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Seattle, United States of America
8-13 March 2025



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 the 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



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Attendee Profile

Attendee Profile for Seattle, United States of America

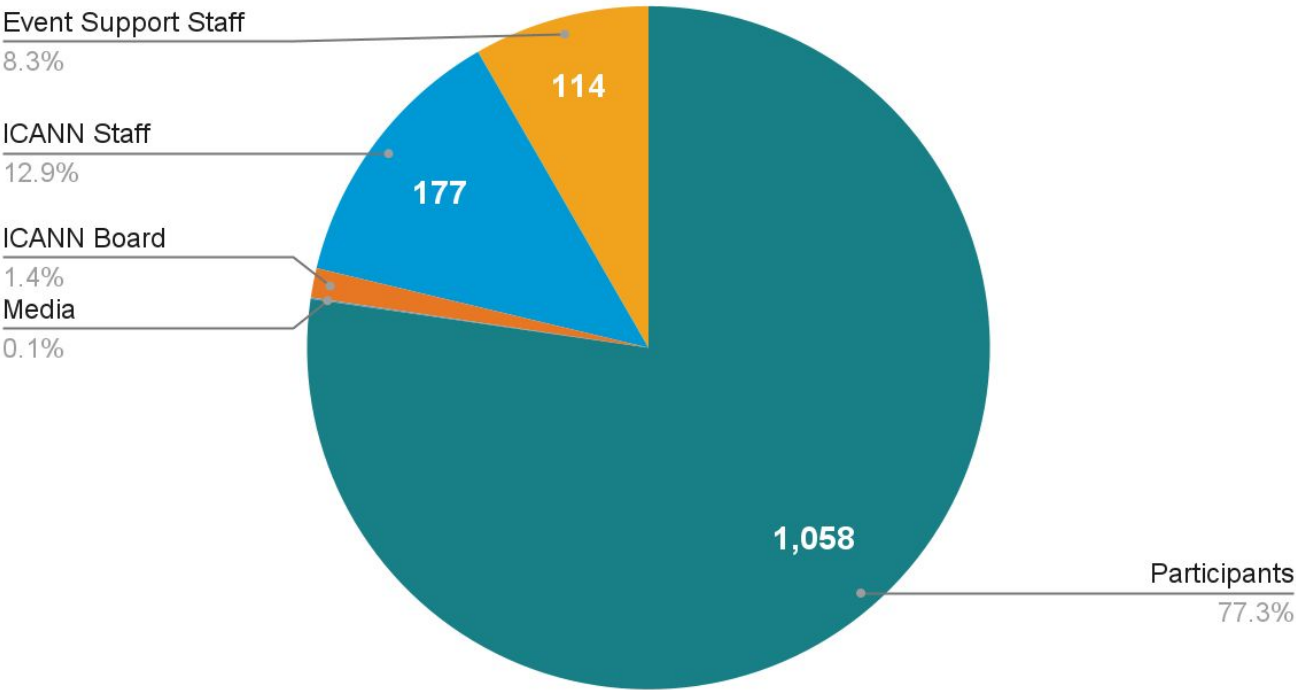
ICANN82 had 1,917 attendees, with 1,369 participating in-person and 548 virtually.

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.



ICANN82 In-Person Attendee Breakdown



Attendee Profile: Regional

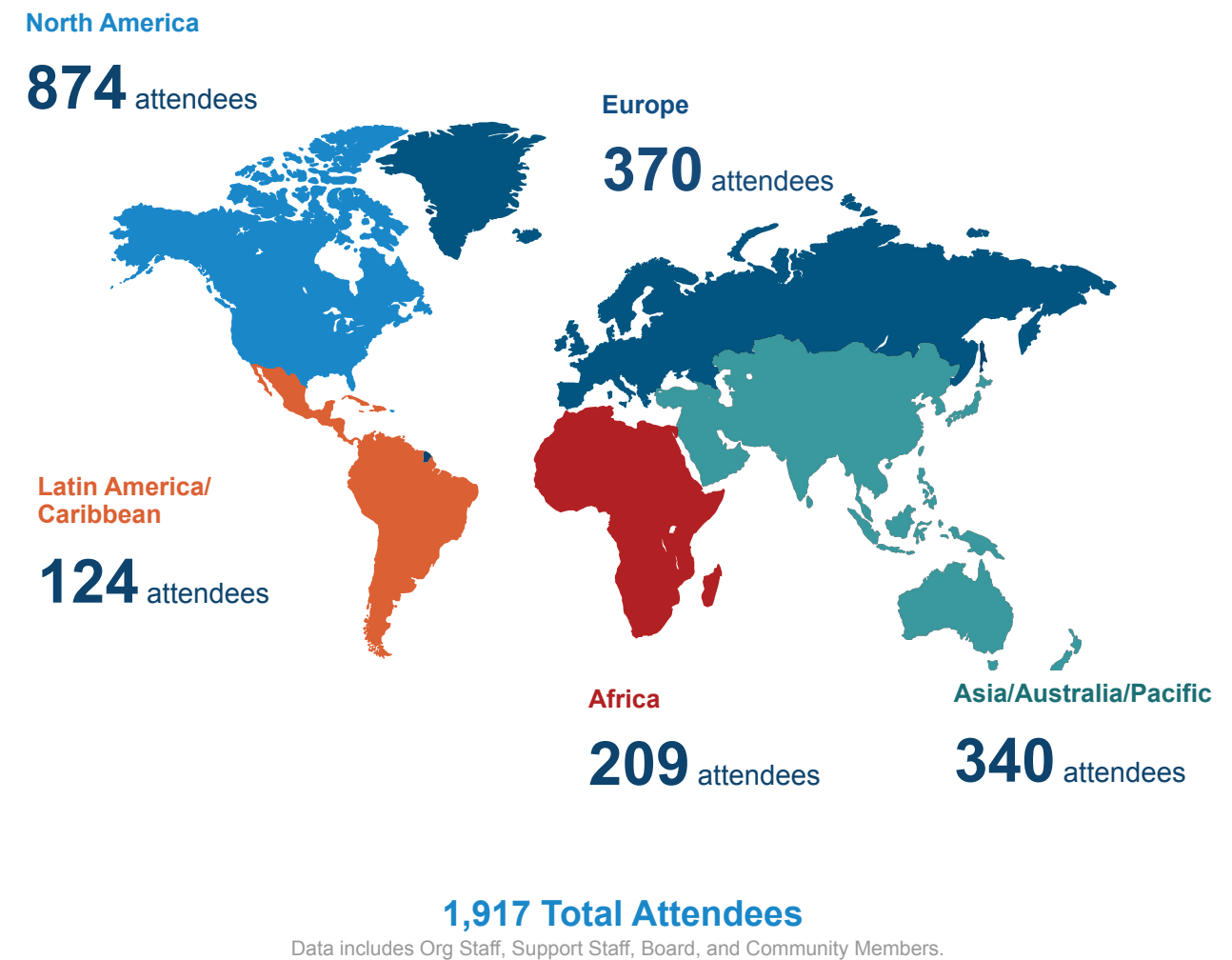
Attendee Profile by ICANN Regions

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.

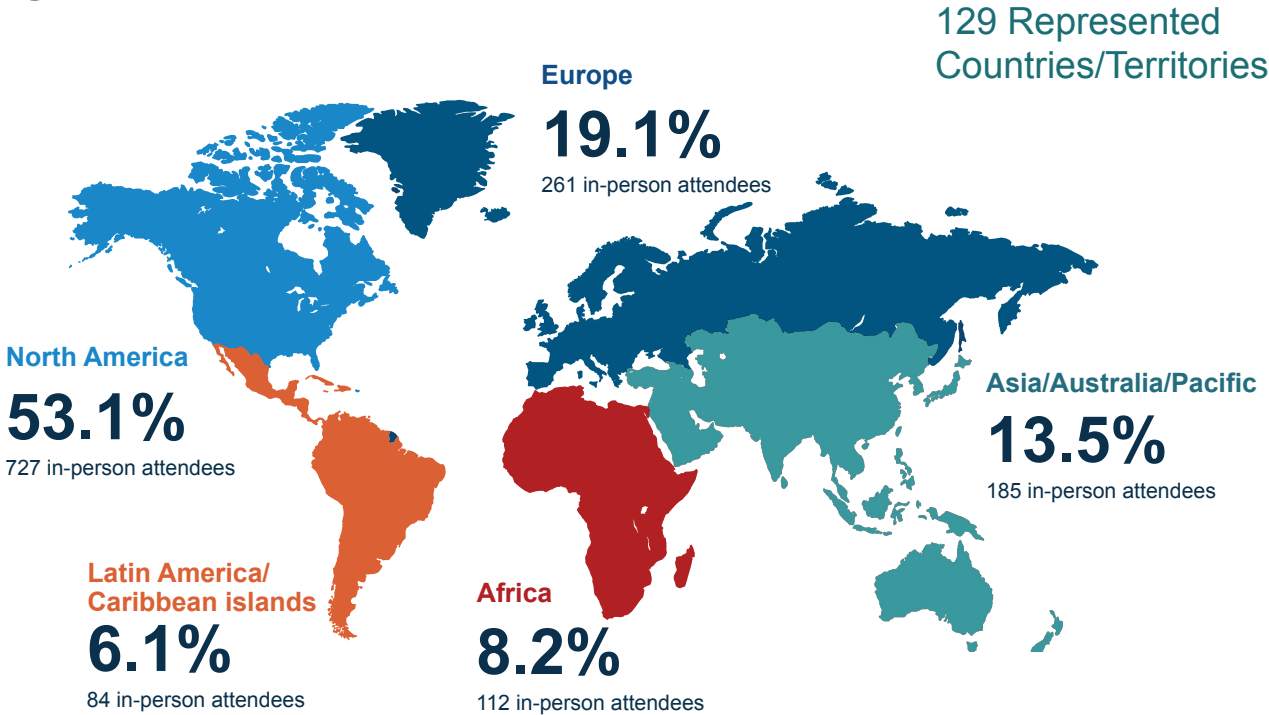
Selections are based on the five ICANN geographic regions shown on the map below.

Regional In-Person & Virtual Attendance



Attendee Profile: In-Person vs. Virtual

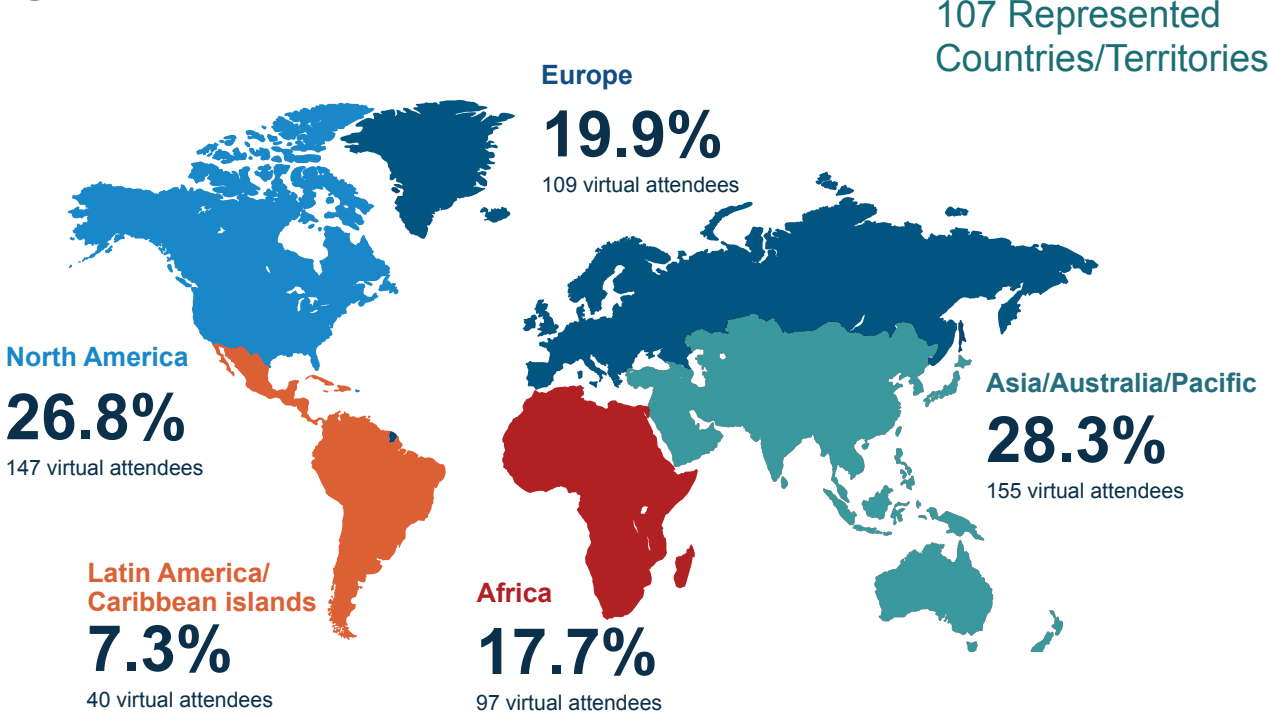
Regional In-Person Attendance



1,369 In-Person Attendees

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

Regional Virtual Attendance



548 Virtual Attendees

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Attendee Profile: Regional

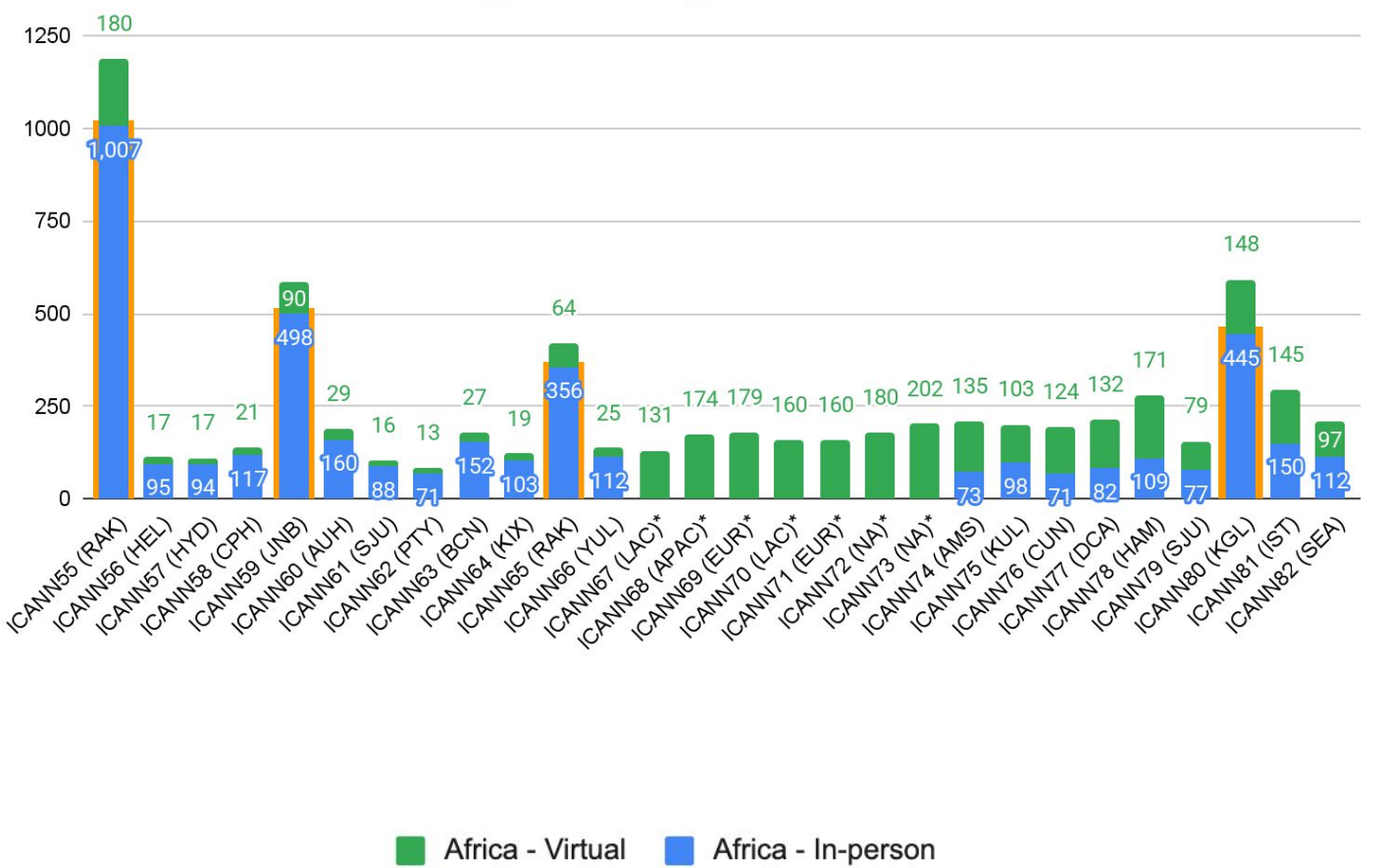
Africa Regional Attendance

The attendee profile metrics for ICANN82 are derived from data that users provided during the meeting registration process.

The Africa region has an average regional attendance rate of 247 people in-person and virtually for ICANN meetings from ICANN55 through ICANN82. This average is currently 12.4% of the overall attendance of ICANN meetings.



209
ICANN82 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.

Attendee Profile: Regional



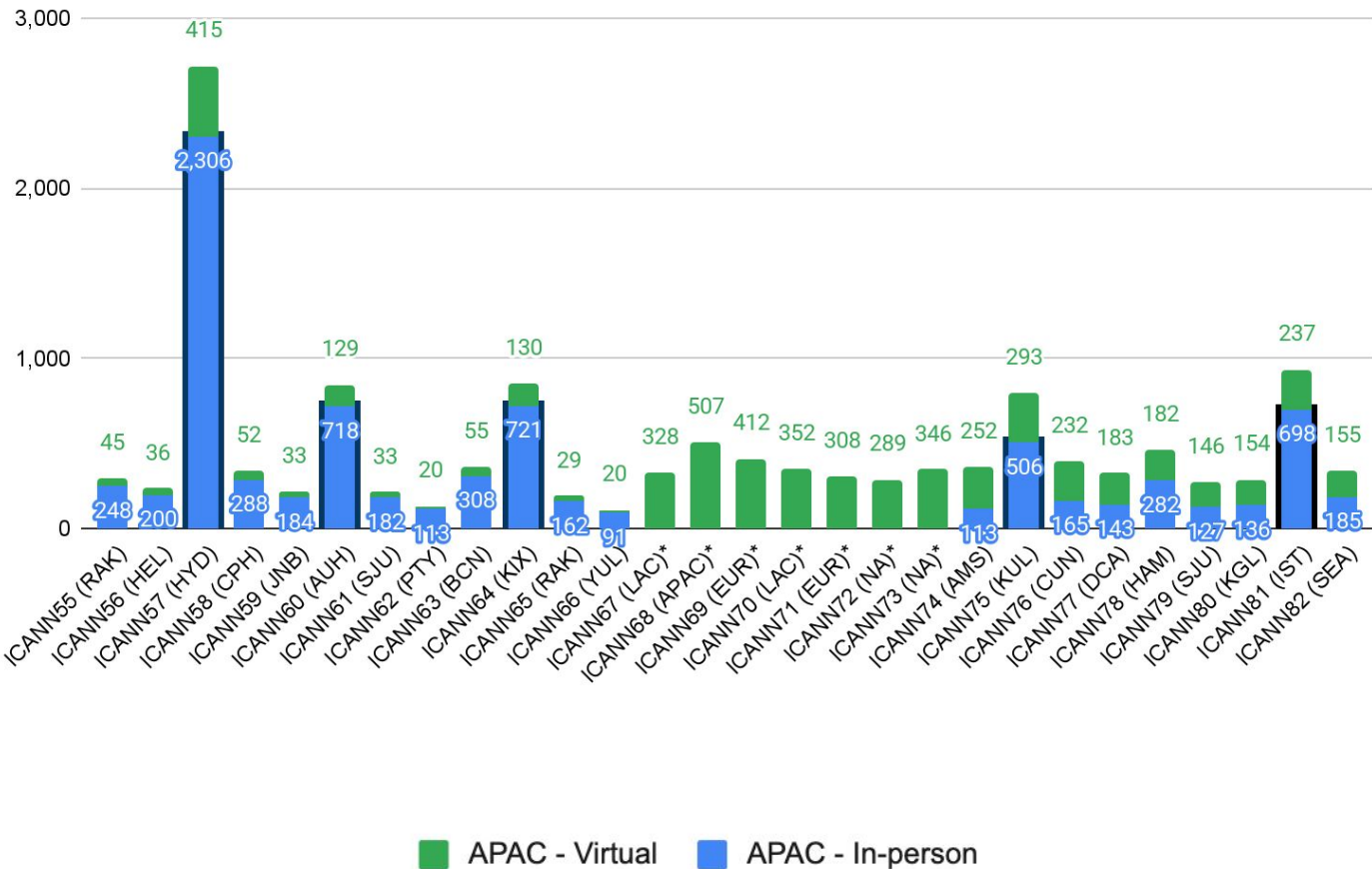
Asia/Australia/Pacific (APAC)
Regional Attendance

The attendee profile metrics for ICANN82 are derived from data that users provided during the meeting registration process.

The APAC region has an average regional attendance rate of 473 people in-person and virtually for ICANN meetings from ICANN55 through ICANN82. This average is currently 23.9% of the overall attendance of ICANN meetings.

340

ICANN82 Attendance



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Attendee Profile: Regional

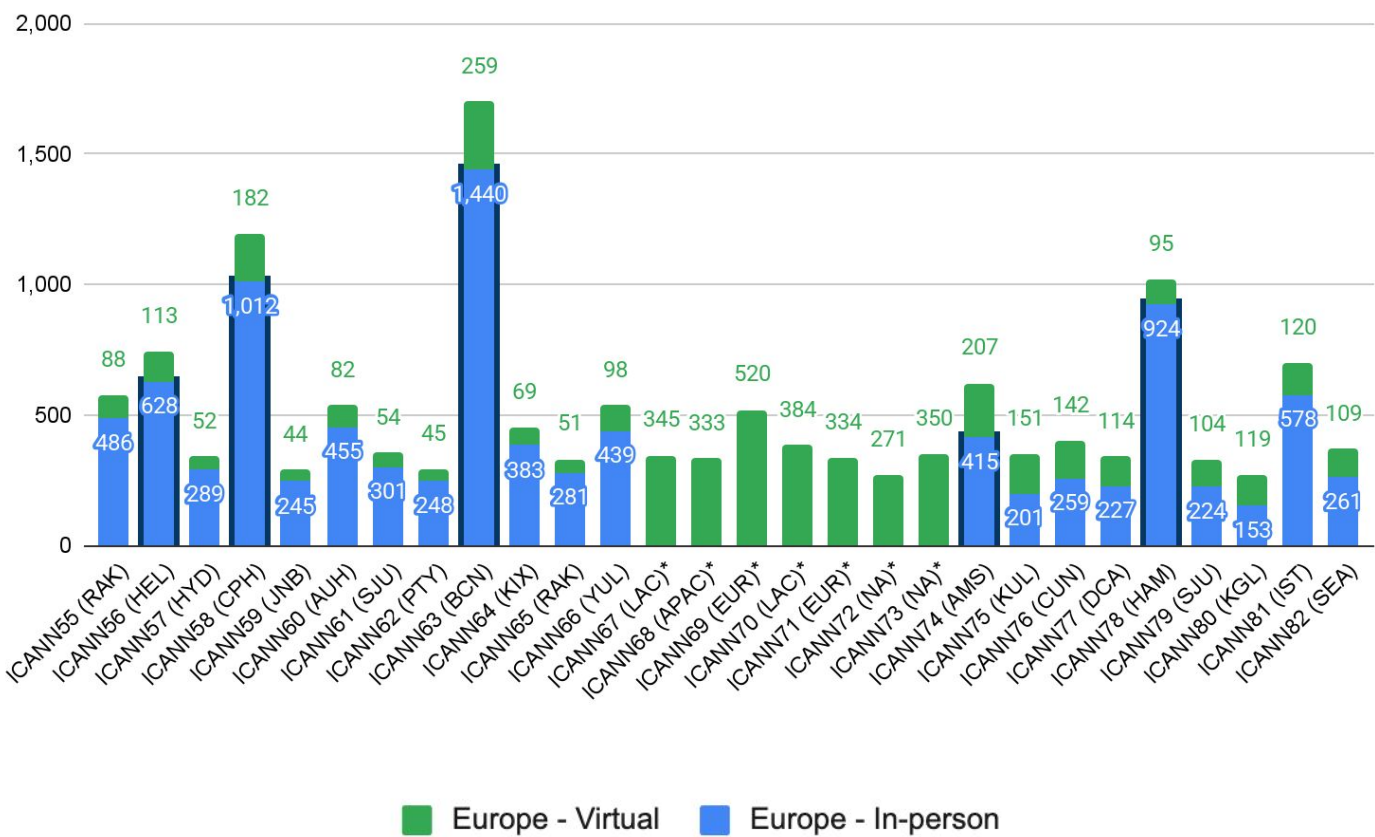


Europe Regional Attendance

The attendee profile metrics for ICANN82 are derived from data that users provided during the meeting registration process.

The European region has an average regional attendance rate of 510 people in-person and virtually for ICANN meetings from ICANN55 through ICANN82. This average is currently 25.7% of the overall attendance of ICANN meetings.

370
ICANN82 Attendance



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Attendee Profile: Regional



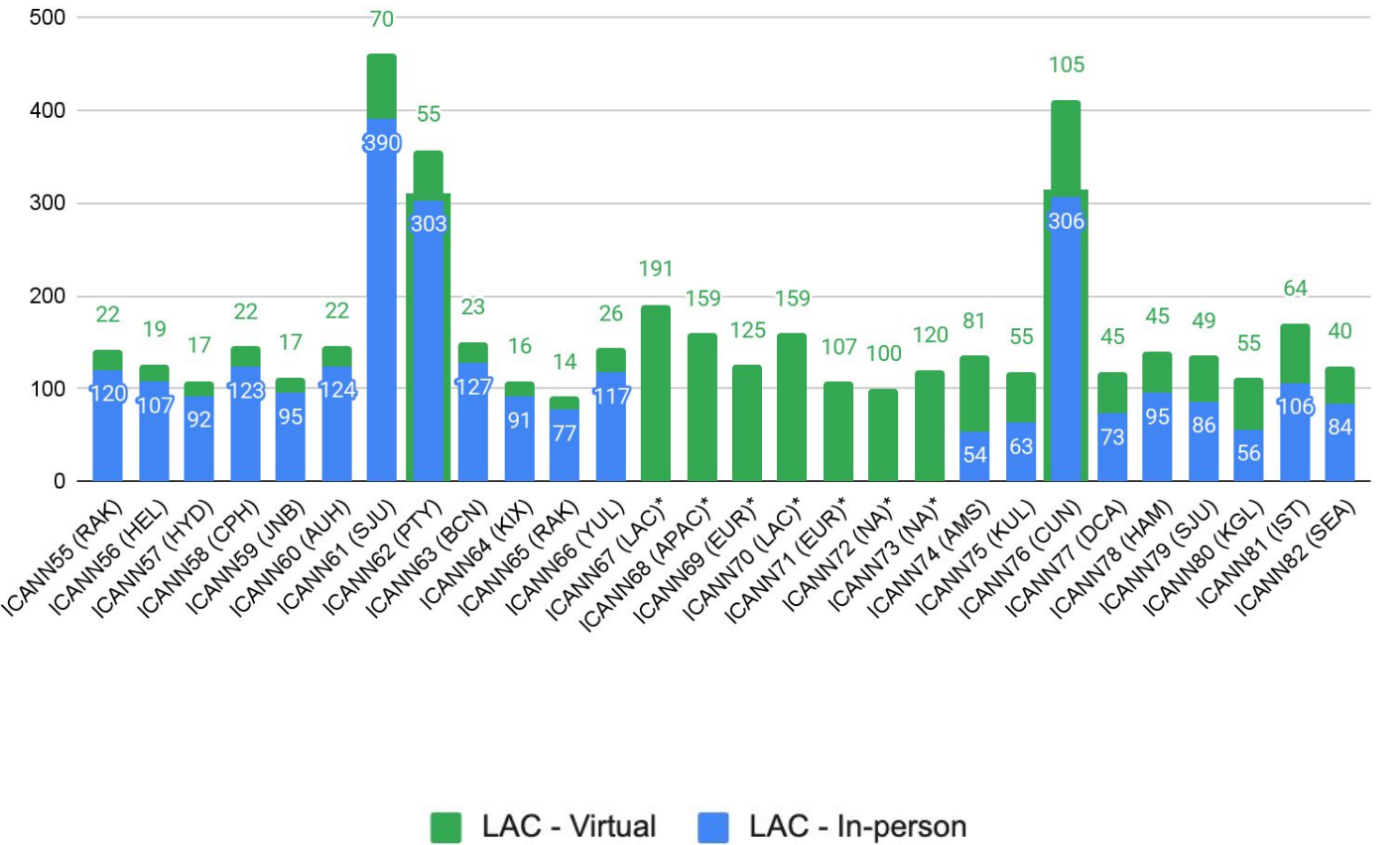
Latin America/Caribbean Islands (LAC) Regional Attendance

The attendee profile metrics for ICANN82 are derived from data that users provided during the meeting registration process.

The LAC region has an average regional attendance rate of 161 people in-person and virtually for ICANN meetings from ICANN55 through ICANN82. This average is currently 8.4% of the overall attendance of ICANN meetings.

124

ICANN82 Attendance



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Attendee Profile: Regional

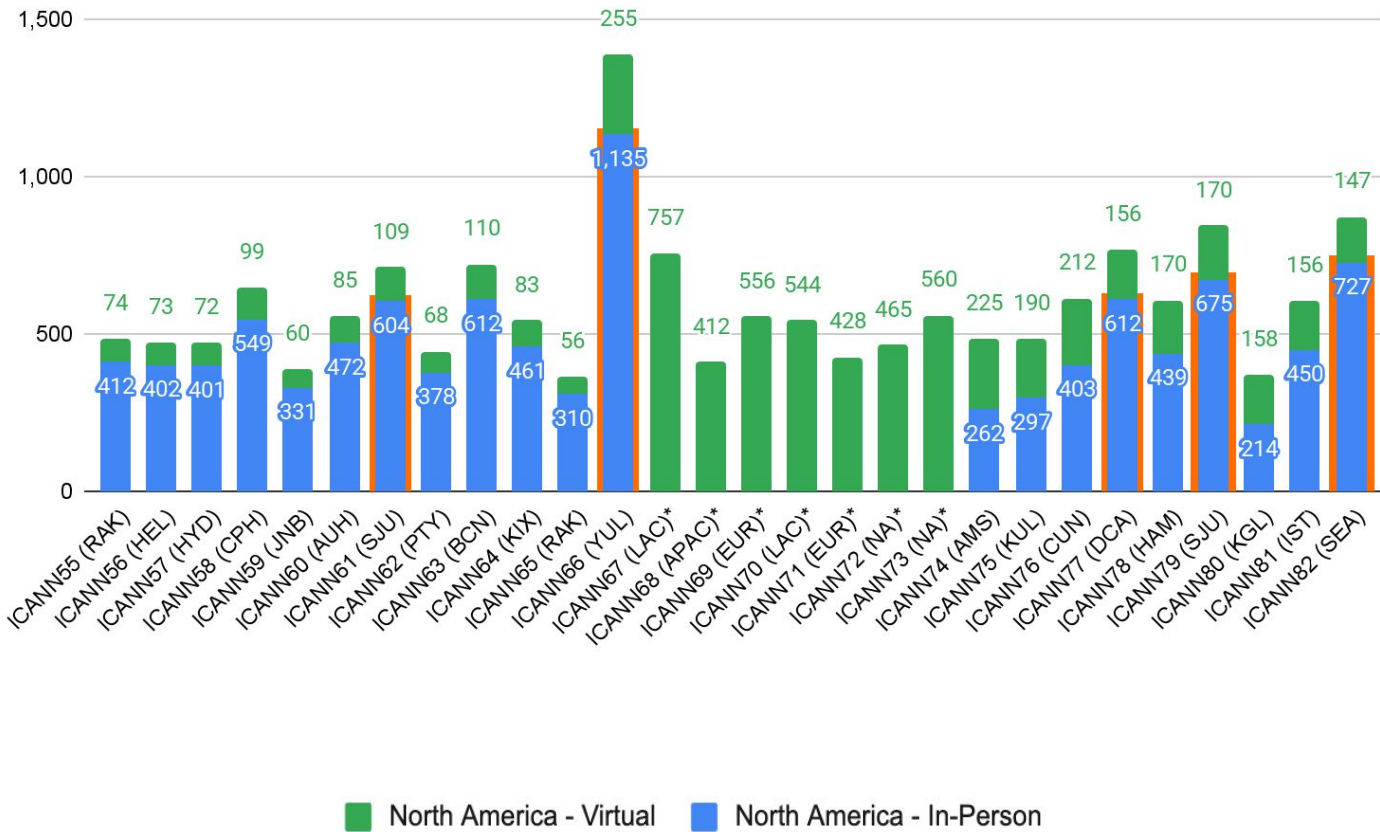
North America Regional Attendance

The attendee profile metrics for ICANN82 are derived from data that users provided during the meeting registration process.

The North American region has an average regional attendance rate of 593 people in-person and virtually for ICANN meetings from ICANN55 through ICANN82. This average is currently 29.9% of the overall attendance of ICANN meetings.



874
ICANN82 Attendance



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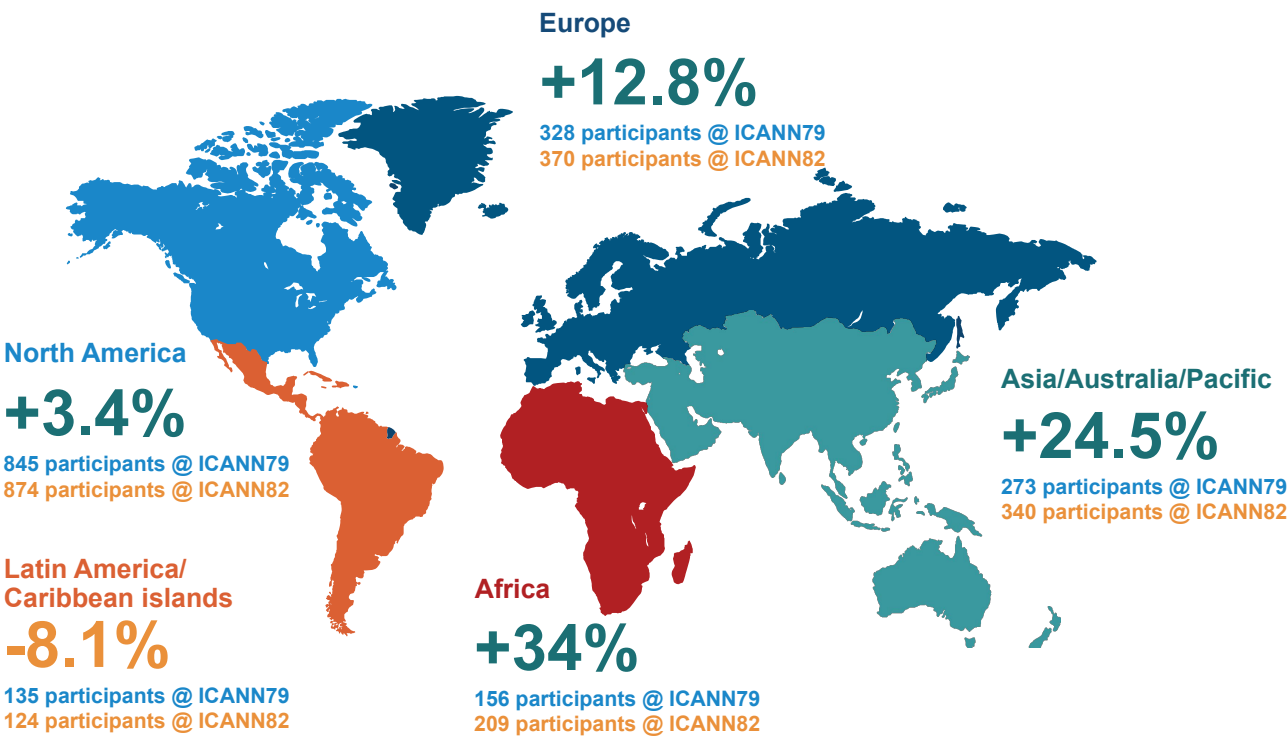
Participation Trends



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2016–2025 Trends: Participation

Attendance Trends | ICANN79 (NA) vs. ICANN82 (NA)
Comparing Recent Community Forums



Based on In-Person & Virtual Participation of 1,737 vs. 1,917 (+10.4%)

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



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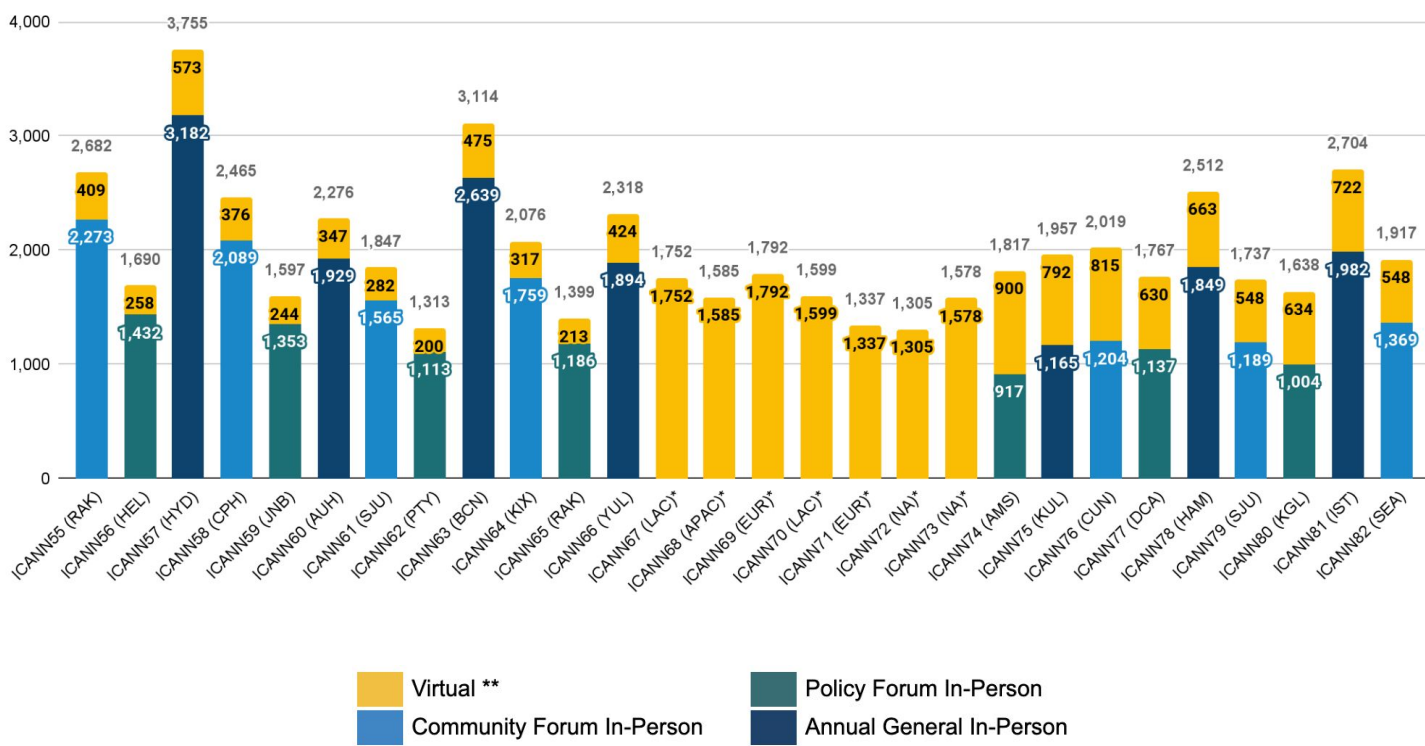
2016–2025 Trends: Participation

Attendance Overview of ICANN55–ICANN82

1,967
Community Forum
Average Attendance

1,571
Policy Forum
Average Attendance

2,415
Annual General Meeting
Average Attendance



In-person meeting locations are noted by 3-letter airport codes.
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**Virtual attendees for ICANN55 through ICANN65 and ICANN74 through ICANN82 are estimated based on available registration data.

1,984
Overall Average
Attendance

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Session Statistics



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Session Statistics

Session Statistics for Seattle, United States of America

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.
- **Sign-Up Rooms** are on-site impromptu meetings, held in session rooms that have open time slots.

This chart breaks down meetings conducted by room usage.

Total Session Hours

214



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Total Session Count

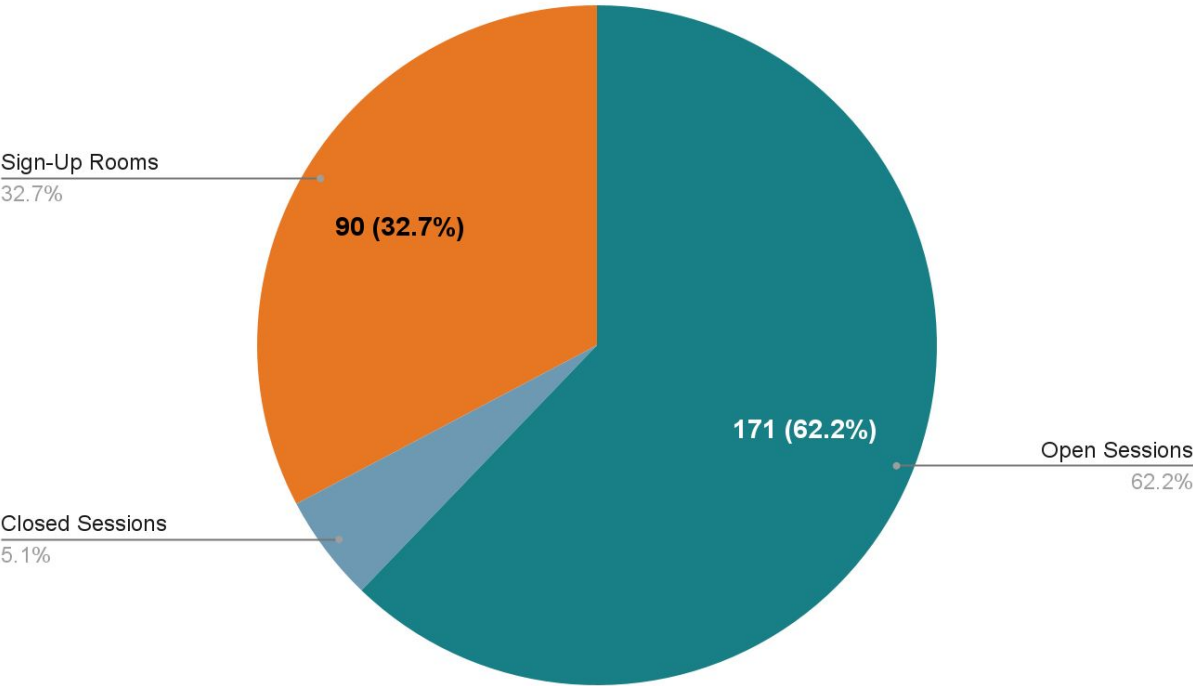
185

Average In-Person Attendance per Session

57 Participants

Based on Mid-session Counts of Rooms

ICANN82 Room Usage



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 for every session. 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	582
Public Forum	377
Tech Day (2 of 3)	302
How We Meet Community Feedback Session	284
Geopolitical, Legislative, and Regulatory Developments Update	260
ICANN Board Meeting	198
Joint Meeting: GAC and ccNSO	144
GAC: Discussion on DNS Abuse	140
Joint Meeting: ICANN Board and GAC	140
Joint Meeting: GAC and GNSO	137
Joint Session: ICANN Board and CPH	136
Joint Session: ICANN Board and GNSO Council	134
Dialogue on ICANN Community Participant Code of Conduct	126
Joint Session: ICANN Board and ALAC	123
GAC Discussion on New gTLD Program Next Round	121
Tech Day (1 of 3)	121
GAC Discussion on WHOIS and Registration Data Issues	113
Joint Meeting: GAC and CPH	106
GAC WSIS+20 Discussion with GAC IG Group	105
GAC: Open Mic and Meeting with the NCSG Sessions	104
GAC Sessions: Capacity Development (3 of 3) and Next Round Prep Session	100
NARALO Roundtable on AI and DNS Abuse	99
GNSO: CPH DNS Abuse Community Update	98
DNS Women: There are challenges on the table - Join us for this debate!	98
Joint Meeting: GAC and SSAC	96

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Schedule Website Statistics



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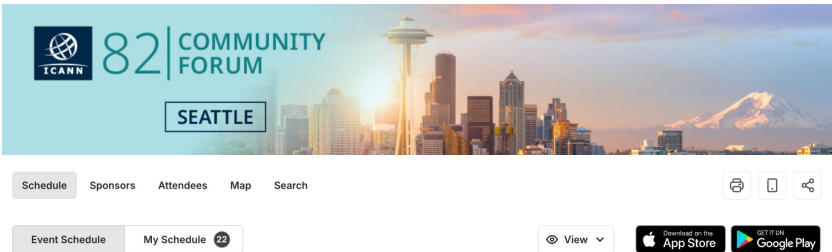
Schedule Website Statistics

Schedule Platform | <https://82.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

1,505

Personal Schedules Created

1,155



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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.

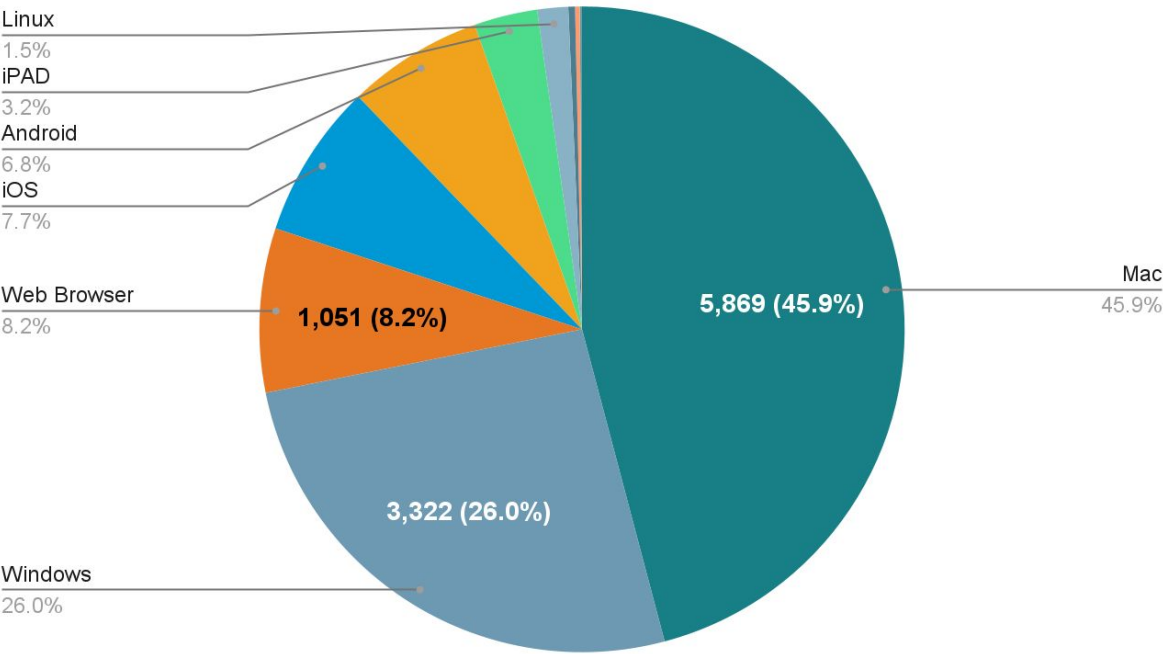
Services Provided:

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.

Zoom Device Connections



Participation Statistics – In-Person

In-Person Attendees by top 40 Countries

COUNTRY / TERRITORY	IN-PERSON ATTENDEES ▼
United States of America	596
No country given	63
Canada	56
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	55
China	38
Germany	37
Australia	33
Belgium	24
France	24
Netherlands	23
Brazil	21
Nigeria	21
India	20
Argentina	17
South Africa	14
Türkiye	12
Japan	11
Sweden	11
Switzerland	10
Indonesia	9
Uruguay	9
Kenya	8
Ireland	7
Czech Republic	6
Egypt	6
Portugal	6
Serbia	6
Spain	6
Bangladesh	5
Costa Rica	5
Denmark	5
Guinea, Republic of	5
New Zealand	5
Rwanda	5
Trinidad and Tobago	5
Austria	4
Benin	4
Chile	4
Italy	4
Mali	4

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General Information



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ICANN Equipment Shipped to ICANN82

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. For some locations, air freighting the ICANN equipment via an airplane is required. ICANN works to reduce the amount of freight to be shipped when air freight is required.

The following depicts the equipment shipped in 131 cases for ICANN82.

ICANN-Owned Equipment Shipment Weight

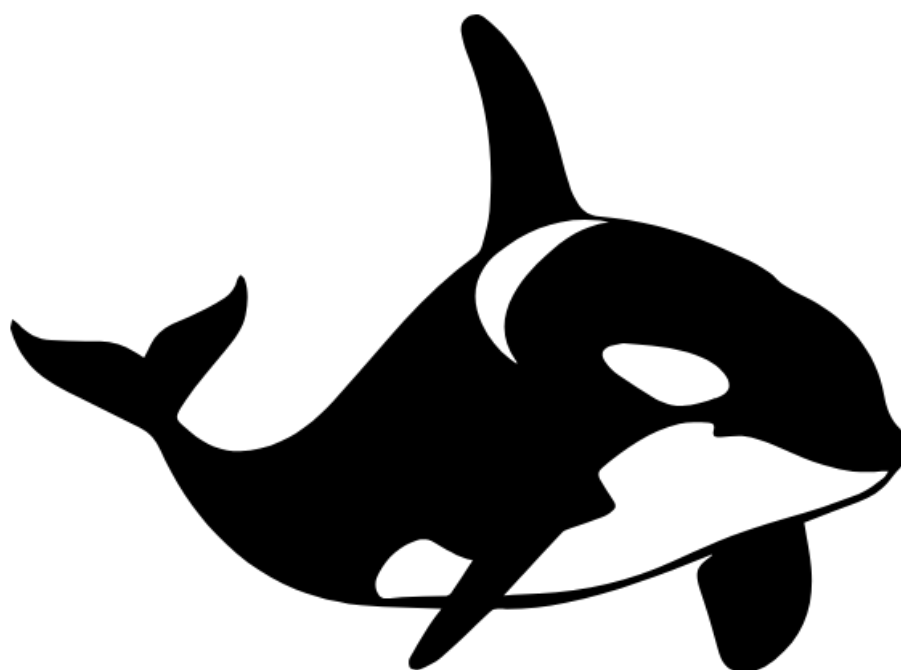
12,020 kgs | 26,500 lbs

- or -

13.25 tons | 11.83 tonnes

- or -

**3 Adult
Southern Resident Orcas**



Based on average 3,636 kgs / 8,000 lbs per Orca

<https://whaleresearch.com>

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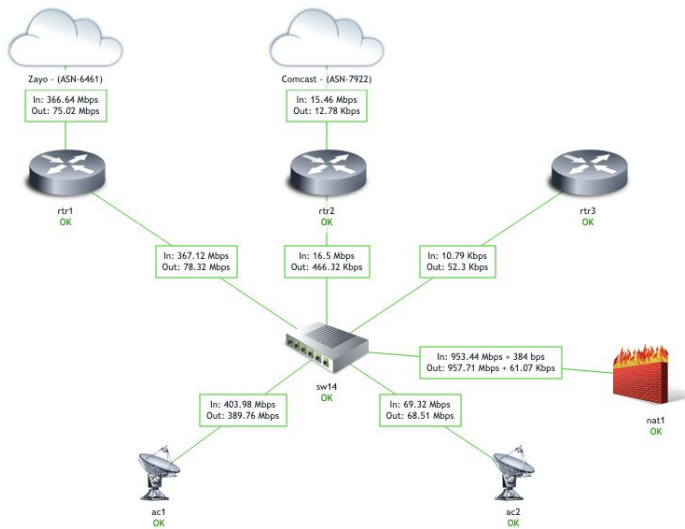
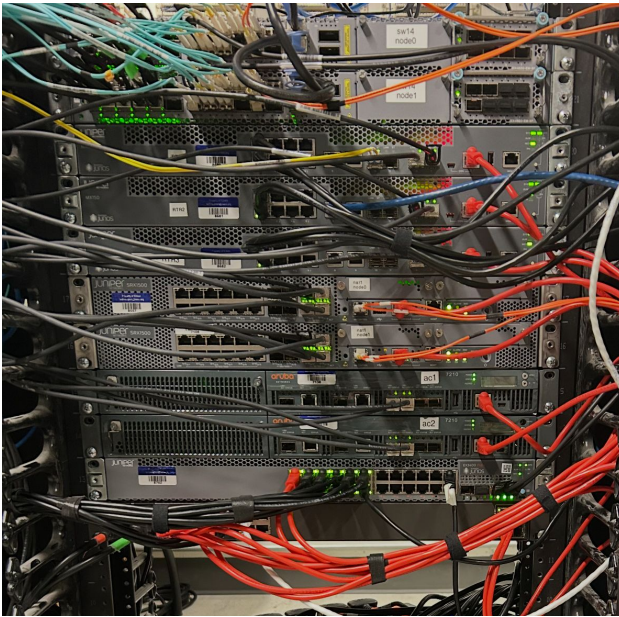
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Session Monitoring

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.



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



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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 Network Operations Center (NOC) team when a maximum number of users are associated with a single access point. The NOC team responds promptly by mitigating issues with access points or deploying more access points.

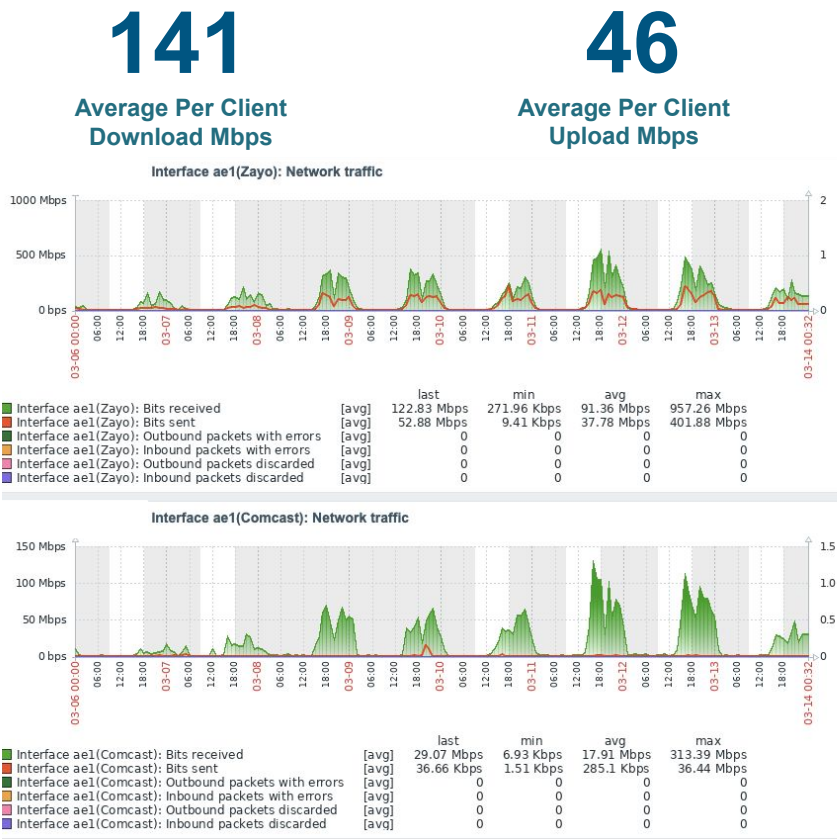
Great care and time go into the deployment plan for wireless access points. The NOC team works closely with our wireless vendor Aruba to ensure the best possible configuration of device profiles.

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

Wi-Fi Associations



Bandwidth Utilization



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

2,755
IPv6 Download Gbytes

650
IPv6 Upload Gbytes

IPv6 Network Usage

21%

IPv4 Data Transferred In/Out

9,670
IPv4 Download Gbytes

3,375
IPv4 Upload Gbytes

IPv4 Network Usage

79%

Internet Service Providers

2
On-site Bandwidth Gbps

Comcast Business
Zayo

Total Data Transferred In/Out

12,425
Download Gbytes

4,025
Upload Gbytes



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