What is ICANN?

We don't often think about it… you simply type a web name or address into your browser and you are taken to the exact place where you want to go. It happens billions of times a day all around the world. The internet address system works because ICANN works. The Internet as we know it, depends on an amazing global coordination of addresses and names.

Quite simply, that global coordination afforded by ICANN translates to a secure and stable Internet.

ICANN is non-profit public benefit corporation with offices in the U.S., Europe and Asia Pacific. It is a unique global entity. Its policies and practices are generated by committees, like those meeting here in Sydney.

The committees consist of members of the public, users, technical experts, business representatives and legal experts. They discuss and debate ideas and plans and then make recommendations. The policies of ICANN are literally grown from the bottom up. In short, ICANN is very much a grass roots organization.

ICANN's meetings take place in a different global location three times each year and are always free. Since our formation 10 years ago, tens of thousands of people have attended our international conferences in locations ranging from Tokyo, to Mexico City to Sydney.

Brussels	6 Rond Point Schuman, Bt. 5	B-1040 Brussels	BELGIUM	T +32 2 234 7870	F +32 2 234 7848
Sydney	Level 2, 48 Hunter Street	Sydney NSW 2000	AUSTRALIA	T +61 2 8236 7900	F +61 2 8236 7913
Washington, DC	1875 I Street, NW, 5th Floor	Washington, DC 20006	USA	T +1 202 429 2704	F +1 202 429 2714
Marina del Rey	4676 Admiralty Way, Suite 330	Marina del Rey, CA 90292	USA	T +1 310 823 9358	F +1 310 823 8649

http://icann.org