Get to know ICANN

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Agenda

- Overview: What is ICANN and how does it work?

- Security roundtable discussion

- BREAK (10:30-11:00)

- Discussion of security roundtable

- Why YOU are here

- Tips for understanding ICANN
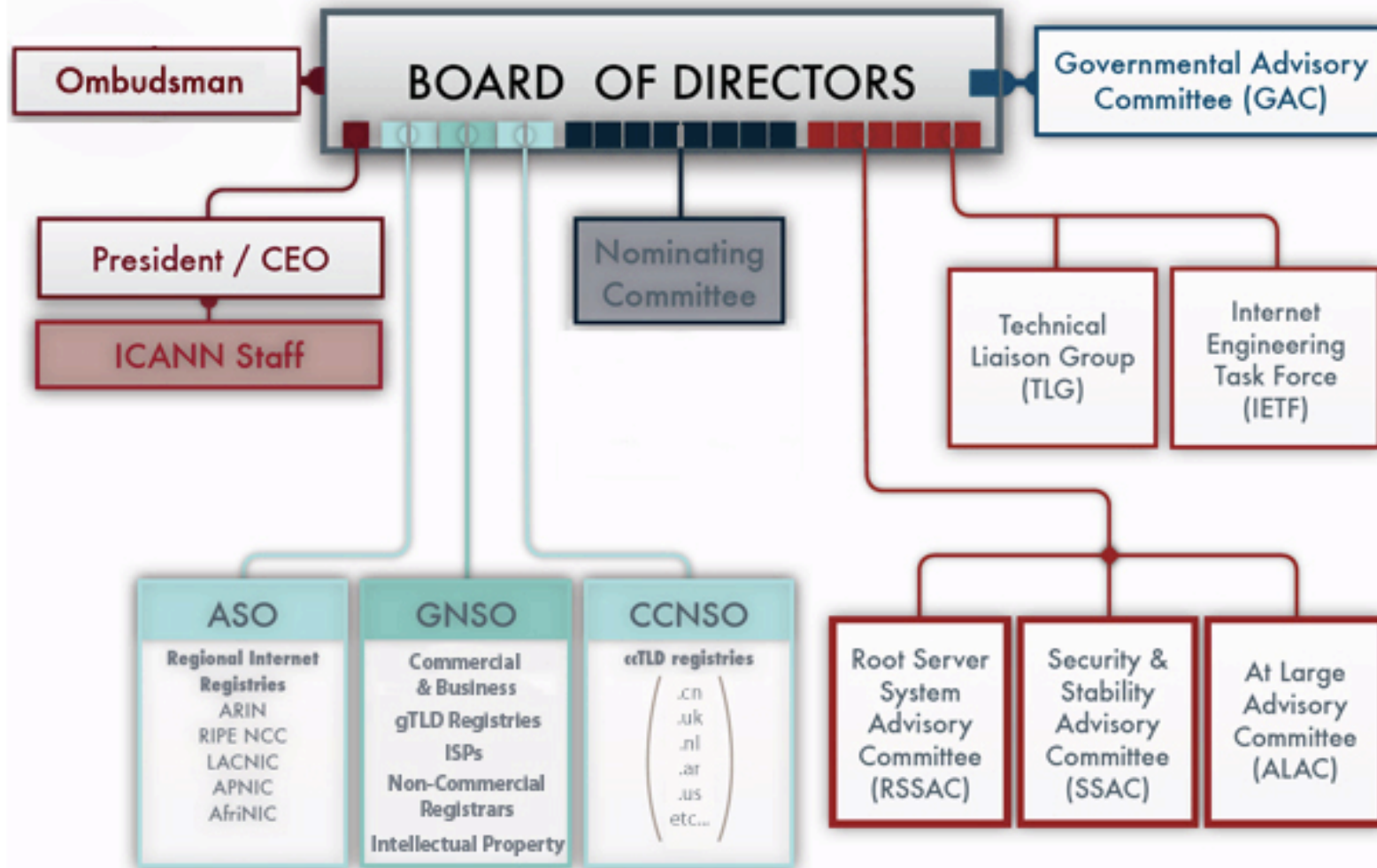
- Question and answer session

What is ICANN?

- To reach another person on the Internet you have to type an address into your computer - a name or a number. That address has to be unique so computers know where to find each other.

- ICANN coordinates these unique identifiers across the world. Without that coordination we wouldn't have one global Internet.

- ICANN was formed in 1998. It is a not-for-profit public-benefit corporation with participants from all over the world dedicated to keeping the Internet secure, stable and interoperable. It promotes competition and develops policy on the Internet's unique identifiers.

- ICANN doesn't control content on the Internet. It cannot stop spam and it doesn't deal with access to the Internet. But through its coordination role of the Internet's naming system, it does have an important impact on the expansion and evolution of the Internet.

How does ICANN work?

- Represents all the Internet's "stakeholders" – business, governments, technical community, domain name industry, Internet users

- Every group can comment on work produced by other groups: bottom-up consensus

- Staff produce papers put out for public comment

- Representative Board makes final decision

Structure

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How do ICANN meetings work? Part 1

- Monday – opening day; main topics
- Tuesday – different groups meet among themselves
- Wednesday – groups make decisions; workshops on ongoing issues
- Thursday – public forum and more workshops
- Friday – Board meeting

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How do ICANN meetings work? Part 2 – First time attendees

- View first meeting as learning experience

- Large number of issues – and many interact with one another

- Often discussions are building on previous discussions and on documents – so read documents before making comments

- Ask a question, either in public or of others

Security discussion

- What do YOU think?

- What are the big security issues?

- What can ICANN do about them?

- What can YOU do about them?

Break

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Why are YOU here?

- Why did you come to this Seoul meeting?

- How well do you know ICANN?

- How did you hear about ICANN?

- What do you expect from the conference?

- What would you like to see / do?

Tips for understanding ICANN

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Question and answer

Thank you
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