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.
# Table of Contents

- Attendee Profile ................................................................. 4
- 2016–2024 Trends ................................................................. 13
- Session Statistics ................................................................. 16
- Website Statistics ................................................................. 19
- Remote Participation Statistics .............................................. 21
- General Information ............................................................. 24
- Network Operations Center .................................................. 26
- Network Statistics ................................................................. 28
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.
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.
ICANN79 By the Numbers

Attendee Profile: In-Person vs. Virtual

Regional **In-Person** Attendance

- **1,189 In-Person Attendees**
  - **108 Represented Countries/Territories**
  - **1,189 In-Person Attendees**
    - **North America**: 675 in-person attendees (57%)
    - **Europe**: 224 in-person attendees (19%)
    - **Africa**: 77 in-person attendees (6%)
    - **Latin America/Caribbean islands**: 86 in-person attendees (7%)
    - **Asia/Australia/Pacific**: 127 in-person attendees (11%)

Regional **Virtual** Attendance

- **548 Virtual Attendees**
  - **114 Represented Countries/Territories**
  - **548 Virtual Attendees**
    - **North America**: 170 virtual attendees (31%)
    - **Europe**: 104 virtual attendees (19%)
    - **Africa**: 79 virtual attendees (14%)
    - **Latin America/Caribbean islands**: 49 virtual attendees (9%)
    - **Asia/Australia/Pacific**: 146 virtual attendees (27%)

Data includes Org Staff, Support Staff, Board, and Community Members.
ICANN79 By the Numbers

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

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.
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.
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.

ICANN79 Attendance

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.
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

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.
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.

**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.

ICANN79 Attendance

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.
ICANN79 | By the Numbers
2016–2024 Trends
Participation & Sessions
ICANN79 By the Numbers

2016–2024 Trends: Participation

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

Comparing Recent Community Forum Meetings

- Europe
  -18%
  401 participants @ ICANN76
  328 participants @ ICANN79

- Africa
  -20%
  411 participants @ ICANN76
  135 participants @ ICANN79

- Latin America/Caribbean islands
  +37%
  615 participants @ ICANN76
  845 participants @ ICANN79

- North America
  +37%
  494 participants @ ICANN76
  845 participants @ ICANN79

- Asia/Australia/Pacific
  -31%
  397 participants @ ICANN76
  273 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.
## Attendance Overview of ICANN55–ICANN79

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Event</th>
<th>Average Attendance</th>
<th>In-person Locations</th>
<th>Virtual Locations</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Community Forum</td>
<td>1,973</td>
<td>C</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Policy Forum</td>
<td>1,563</td>
<td>P</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Annual General Meeting</td>
<td>2,379</td>
<td>A</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Overall Average Attendance:** 1,972

*In-person meeting locations are noted by 3-letter airport codes. Virtual meetings are noted with a V following the code.*

---

*Noted as a virtual-only meeting conducted in the specified regional timezone.*

---
ICANN79 | By the Numbers
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

**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%)

- Open Sessions
  - 86.2%
  - 181 (86.2%)
### 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.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Session Name</th>
<th>In-Person Attendance</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Welcome Ceremony &amp; Community Excellence Award</td>
<td>536</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ICANN Public Forum</td>
<td>308</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Geopolitical, Legislative, and Regulatory Developments Update</td>
<td>201</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Plenary Session: Community Consultation on PICs and RVCs</td>
<td>196</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Q&amp;A with ICANN org Executive Team</td>
<td>180</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ICANN Board Public Meeting</td>
<td>176</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Joint Session: ICANN Board and GAC</td>
<td>172</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Joint Session: ICANN Board and CPH</td>
<td>133</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GAC Discussion: New gTLD Program Next Round (1/2)</td>
<td>131</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Joint Session: ICANN Board and GNSO Council</td>
<td>131</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GAC Discussion on DNS Abuse Mitigation</td>
<td>127</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Joint Session: GAC and ALAC and GAC Bilateral</td>
<td>126</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Joint Session: GAC and GNSO</td>
<td>123</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GNSO: CPH DNS Abuse Community Outreach</td>
<td>122</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GAC Discussion: WHOIS and Data Protection Policy and Accuracy</td>
<td>121</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Joint Session: GAC and CPH</td>
<td>116</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GAC Discussion: New gTLD Program Next Round (2/2)</td>
<td>109</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GAC Community “Open Mic” Work Session</td>
<td>98</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GAC: Opening Plenary</td>
<td>97</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ccNSO: Internet Fragmentation Work Session</td>
<td>96</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GAC Capacity Development Workshop (2/3)</td>
<td>94</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GAC: Brief on Universal Acceptance Strategies</td>
<td>93</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GAC Capacity Development Workshop (1/3)</td>
<td>92</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Joint Session: ICANN Board and SSAC</td>
<td>90</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ICANN Grant Program</td>
<td>88</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
ICANN79 | By the Numbers
Schedule Website Statistics
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.
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
### In-Person Attendees by top 40 Countries

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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>ICANN-Owned Equipment Shipment Weight</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>12,586 kgs</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>or</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13.9 tons</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>or</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>53 Barrels of Puerto Rican Rum</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Based on average 235.9 kgs / 520 lbs per barrel
ICANN79 | By the Numbers
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.
ICANN79 By the Numbers

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

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

IPv6 Download Gbytes: 8,260
IPv6 Upload Gbytes: 2,294
IPv6 Network Usage: 19%

Internet Service Providers

3
On-site Bandwidth Gbps
Liberty Communications
Liberty Mobile
Claro Puerto Rico

IPv4 Data Transferred In/Out

IPv4 Download Gbytes: 2,077
IPv4 Upload Gbytes: 403
IPv4 Network Usage: 81%

Total Data Transferred In/Out

Download Gbytes: 10,337
Upload Gbytes: 2,697
ICANN79 | By the Numbers

For additional information or to comment on this report, please contact: meetingsupport@icann.org