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Prague, Czech Republic
9–12 June 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 Policy Forum?

The Policy Forum is dedicated to policy development work of the Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees (SO/ACs) as well as regional outreach activities, and serves as an important opportunity for policy development process (PDP) working groups to advance their work in face-to-face meetings with the broader community.

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 provides 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 Prague, Czech Republic

ICANN83 had 1,902 attendees, with 1,333 participating in-person and 569 virtually.

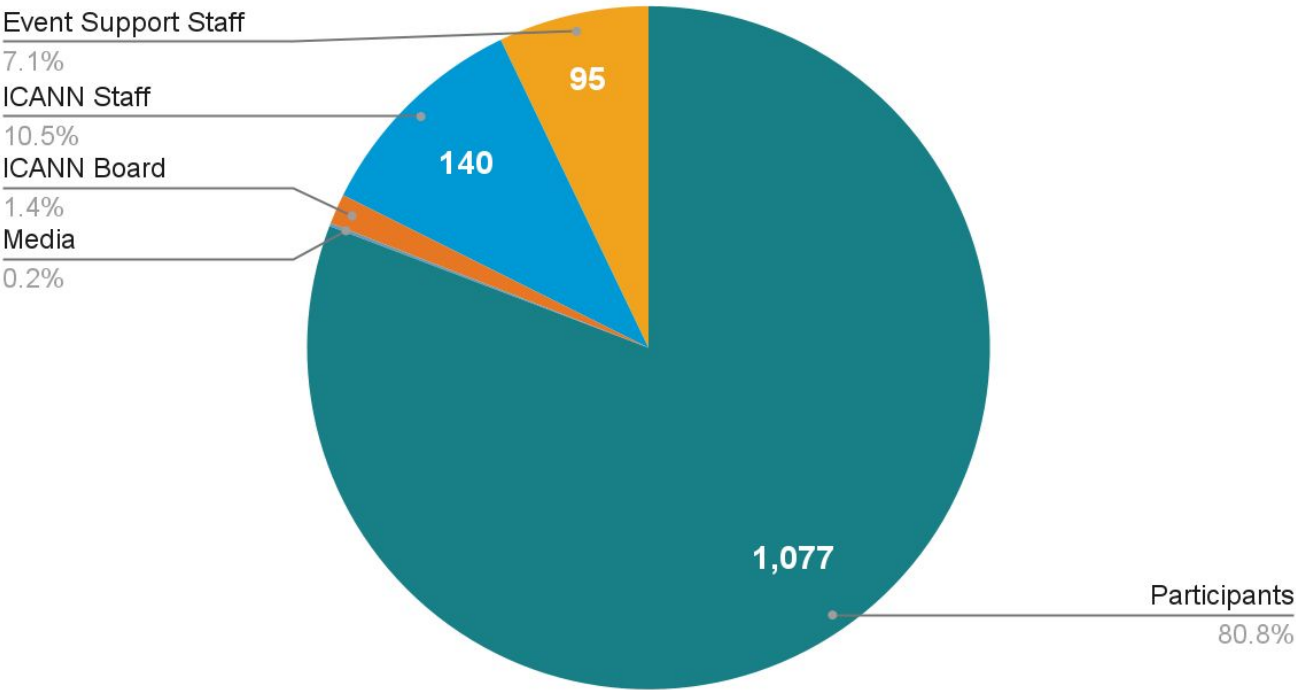
ICANN Public Meetings are a central pillar of ICANN's multistakeholder model. They provide a venue for advancing policy work, conducting outreach, exchanging best practices, conducting business deals, interacting with members of the ICANN community, with the ICANN Board and staff, and learning about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



ICANN83 In-Person Attendee Breakdown



Attendee Profile: Regional

Attendee Profile by ICANN Regions

Geographic representation 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 representation 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

477 attendees

Europe

730 attendees

Latin America/ Caribbean

120 attendees

Africa

211 attendees

Asia/Australia/Pacific

364 attendees

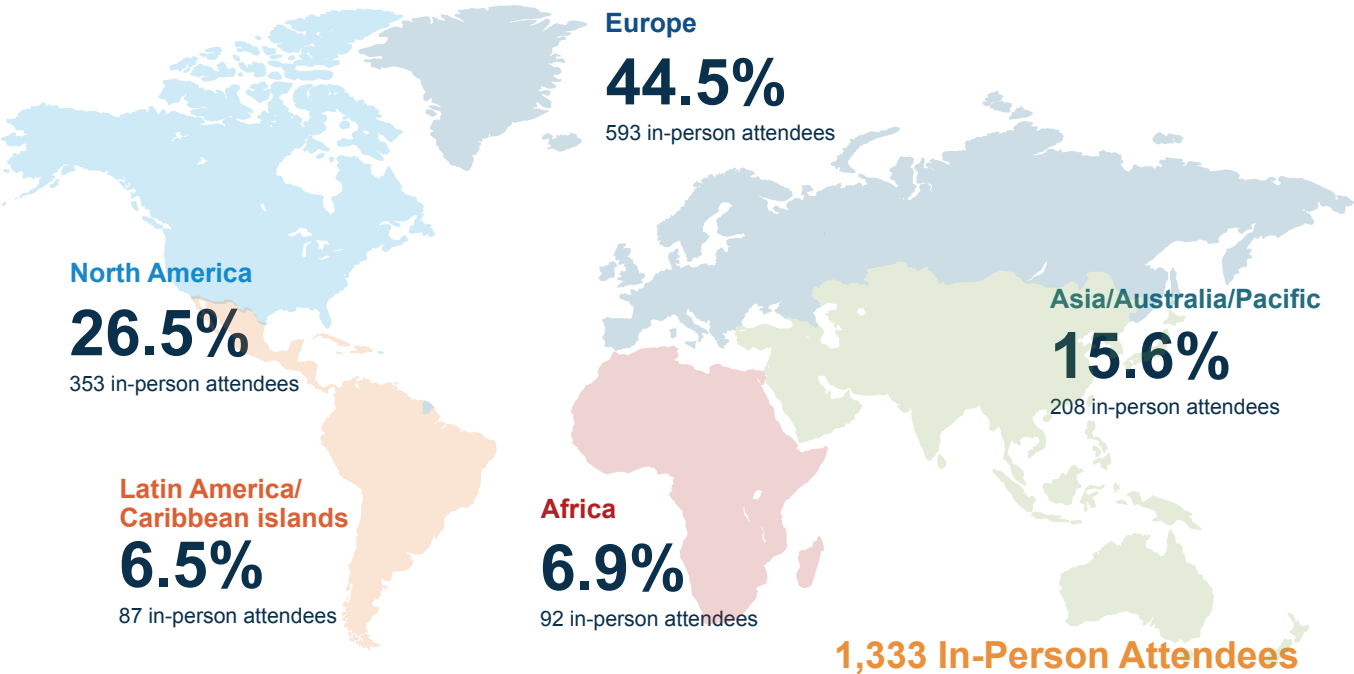
1,902 Total Attendees

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

Attendee Profile: In-Person vs. Virtual

Regional In-Person Attendance

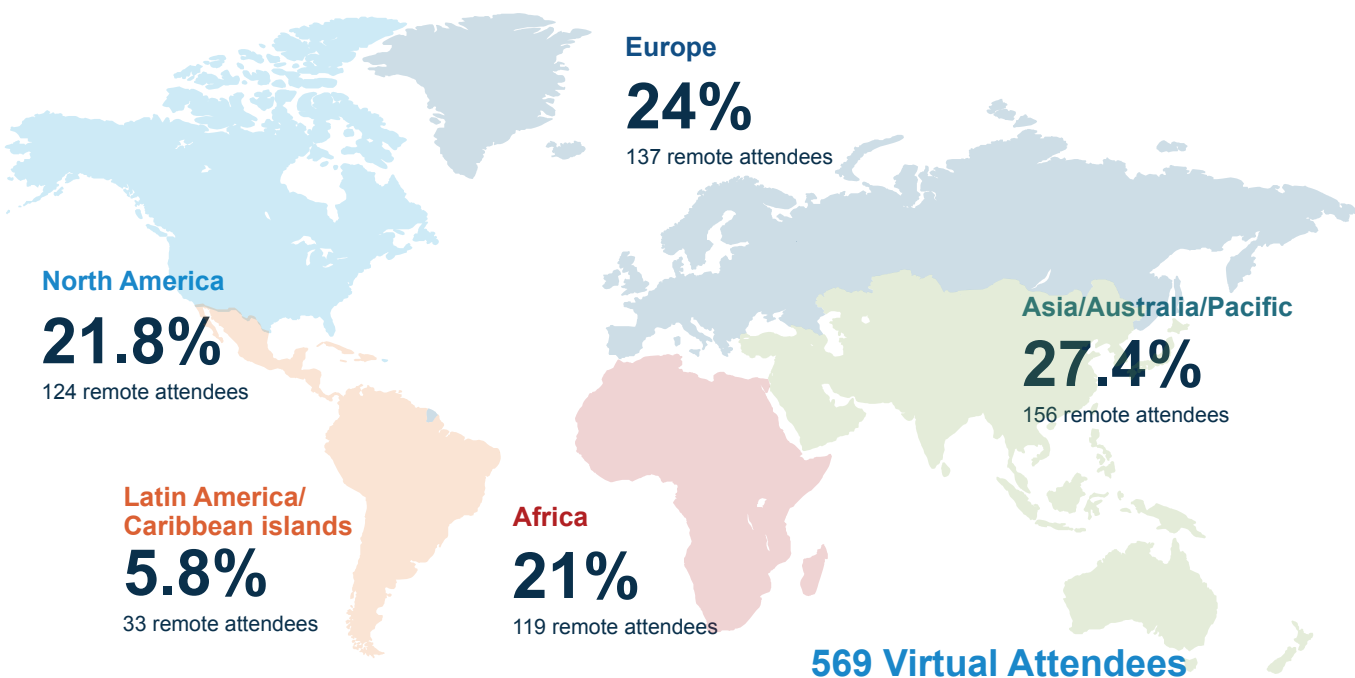
129 Represented Countries/Territories



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

Regional Virtual Attendance

113 Represented Countries/Territories



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

Attendee Profile: Regional

Africa Regional Attendance

The attendee profile metrics for ICANN83 are derived from data that users provided during the meeting registration process.

The Africa region has an average regional attendance rate of 245 people in-person and virtually for ICANN meetings from ICANN55 through ICANN83. This average is currently 12.4% of the overall attendance of ICANN meetings.



211

ICANN83 Attendance

+0.95%

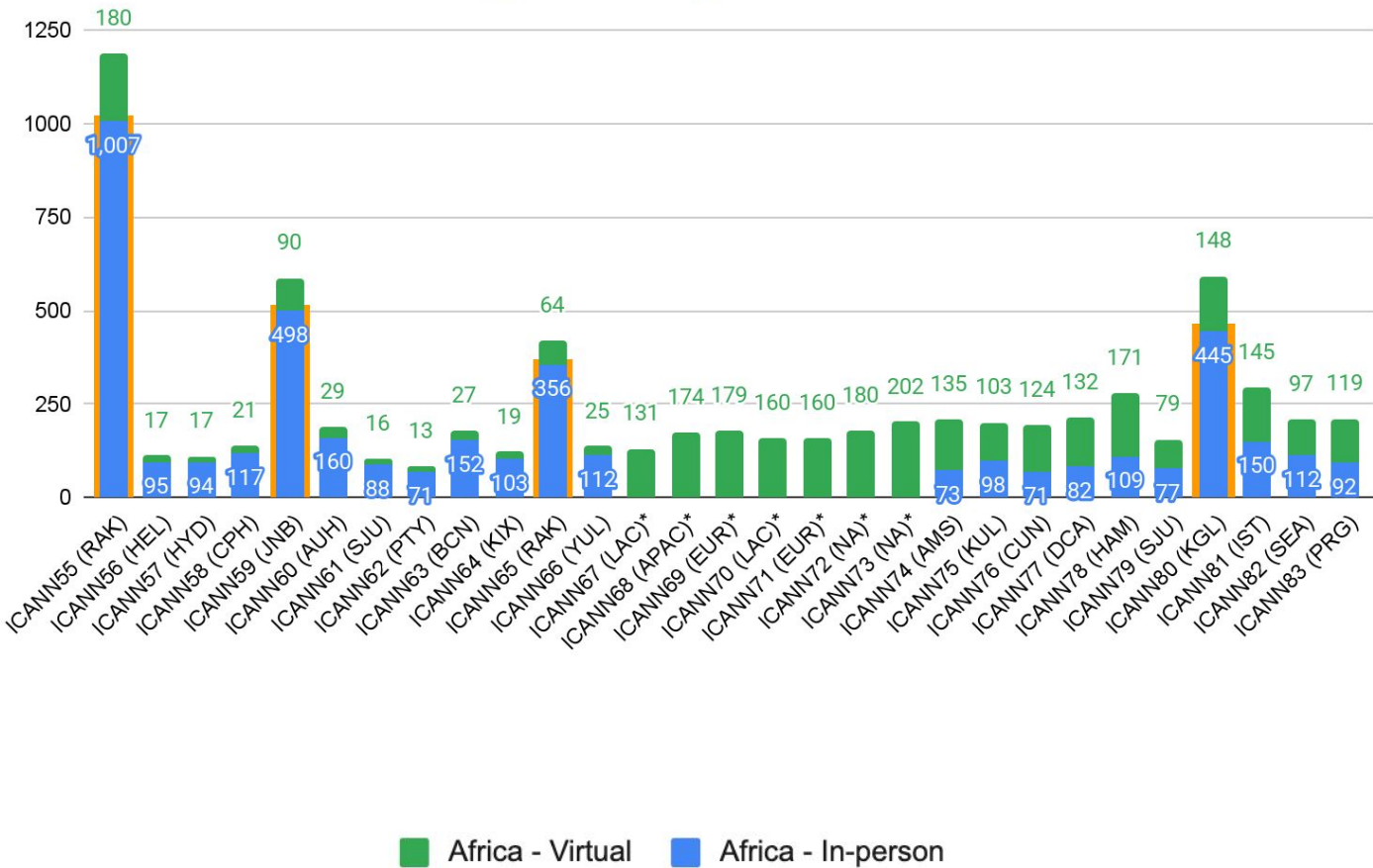
(+2) compared to ICANN82 [Prior Meeting]

-64.4%

(-383) compared to ICANN80 [Prior Policy Forum]

-64.4%

(-383) compared to ICANN80 [Prior AF Regional Meeting]



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 ICANN83 are derived from data that users provided during the meeting registration process.

The APAC region has an average regional attendance rate of 469 people in-person and virtually for ICANN meetings from ICANN55 through ICANN83. This average is currently 23.7% of the overall attendance of ICANN meetings.

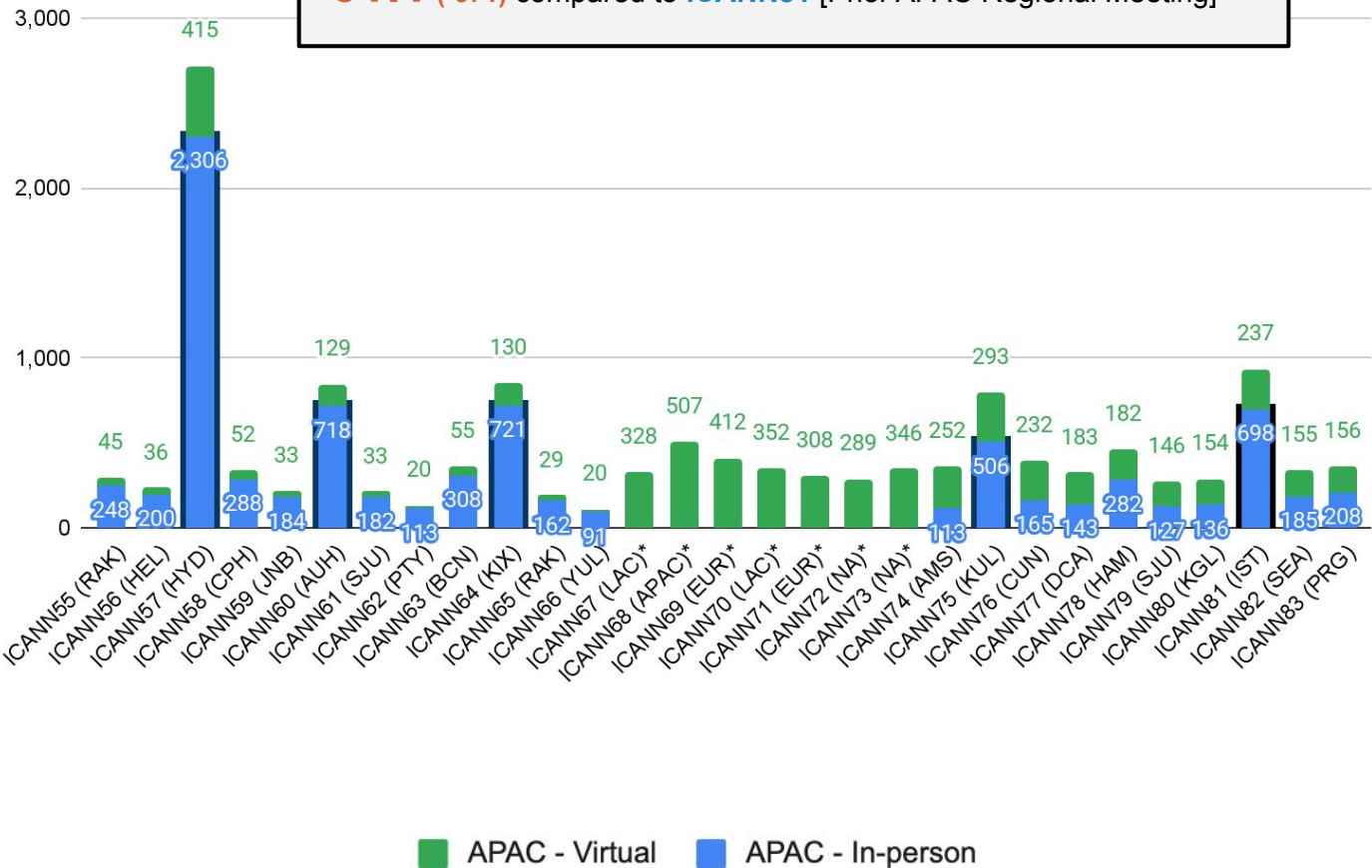
364

ICANN83 Attendance

+7% (+24) compared to ICANN82 [Prior Meeting]

+25.5% (+74) compared to ICANN80 [Prior Policy Forum]

-61.1 (-571) compared to ICANN81 [Prior APAC Regional Meeting]



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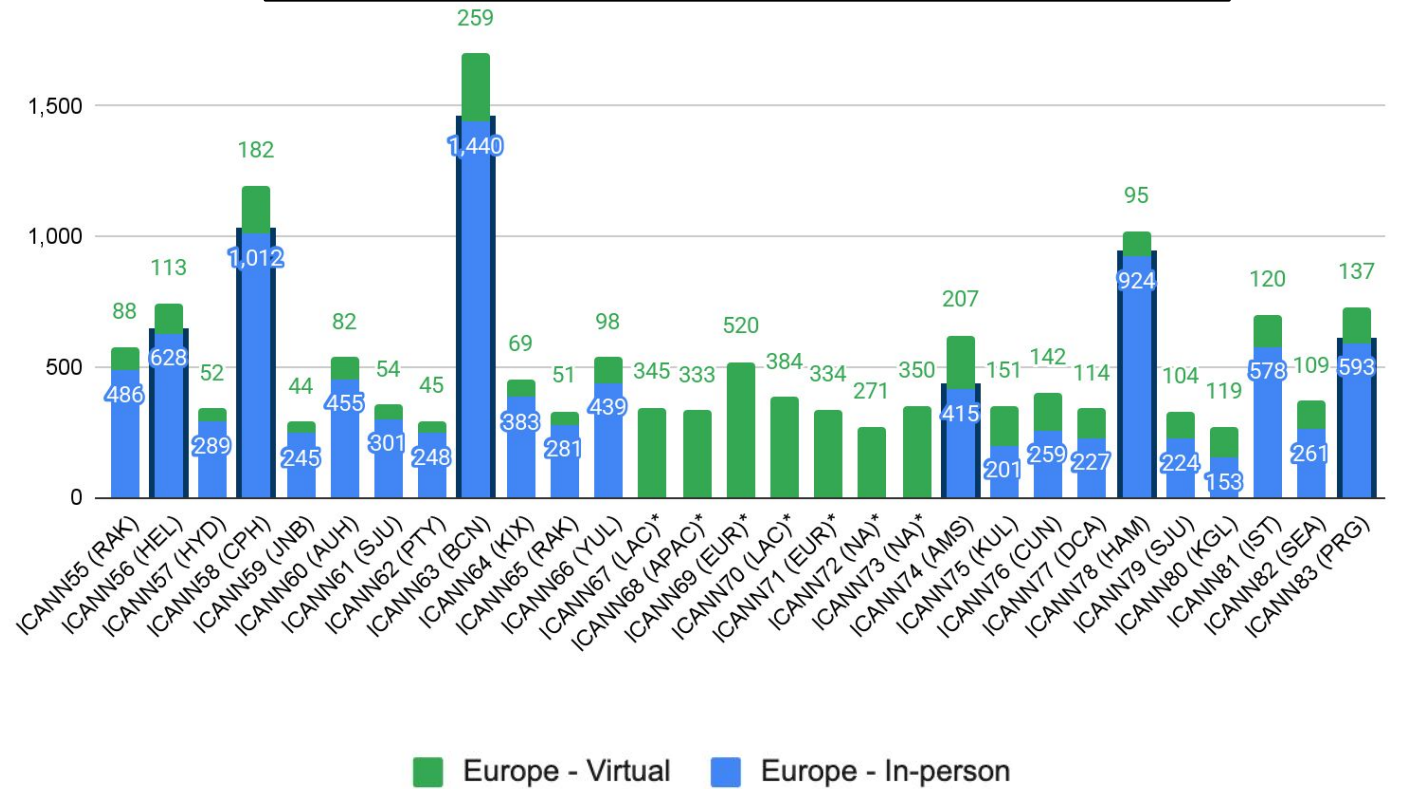
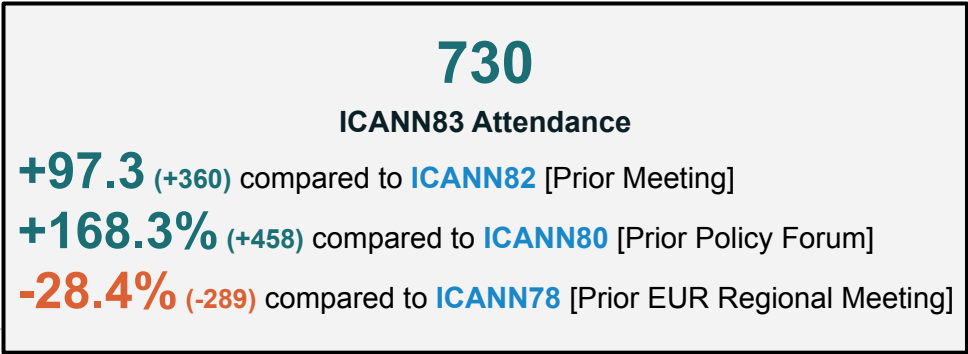
Attendee Profile: Regional



Europe Regional Attendance

The attendee profile metrics for ICANN83 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 ICANN83. This average is currently 26.1% of the overall attendance of ICANN meetings.



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Attendee Profile: Regional

Latin America/Caribbean Islands (LAC) Regional Attendance

The attendee profile metrics for ICANN83 are derived from data that users provided during the meeting registration process.

The LAC region has an average regional attendance rate of 160 people in-person and virtually for ICANN meetings from ICANN55 through ICANN83. This average is currently 8.1% of the overall attendance of ICANN meetings.

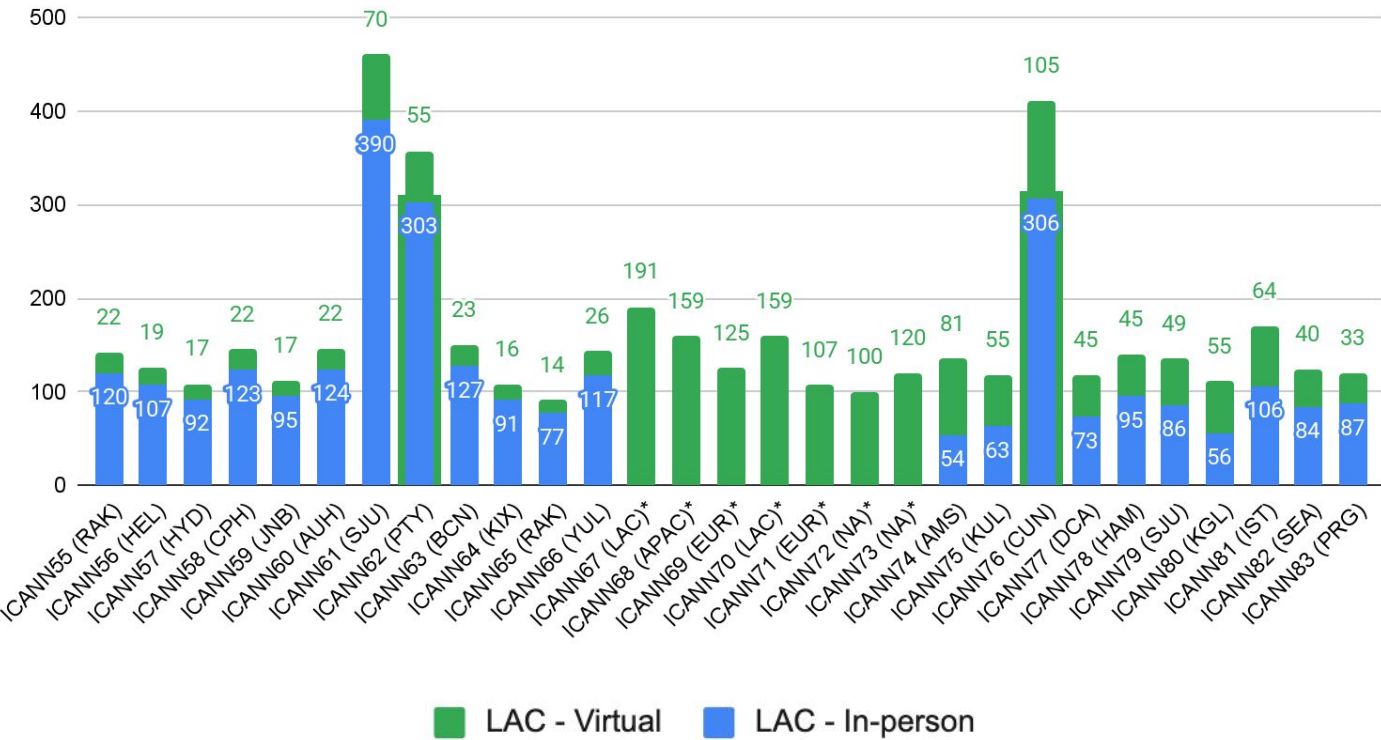
120

ICANN83 Attendance

-3.2% (-4) compared to ICANN82 [Prior Meeting]

+8.1% (+9) compared to ICANN79 [Prior Policy Forum]

-70.8% (-291) compared to ICANN76 [Prior LAC Regional Meeting]



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

North America Regional Attendance

The attendee profile metrics for ICANN83 are derived from data that users provided during the meeting registration process.

The North American region has an average regional attendance rate of 589 people in-person and virtually for ICANN meetings from ICANN55 through ICANN83. This average is currently 29.7% of the overall attendance of ICANN meetings.



477

ICANN83 Attendance

-45.4%

(-397)

compared to ICANN82 [Prior Meeting]

+21.7%

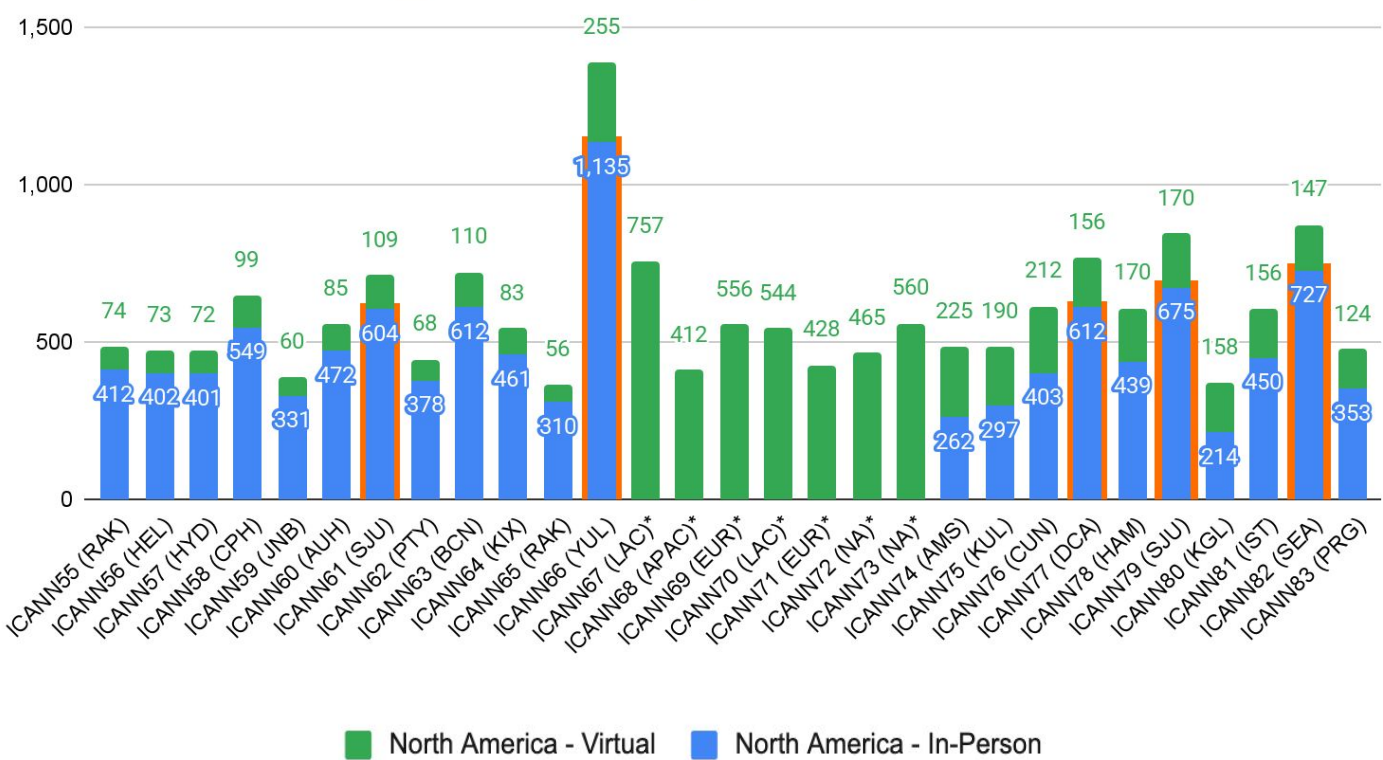
(+85)

compared to ICANN80 [Prior Policy Forum]

-45.4%

(-397)

compared to ICANN82 [Prior NA Regional Meeting]



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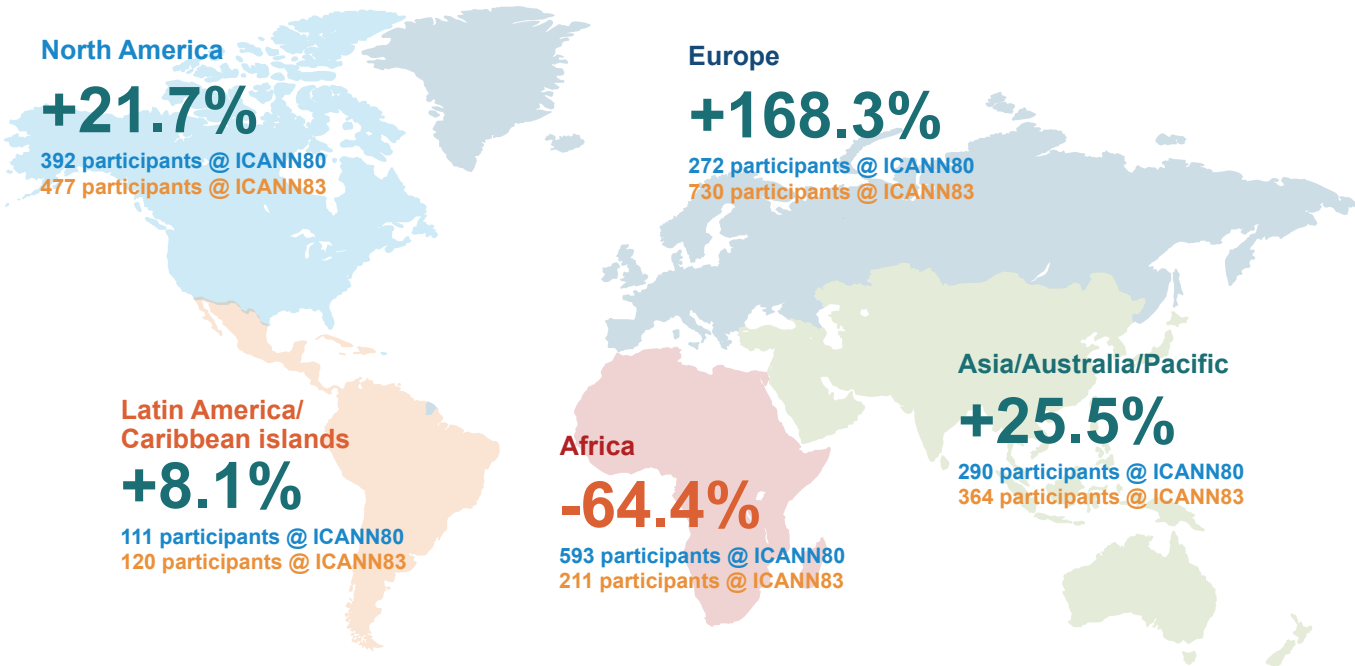
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2016–2025

Participation Trends

2016–2025 Trends: Participation

Attendance Trends | ICANN80 (AF) vs. ICANN83 (EUR)
Comparing Recent Policy Forums



Based on In-Person & Virtual Participation of 1,638 vs. 1,902 (+16.1%)

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



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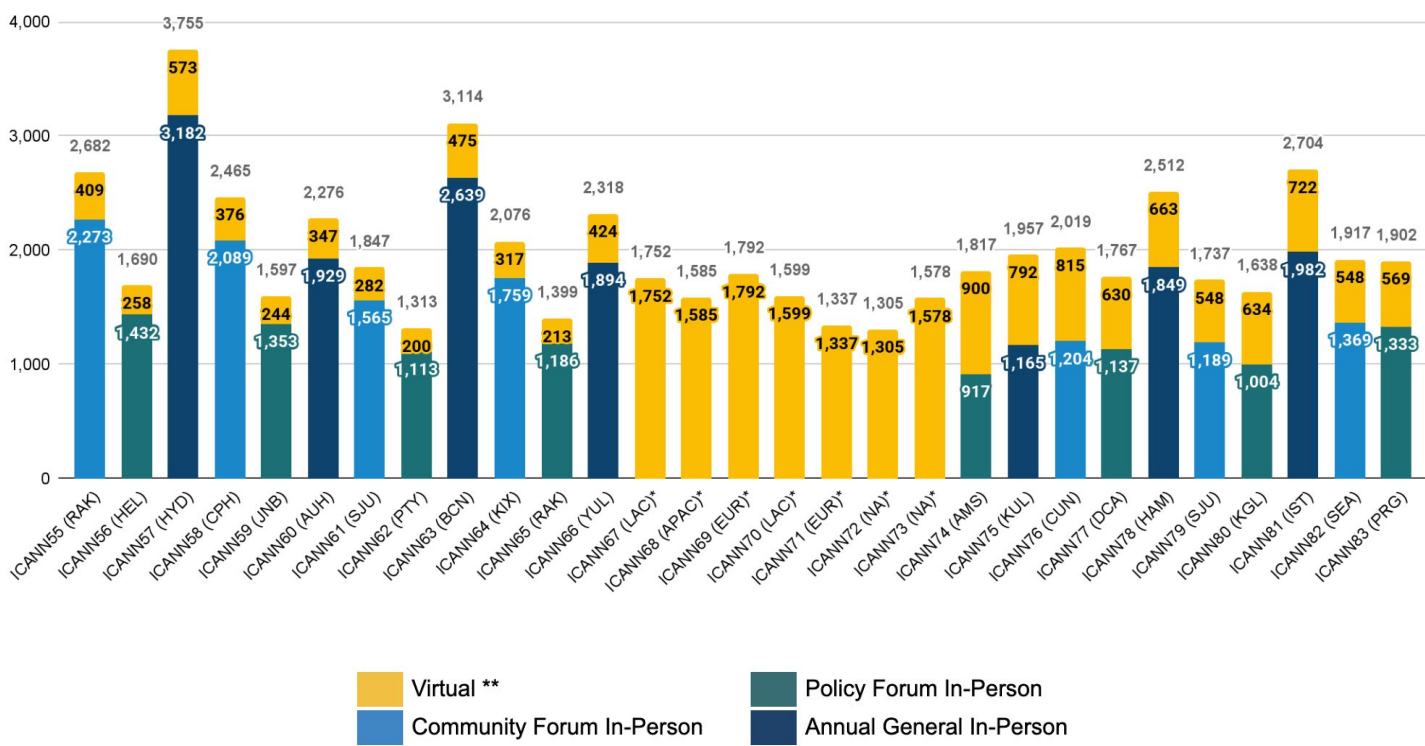
2016–2025 Trends: Participation

Attendance Overview of ICANN55–ICANN83

1,967
Community Forum
Average Attendance

1,605
Policy Forum
Average Attendance

2,415
Annual General Meeting
Average Attendance



In-person meeting locations are noted by 3-letter airport codes.
*Noted as a virtual-only meeting conducted in the specified regional timezone.
**Virtual attendees for ICANN55 through ICANN65 and ICANN74 through ICANN83 are estimated based on available registration data.

1,981
Overall Average
Attendance

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Session Statistics



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Session Statistics

Session Statistics for Prague, Czech Republic

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

170



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Total Session Count

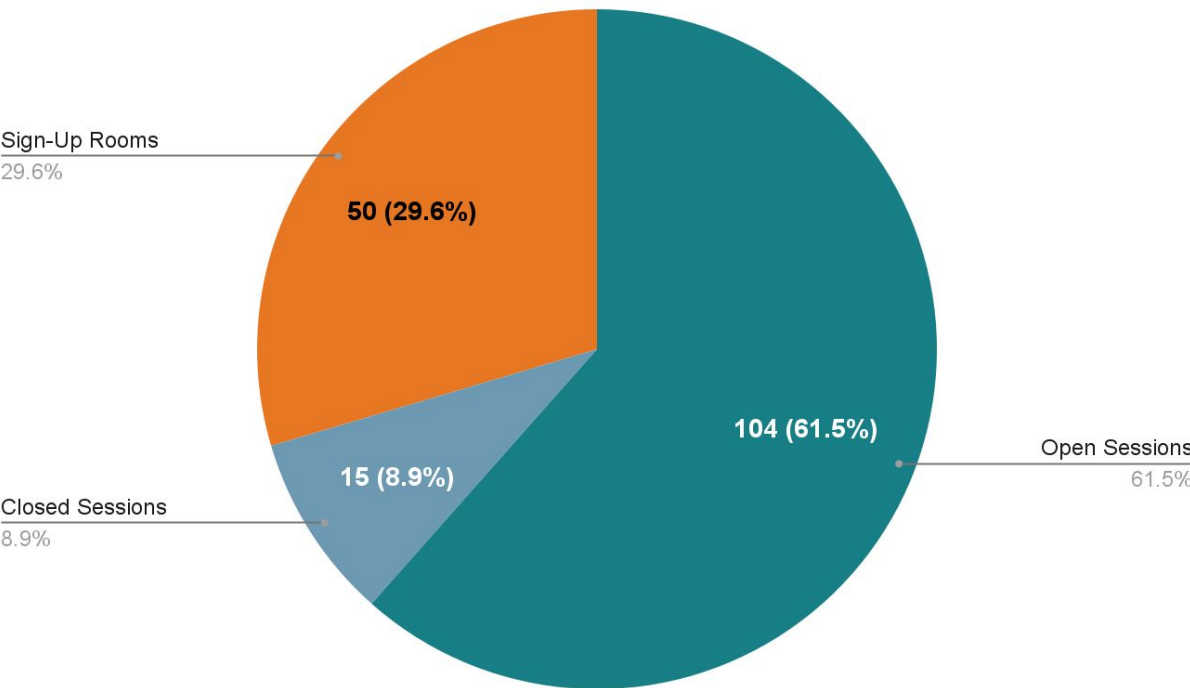
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Average In-Person Attendance per Session

49 Participants

Based on Mid-session Counts of Rooms

ICANN83 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 ▼ |
|--|------------------------|
| ICANN Community Discussion on the WSIS+20 Review | 280 |
| GAC: Discussion on New gTLD Program Next Round | 180 |
| ICANN Board and GAC Meeting | 160 |
| GAC Discussion on DNS Abuse Mitigation | 140 |
| GAC Discussion on WHOIS and Registration Data Issues and Meeting with the ASO | 133 |
| GAC: Opening Plenary | 130 |
| GAC Capacity Development Session | 130 |
| GNSO: CPH DNS Abuse Community Update | 125 |
| GAC Joint Meetings with the GNSO and ALAC | 125 |
| GAC Session on Security and Stability | 120 |
| Tech Day (2 of 2) | 110 |
| At-Large Plenary 2: Progressing DNS Abuse Mitigation Efforts Within ICANN | 102 |
| ccNSO: DASC Online Scams and Financial Crime | 100 |
| ccNSO: 20 Years of WSIS Implementation and the Road Ahead | 90 |
| ccNSO: Joint Session with ccNSO and GNSO RySG | 89 |
| Europe Space | 87 |
| NextGen@ICANN Presentations (1 of 2) | 86 |
| GNSO: RrSG: DNS Abuse - Example Review and Panel Discussion | 82 |
| How We Meet Discussion Group | 82 |
| GNSO: Human Rights Impact Assessment: Navigating Disclosure of Domain Name Registrant Data | 81 |
| ccNSO: ccTLD News Session | 79 |
| ccNSO: Breaking Barriers: How Governments & ccTLDs Advance UA | 78 |
| GAC Communique Drafting (4 of 6) | 78 |
| Tech Day (1 of 2) | 76 |
| GNSO Council Meeting | 74 |

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Schedule Website Statistics



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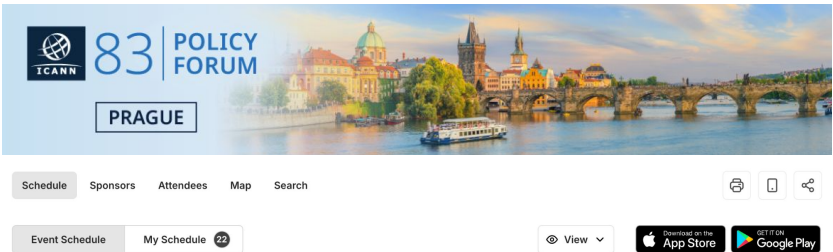
Schedule Website Statistics

Schedule Platform | <https://83.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 test 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

1,241

Personal Schedules Created

991



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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.

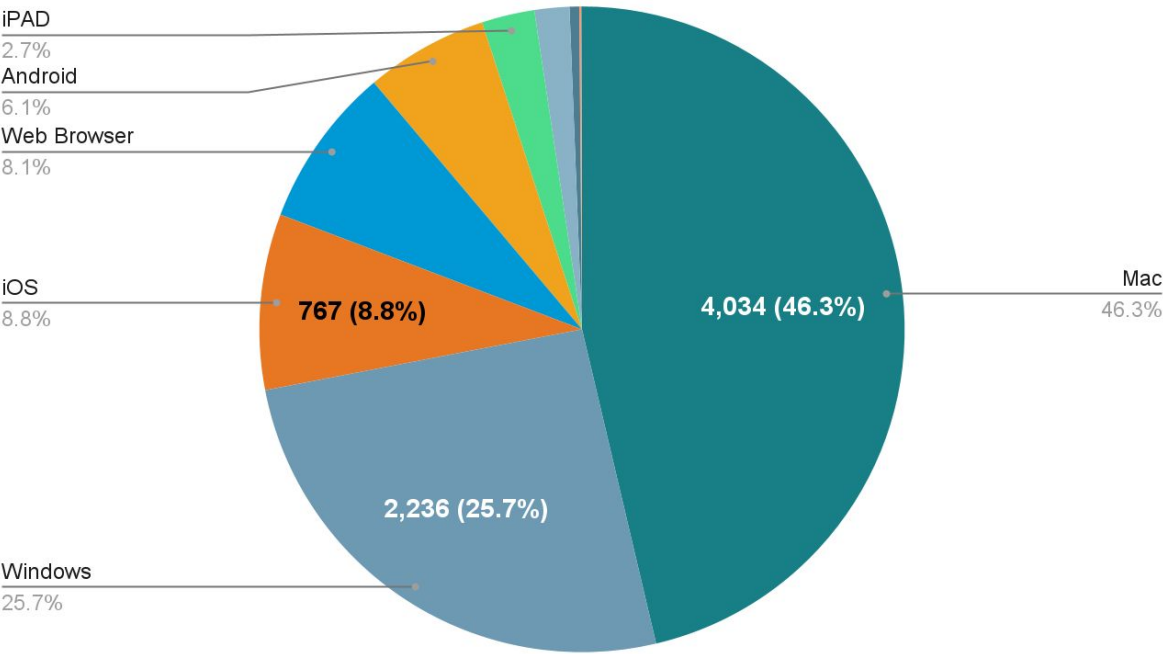
Services Provided:

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 | 303 |
| Czech Republic | 109 |
| United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | 82 |
| Germany | 81 |
| Belgium | 43 |
| Canada | 42 |
| Netherlands | 41 |
| China | 41 |
| France | 40 |
| Brazil | 26 |
| Australia | 23 |
| Spain | 23 |
| India | 20 |
| Austria | 19 |
| Switzerland | 15 |
| Türkiye | 15 |
| Argentina | 14 |
| Indonesia | 14 |
| Serbia | 14 |
| Sweden | 14 |
| Japan | 11 |
| Kenya | 10 |
| United Arab Emirates | 10 |
| Ireland | 9 |
| Nigeria | 9 |
| Ukraine | 9 |
| Uruguay | 9 |
| Chile | 8 |
| Egypt | 8 |
| New Zealand | 8 |
| South Africa | 8 |
| Viet Nam | 8 |
| Denmark | 7 |
| Lithuania | 7 |
| Slovakia | 7 |
| Tunisia | 7 |
| Greece | 6 |
| Italy | 6 |
| Mauritius | 6 |
| Norway | 6 |

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General Information

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ICANN Equipment Shipped to ICANN83

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 135 cases for ICANN83.

ICANN-Owned Equipment Shipment Weight

12,700 kgs | 30,865 lbs

- or -

14 tons | 12.7 tonnes

- or -

9 Škoda Octavia Cars



Based on average 1,465 kgs / 3,230 lbs per car

<https://www.automobiledimension.com/model/skoda/octavia>

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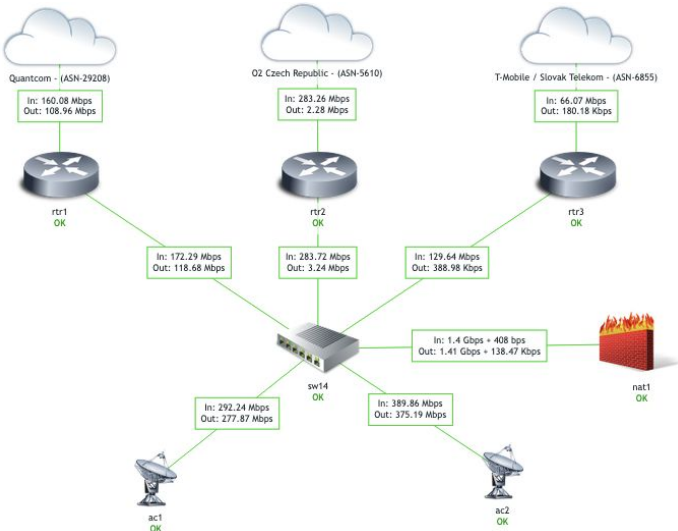
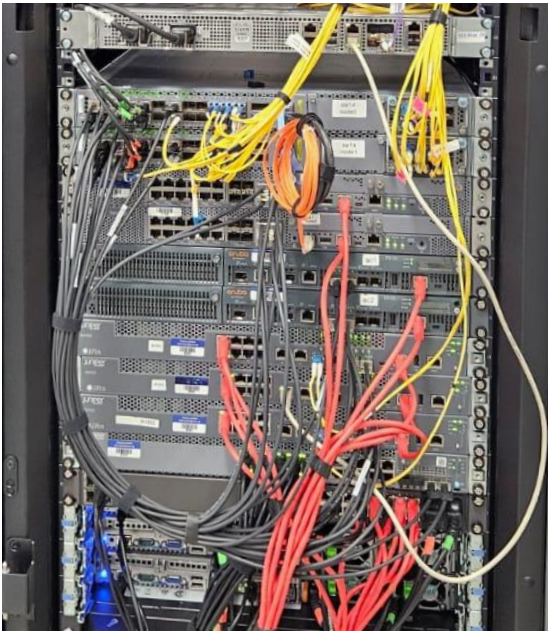
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Session Monitoring

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

3,006
IPv6 Download Gbytes

477
IPv6 Upload Gbytes

IPv6 Network Usage

23%

IPv4 Data Transferred In/Out

8,929
IPv4 Download Gbytes

2,569
IPv4 Upload Gbytes

IPv4 Network Usage

77%

Internet Service Providers

3
On-Site Bandwidth Gbps

Quantcom
O2 CZ
T-Mobile CZ

Total Data Transferred In/Out

11,935
Download Gbytes

3,046
Upload Gbytes



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