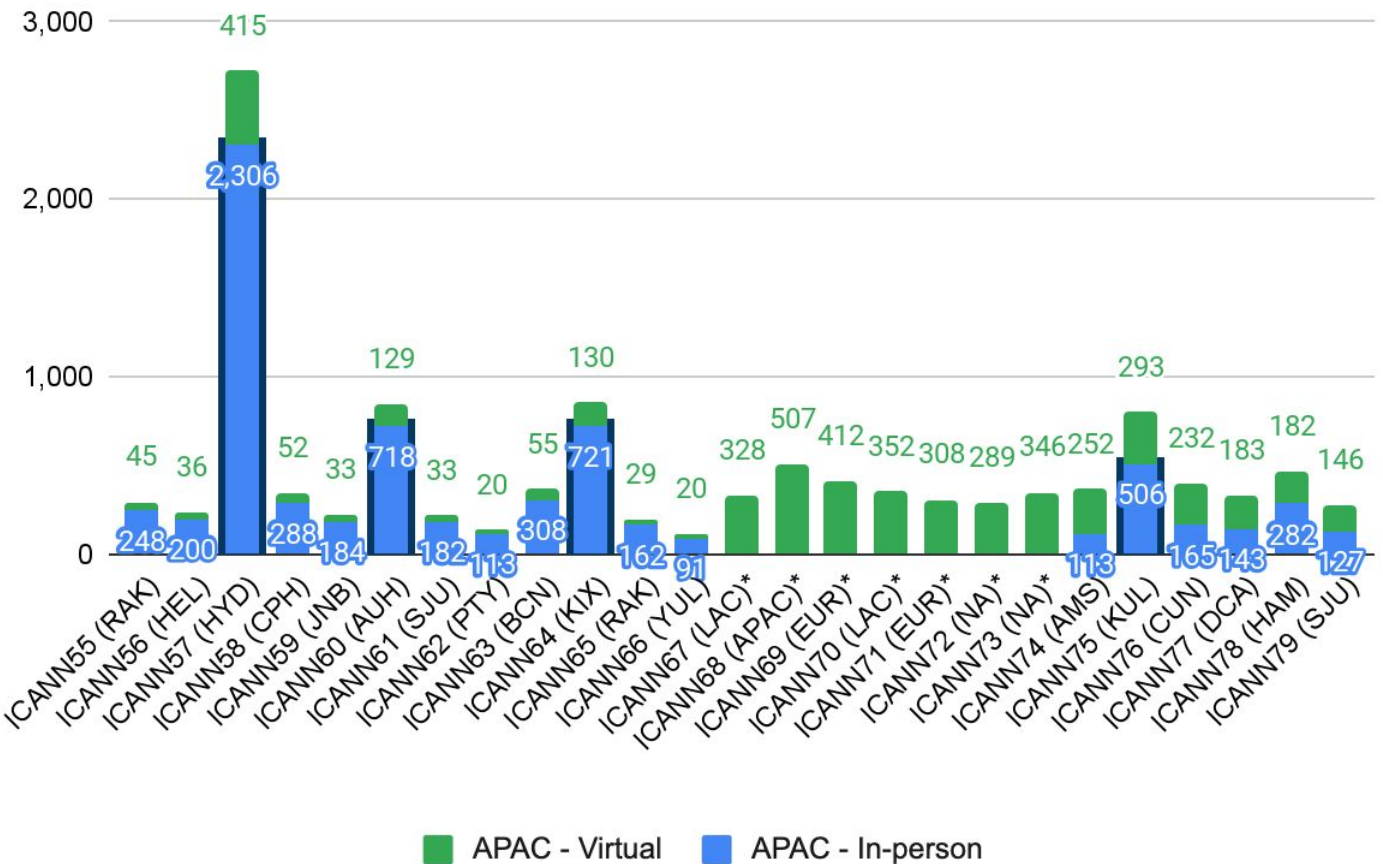
Attendee Profile: Regional

Asia/Australia/Pacific (APAC) Regional Attendance

The attendee profile metrics for ICANN79 are derived from data that users provided during the meeting registration process.

The APAC region has an average regional attendance rate of 467 people in-person and virtually for ICANN meetings from ICANN55 through ICANN79. This average is currently 23.7% of the overall attendance of ICANN meetings.

273
ICANN79 Attendance

APAC - Virtual   **APAC - In-person**

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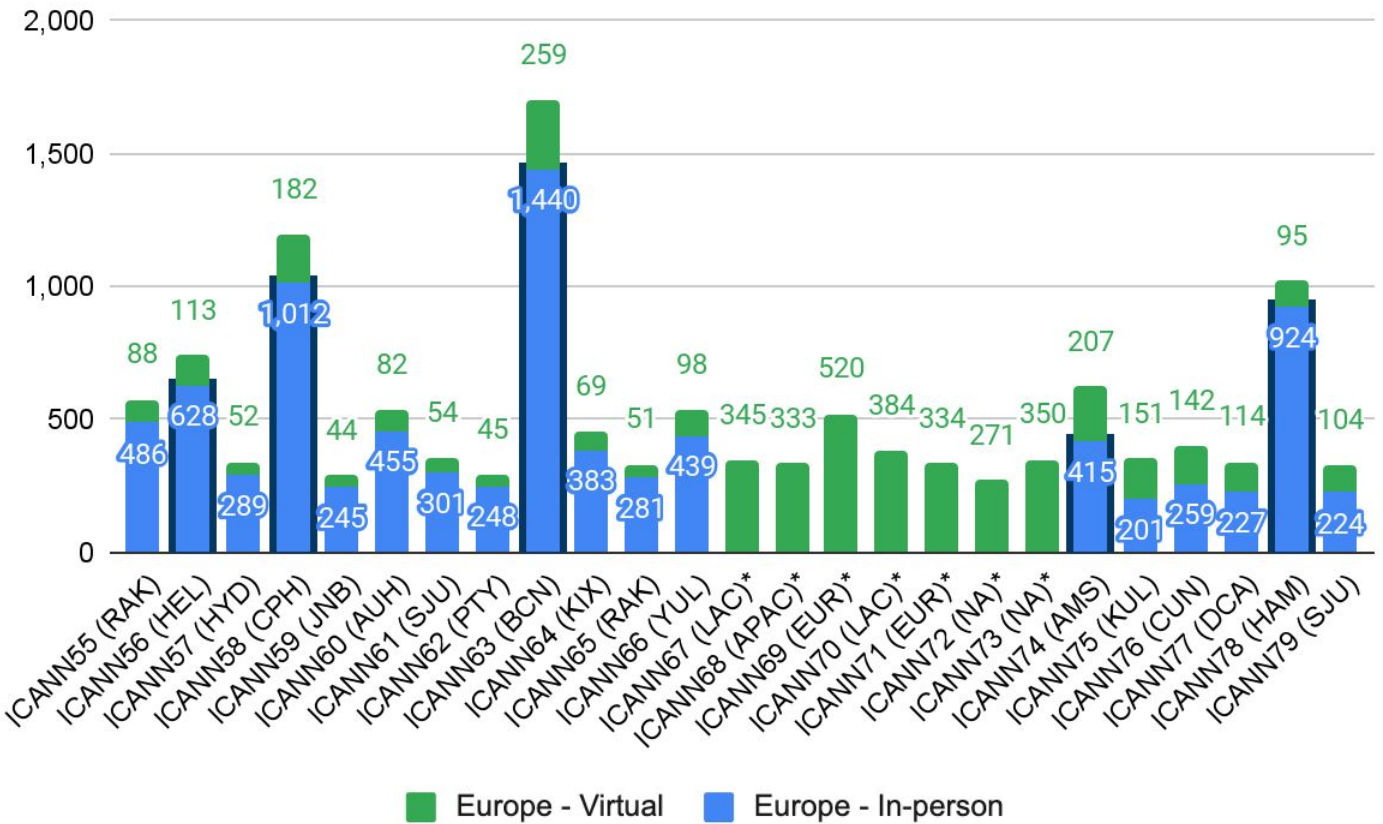
Attendee Profile: Regional

Europe Regional Attendance

The attendee profile metrics for ICANN79 are derived from data that users provided during the meeting registration process.

The European region has an average regional attendance rate of 518 people in-person and virtually for ICANN meetings from ICANN55 through ICANN79. This average is currently 26.3% of the overall attendance of ICANN meetings.

328
ICANN79 Attendance

| | Europe - Virtual | Europe - In-person |

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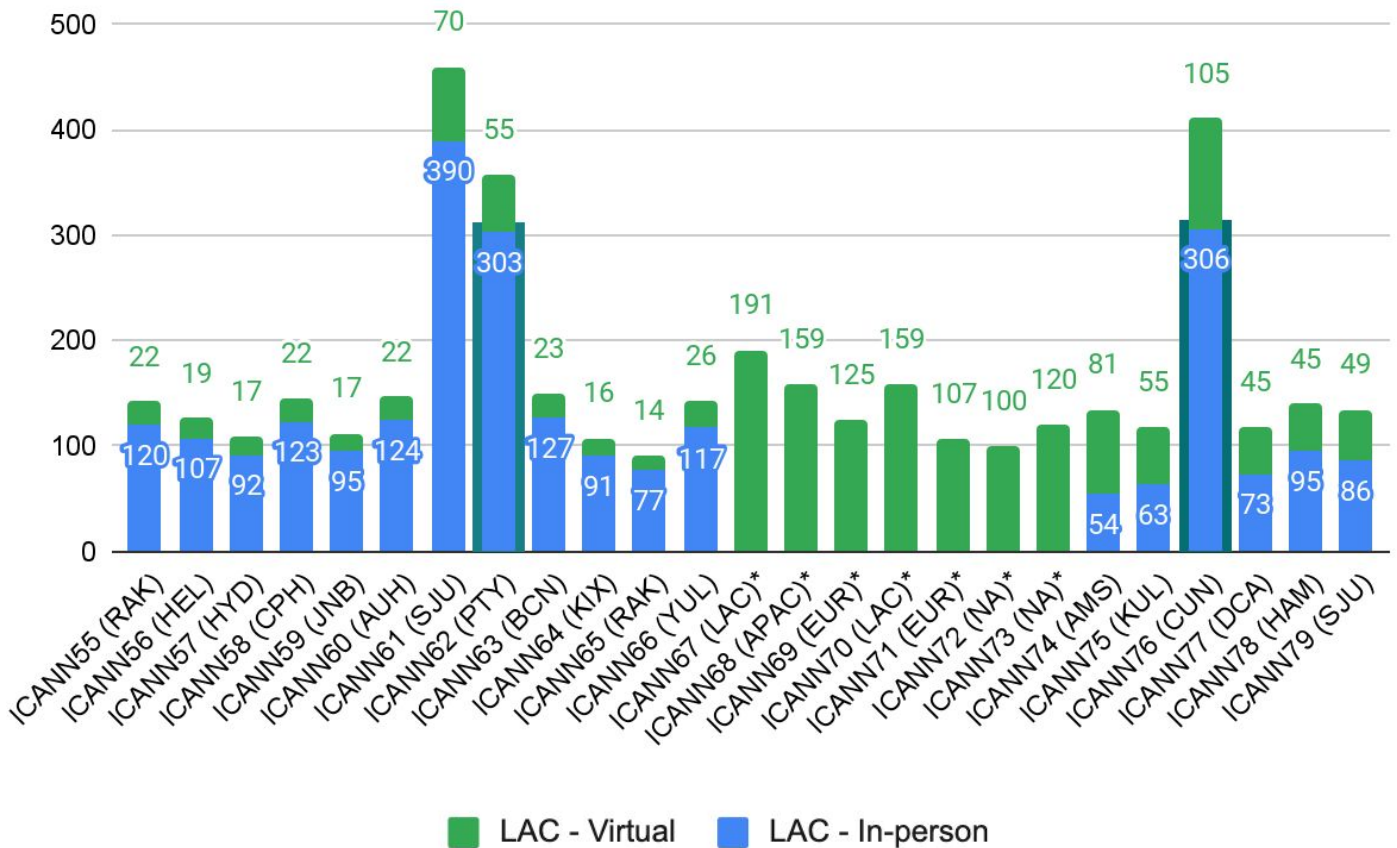
Attendee Profile: Regional

Latin America/Caribbean Islands (LAC) Regional Attendance

The attendee profile metrics for ICANN79 are derived from data that users provided during the meeting registration process.

The LAC region has an average regional attendance rate of 164 people in-person and virtually for ICANN meetings from ICANN55 through ICANN79. This average is currently 8.3% of the overall attendance of ICANN meetings.

135
ICANN79 Attendance

Legend: LAC - Virtual (green), LAC - In-person (blue)

In-person meeting locations are noted by 3-letter airport codes.
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Data includes Org Staff, Support Staff, Board and Community Members.

Attendee Profile: Regional

North America Regional Attendance

The attendee profile metrics for ICANN79 are derived from data that users provided during the meeting registration process.

The North American region has an average regional attendance rate of 590 people in-person and virtually for ICANN meetings from ICANN55 through ICANN79. This average is currently 29.9% of the overall attendance of ICANN meetings.

845
ICANN79 Attendance
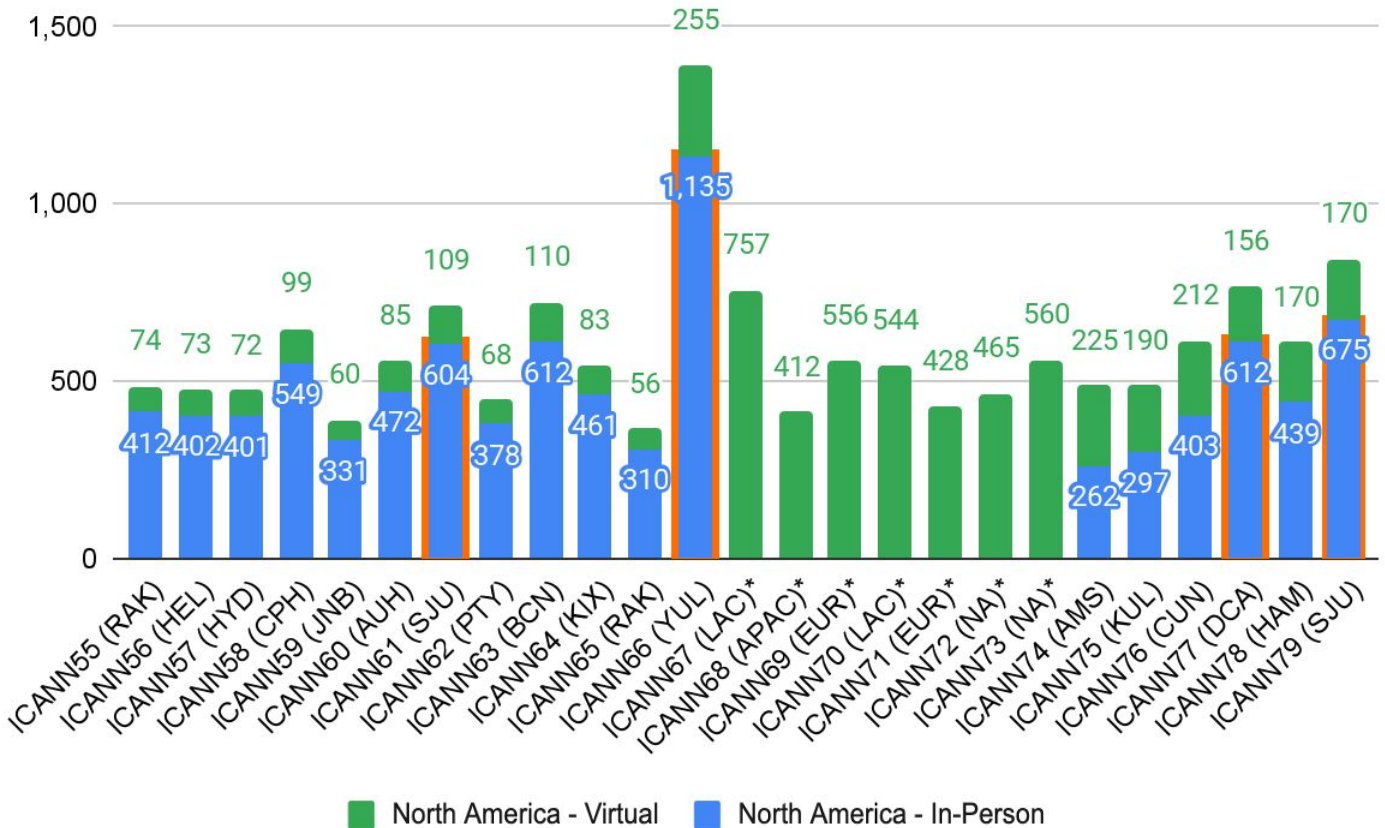
Legend: ■ North America - Virtual   ■ North America - In-Person

In-person meeting locations are noted by 3-letter airport codes.
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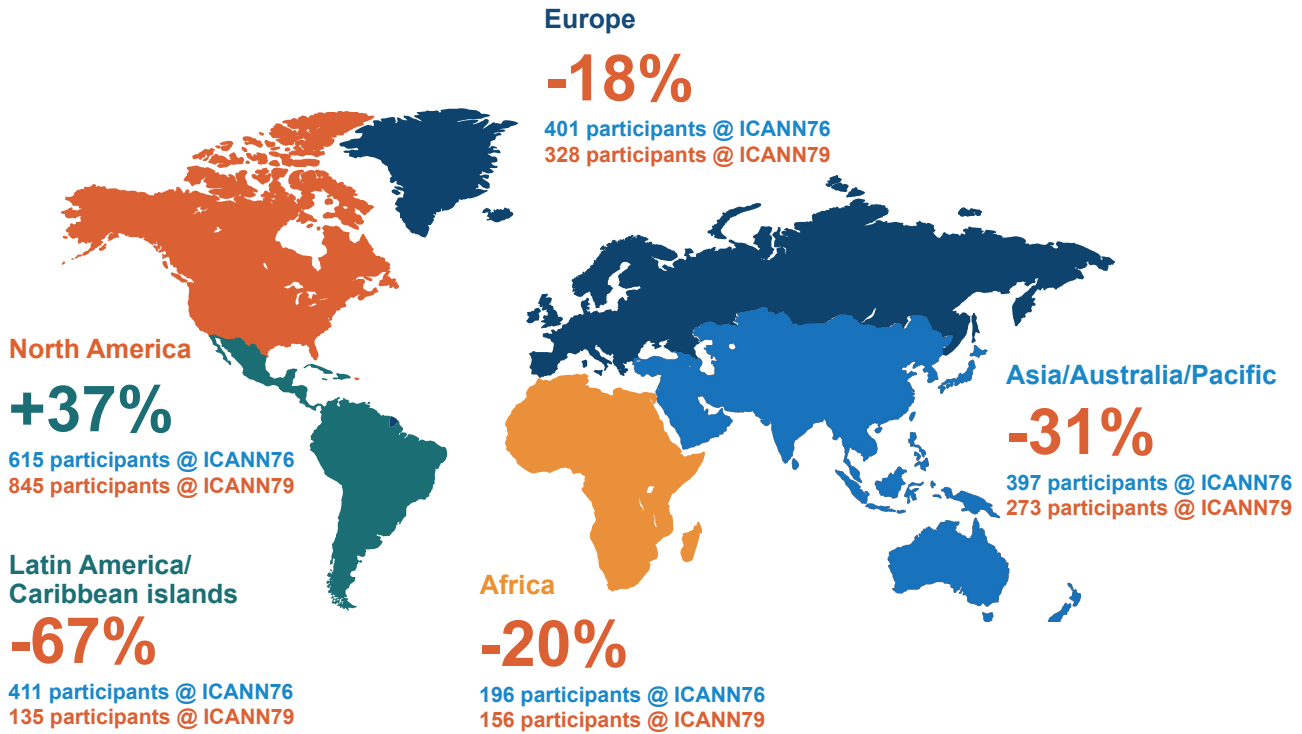# ICANN79 | By the Numbers
2016–2024 Trends
Participation & Sessions

Attendance Trends | ICANN76 (LAC) vs. ICANN79 (NA)

Comparing Recent Community Forum Meetings

Europe

-18%

401 participants @ ICANN76
328 participants @ ICANN79

North America

+37%

615 participants @ ICANN76
845 participants @ ICANN79

Asia/Australia/Pacific

-31%

397 participants @ ICANN76
273 participants @ ICANN79

**Latin America/
Caribbean islands**

-67%

411 participants @ ICANN76
135 participants @ ICANN79

Africa

-20%

196 participants @ ICANN76
156 participants @ ICANN79

Based on In-Person & Virtual Participation of 1,204 vs. 1,737 (+44%)

Data includes Org Staff, Support Staff, Board, and Community Members.

ICANN **76**
COMMUNITY FORUM
CANCÚN
11–16 March 2023

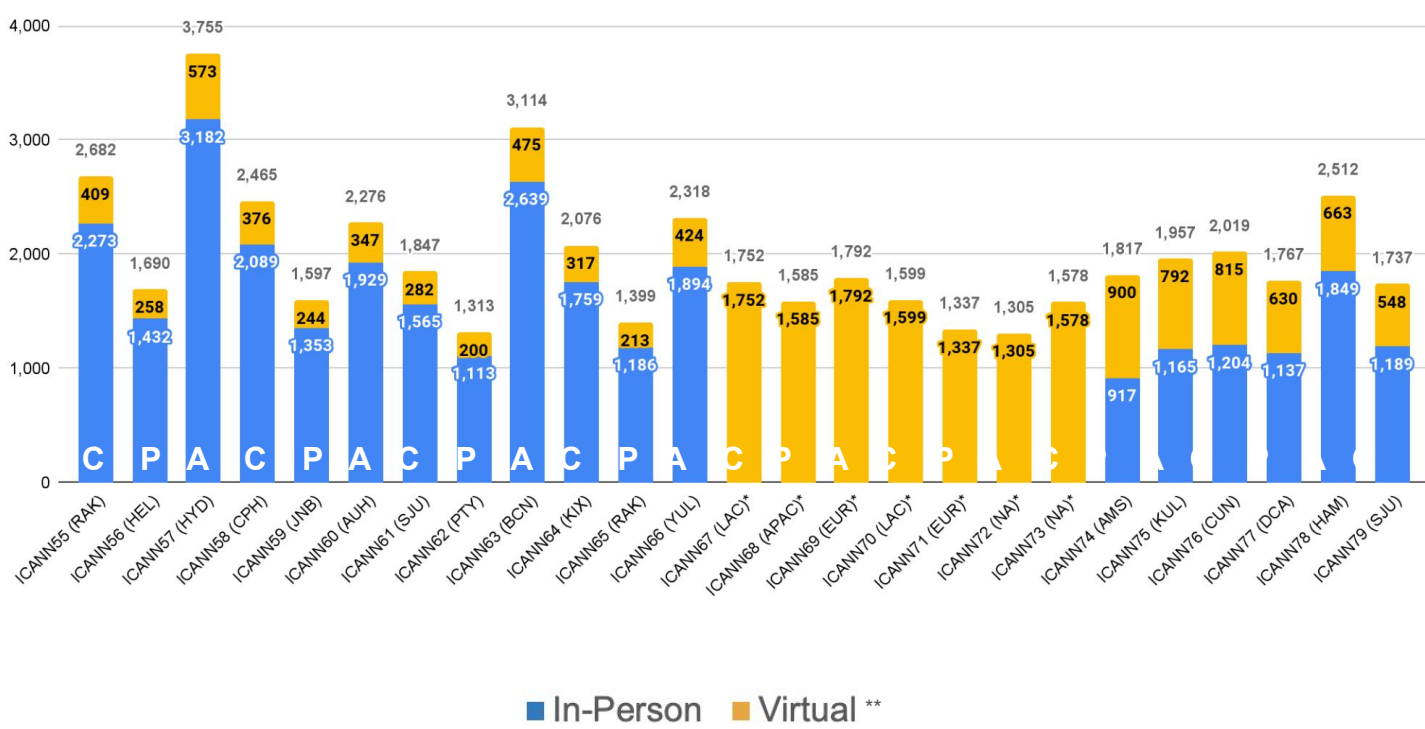**VS.**

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2016–2024 Trends: Participation

Attendance Overview of ICANN55–ICANN79

1,973
Community Forum
Average Attendance
C

1,563
Policy Forum
Average Attendance
P

2,379
Annual General Meeting
Average Attendance
A

■ In-Person ■ Virtual **

In-person meeting locations are noted by 3-letter airport codes.
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1,972
Overall Average Attendance

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Session Statistics

Session Statistics

Session Statistics for San Juan, Puerto Rico

Each type of session has a different structure and purpose:

- **Open sessions** are open to everyone and are supported with remote participation tools for additional outside participation.
- **Closed sessions** are typically open only to members of a specific group and are typically restricted from having observer participation.

This chart breaks down meetings conducted by room usage.

Total Session Hours

249

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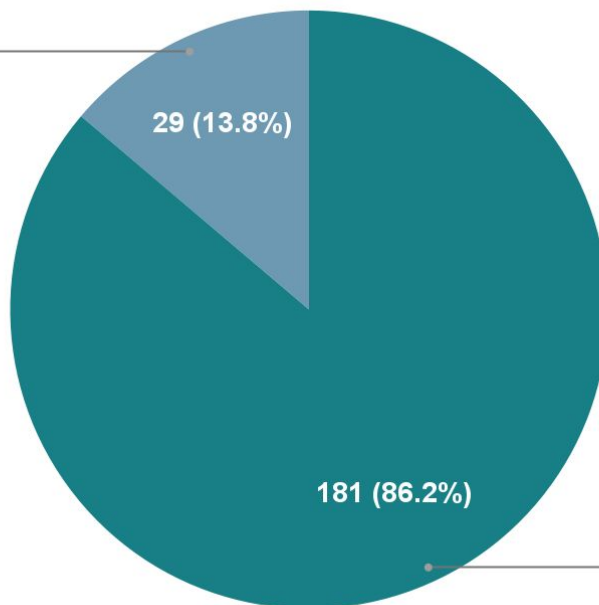**Total Session Count**

210

Average In-Person Attendance per Session

48 Participants

Based on Hourly Counts of Session Rooms

ICANN79 Room Usage

Closed Sessions
13.8%

29 (13.8%)

181 (86.2%)

Open Sessions
86.2%

Session Statistics

Session Attendance – Top 25 Sessions

This list ranks the top 25 sessions based on attendance. The attendance number comes from mid-session manual headcounts done every hour. The count includes only people who were physically present in the session room at the time of the count.

SESSION NAME	IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE ▼
Welcome Ceremony & Community Excellence Award	536
ICANN Public Forum	308
Geopolitical, Legislative, and Regulatory Developments Update	201
Plenary Session: Community Consultation on PICs and RVCs	196
Q&A with ICANN org Executive Team	180
ICANN Board Public Meeting	176
Joint Session: ICANN Board and GAC	172
Joint Session: ICANN Board and CPH	133
GAC Discussion: New gTLD Program Next Round (1/2)	131
Joint Session: ICANN Board and GNSO Council	131
GAC Discussion on DNS Abuse Mitigation	127
Joint Session: GAC and ALAC and GAC Bilateral	126
Joint Session: GAC and GNSO	123
GNSO: CPH DNS Abuse Community Outreach	122
GAC Discussion: WHOIS and Data Protection Policy and Accuracy	121
Joint Session: GAC and CPH	116
GAC Discussion: New gTLD Program Next Round (2/2)	109
GAC Community "Open Mic" Work Session	98
GAC: Opening Plenary	97
ccNSO: Internet Fragmentation Work Session	96
GAC Capacity Development Workshop (2/3)	94
GAC: Brief on Universal Acceptance Strategies	93
GAC Capacity Development Workshop (1/3)	92
Joint Session: ICANN Board and SSAC	90
ICANN Grant Program	88

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## Schedule Website Statistics

Schedule Website Statistics

Schedule Platform | https://79.schedule.icann.org/

ICANN utilized Sched.com to publish the schedule and participation links.

Before a meeting, the website includes language streaming links, remote participation links, and presentations. Shortly after a session concludes, the audio recording links are automatically posted.

The Meetings Technical Services (MTS) team digitally tests all audio recordings before they are posted. Periods of dead air are removed so listeners don't have to fast-forward through gaps in a recording. When MTS completes this process, ICANN Language Services processes and posts the associated transcripts.
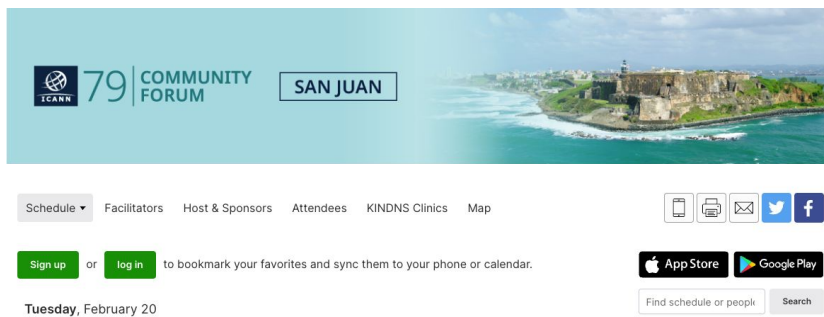
Attendees Logged In

1,310

Personal Schedules Created

984

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Participation Statistics

Participation Statistics – Zoom Meetings

Virtual Participation

A very important facet of ICANN meetings is virtual participation. This section presents metrics related to the services provided on-site during meetings.

Services Provided:

Zoom Meetings–Visual platform with presentations, participant chat, video of session room, and other tools. Recordings of meetings are posted after the session concludes. A mobile app version is also available on app stores. Zoom provides built-in video streaming, audio streaming for all languages available, and for closed caption scribing, either live or auto-computer generated transcripts.
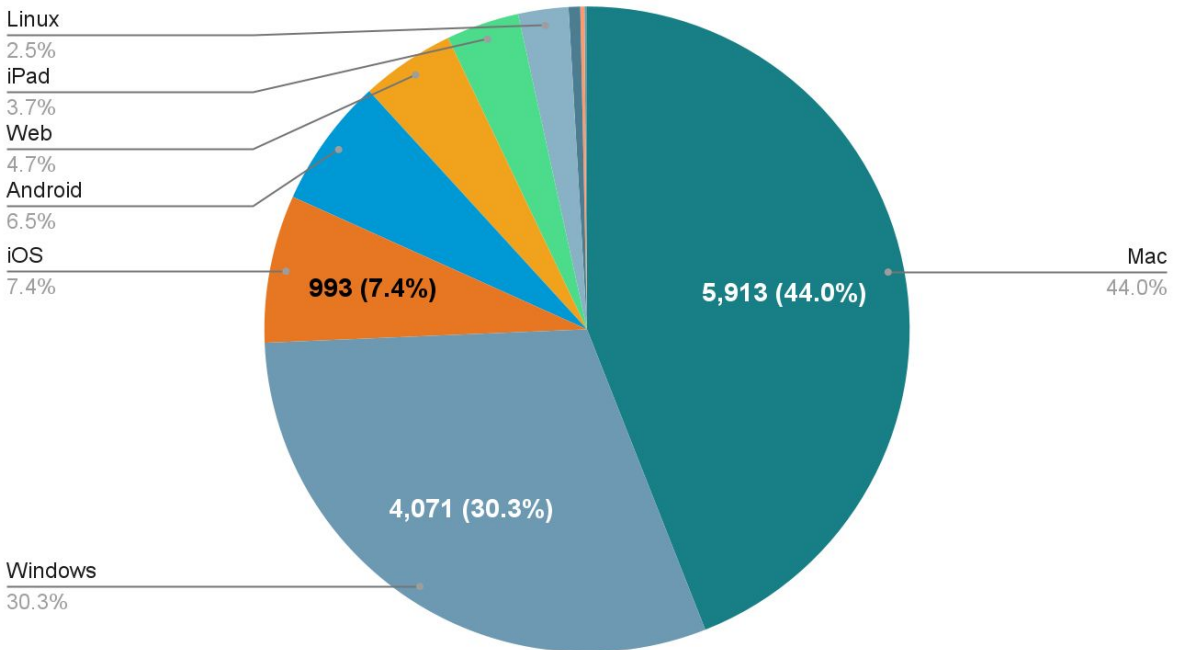
Video Streaming–Video and audio streamed live to Youtube.com is only for plenary rooms. All other rooms utilize Zoom for video streaming.

Scribing–Closed captioning is a live stream of text transcribed from the session's audio, and is available in English for several sessions. Zoom also provides auto-computer generated transcripts.

Total Live Zoom Unique Participants
(Includes On-Site Zoom Users)

1,454

Zoom Device Connections

Device	Percentage	Value
Linux	2.5%	
iPad	3.7%	
Web	4.7%	
Android	6.5%	
iOS	7.4%	993 (7.4%)
Mac	44.0%	5,913 (44.0%)
Windows	30.3%	4,071 (30.3%)

Participation Statistics – In-Person

In-Person Attendees by top 40 Countries

COUNTRY / TERRITORY	IN-PERSON ATTENDEES ▼
United States of America	410
Puerto Rico	216
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	44
Canada	40
Germany	33
Taipei, Chinese	22
France	21
Belgium	20
Nigeria	20
Australia	19
Netherlands	19
Argentina	17
Brazil	17
Türkiye	11
India	10
Uruguay	9
China	8
Japan	8
Sweden	8
Trinidad and Tobago	8
Italy	7
Kenya	7
South Africa	7
Spain	7
Czech Republic	6
Hong Kong, China	6
Mali	6
Serbia	6
Armenia	5
Denmark	5
Egypt	5
Ireland	5
New Zealand	5
Norway	5
Portugal	5
Switzerland	5
Tunisia	5
Austria	4
Chad, Republic of	4
Chile	4

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General Information

ICANN Equipment Shipped to ICANN79

Much like a touring band, ICANN has learned over time that the most cost-effective method of ensuring that meeting participants have a positive experience is to sea freight our own equipment to ICANN meetings. We ship critical equipment, then rent the remaining equipment locally to help promote the local economy.

The following depicts the equipment shipped in 133 cases to ICANN79.

ICANN-Owned Equipment Shipment Weight

12,586 kgs | 27,747 lbs
- or -
13.9 tons | 12.6 tonnes
- or -
53 Barrels of
Puerto Rican Rum

Based on average 235.9 kgs / 520 lbs per barrel

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# Network Operations Center

Network Operations Center

Session Monitoring

The Network Operations Center (NOC) monitors all session rooms, including audio streams, recordings, Wi-Fi associations, connectivity stability, room temperatures, and technician status. At any time, NOC staff can look at the monitoring screen and get a real-time status check of any session room.

Below is a screenshot taken during ICANN79 of monitoring software.
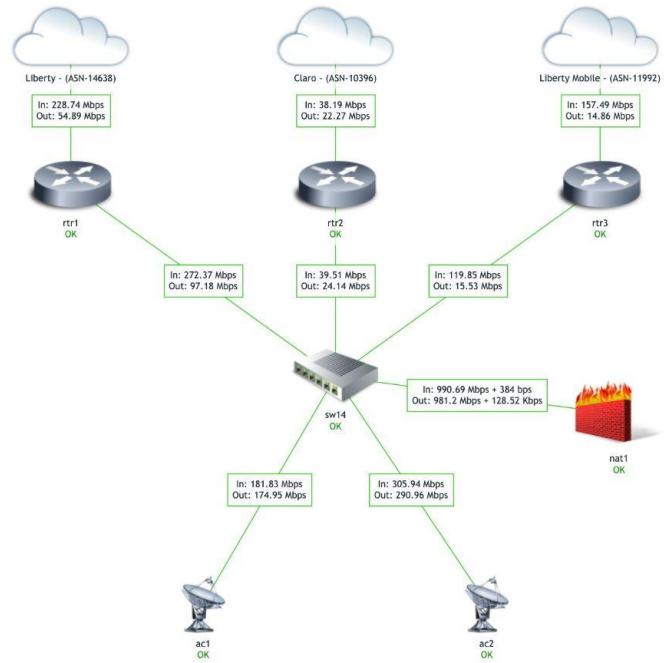
The NOC uses Zabbix to monitor all active equipment deployed into various areas of the venue. The tool enables the NOC to respond quickly to power outages, network problems, and equipment failures. The NOC is where the Meetings, Meetings Technical Services, and Security teams work together to ensure quick inter-departmental communications and coordination.
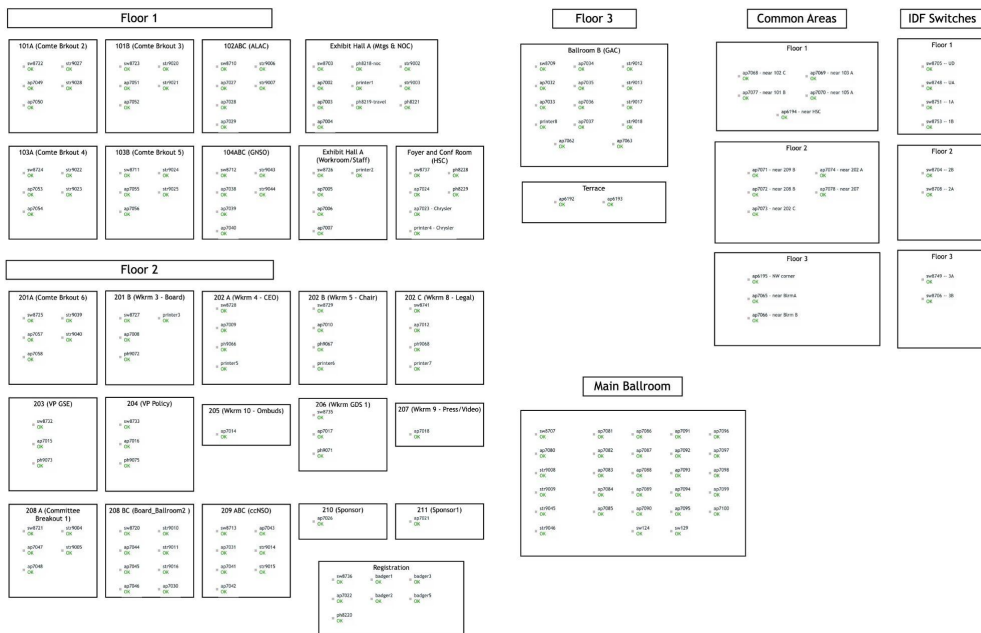
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Network Statistics

Wi-Fi Client Associations and Bandwidth

During an ICANN meeting, the Meetings Technical Services team closely monitors the network load and Wi-Fi associations to each wireless access point. Alerts notify the NOC team when a maximum number of users are associated with a single access point. The team responds promptly by mitigating issues with access points or deploying more access points.
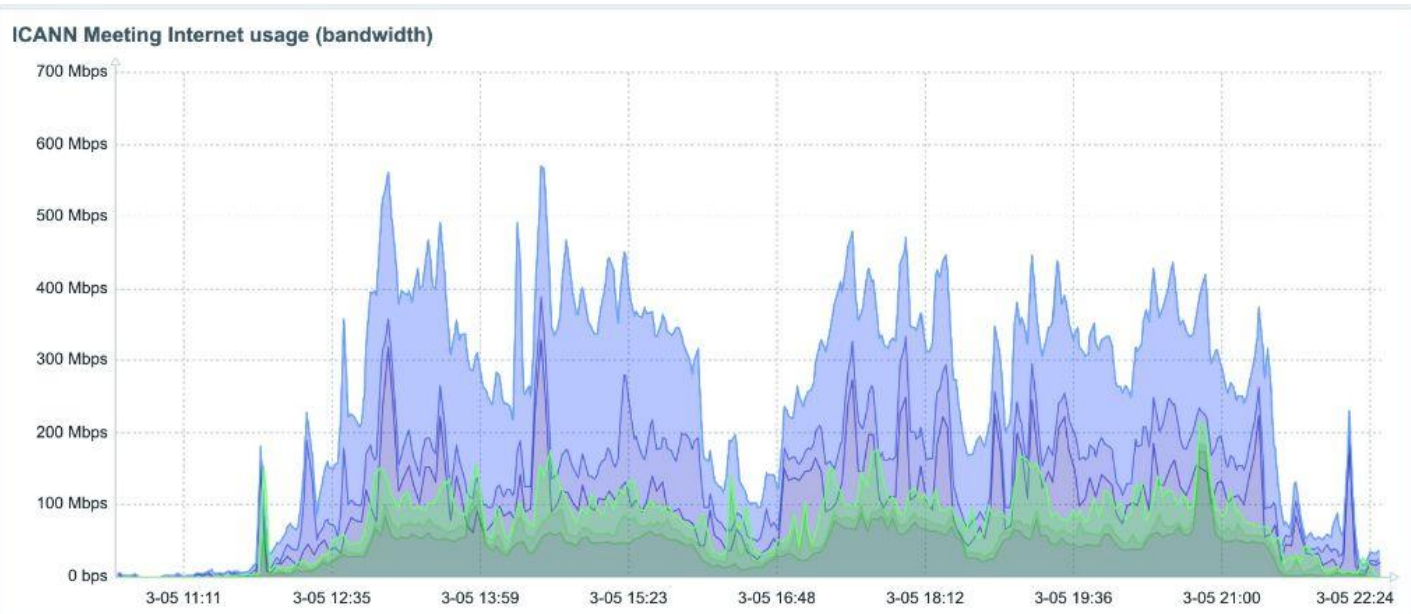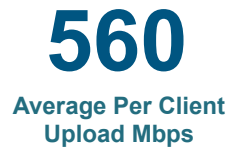
Great care and time go into the deployment plan for wireless access points. The team works closely with our wireless vendor Aruba to ensure the best possible configuration of device profiles.

Our goal is to ensure the highest quality experience for all attendees on the ICANN network.

Wi-Fi Associations

2,560

Unique Client Associations

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Bandwidth Utilization

2,291

Average Per Client
Download Mbps

560

Average Per Client
Upload Mbps

ICANN Meeting Internet usage (bandwidth)

Network Statistics

Bandwidth Consumption and Allocation

This data shows the bandwidth that was provided and consumed, and the traffic allocation between IPv4 and IPv6.

IPv6 Data Transferred In/Out

8,260
IPv6 Download Gbytes

2,294
IPv6 Upload Gbytes

IPv6 Network Usage

19%

IPv4 Data Transferred In/Out

2,077
IPv4 Download Gbytes

403
IPv4 Upload Gbytes

IPv4 Network Usage

81%

Internet Service Providers

3
On-site Bandwidth Gbps

Liberty Communications
Liberty Mobile
Claro Puerto Rico

Total Data Transferred In/Out

10,337
Download Gbytes

2,697
Upload Gbytes

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