

# ICANN's Geographic Regions

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# A (very) brief history

ccNSO sent report expressing concerns about ICANN Geographic Regions to the ICANN Board.

ICANN Board set up cross constituency working group.

Initial Report – How are Geographic Regions used within ICANN?

Interim Report – What are we trying to achieve when using Geographic Regions, and are we achieving these goals?

Final Report – Recommendations for improvements (if any).



# Thoughts so far

- There is no single independent, authoritative list of countries and regions that ICANN can “adopt”.
- The present regional structure has a number of problems and has never been properly authorised.
- The original intent was that the structure should change to reflect the changing make up of the internet community. It hasn't, but does this matter now?
- Geographic Regions have worked reasonably well for their original purpose – geographic diversity of the ICANN Board...
- ...and not so well when adopted by SO's and AC's.
- Changing the number of Regions would cause financial and organizational issues.



# Personal Preferences

- Have a formal, top-down Regional structure for use with the ICANN Board membership.
- Adopt the present structure of the Regional Internet Registries (RIRs) i.e. follow the infrastructure.
- Allow countries to self-select with Government agreement.
- SOs/ACs may use top-down structure if they wish, or may adopt alternative method for ensuring geographic/ cultural diversity, subject to Board oversight.
- Quite separately, introduce bottom-up Special Interest Groups – may be temporary or long-term – for groups of countries with shared interests, e.g. Small Island States, Arab Nations, Caribbean Countries.



# Changes if RIR Structure were adopted

Region	Current #		RIRS #	
Africa	54	→	54	No change
Asia/Pacific/Aust	73	→	58	+11 -26
Europe	78	→	78	+24 -24
Latin America/ Caribbean	33	→	29	+5 -9
North America	8	→	27	+22 -3



# Questions for you

- If Special Interest Groups are introduced:
  - Should there be a minimum number of members before they are officially recognized by ICANN? If so, how many?
  - What does “officially recognized by ICANN” mean? What benefits would there have to be, if any?
  - How would SIGs relate to existing regional organizations?



# Potential Additions to Asia/Pacific/Aust

American Samoa (NA)	Guam (NA)
British Indian Ocean (EU)	Northern Mariana Is. (NA)
New Caledonia (EU)	French Polynesia (EU)
Pitcairn (EU)	Reunion (EU)
French Southern Ter. (EU)	Wallis & Futuna (EU)
Mayotte (EU)	



# Potential Losses from Asia/Pacific/Aust

Antarctica (NA)	United Arab Emirates (EU)
Armenia (EU)	Azerbaijan (EU)
Bahrain (EU)	Cyprus (EU)
Georgia (EU)	Israel (EU)
Iraq (EU)	Iran (EU)
Heard Island (NA)	Jordan (EU)
Kyrgyzstan (EU)	Kuwait (EU)
Kazakhstan (EU)	Lebanon (EU)
Oman (EU)	Palestinian Territories (EU)
Qatar (EU)	Saudi Arabia (EU)
Syria (EU)	Tajikistan (EU)
Turkmenistan (EU)	Turkey (EU)
Uzbekistan (EU)	Yemen (EU)





# Potential Additions to Europe

United Arab Emirates (AP)	Azerbaijan (AP)
Armenia (AP)	Cyprus (AP)
Bahrain (AP)	Israel (AP)
Georgia (AP)	Iran (AP)
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# Potential Losses from Europe

Netherland Antilles (LAC)	Aruba (LAC)
Falkland Islands (LAC)	French Guiana (LAC)
South Georgia & S. Sandwich Islands (LAC)	British Indian Ocean Territory (AP)
New Caledonia (AP)	French Polynesia (AP)
Pitcairn (AP)	Reunion (AP)
French Southern Terr. (AP)	Wallis & Fortuna (AP)
Mayotte (AP)	Anguilla (NA)
Bermuda (NA)	Bouvet Island (NA)
Guadeloupe (NA)	Cayman Islands (NA)
Martinique (NA)	St. Pierre & Miquelon (NA)
Saint Helena (NA)	Turks & Caicos (NA)
BVI (NA)	St. Barthelemy (NA)



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Netherland Antilles (EU)	Aruba (EU)
Falkland Islands (EU)	French Guiana (EU)
South Georgia & S. Sandwich Islands (EU)	



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Antigua & Barbuda (NA)	Barbados (NA)
Bahamas (NA)	Dominica (NA)
Grenada (NA)	Jamaica (NA)
Saint Kitts & Nevis (NA)	Saint Lucia (NA)
St. Vincent & the Grenadines (NA)	



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Antarctica (AP)	Heard & MacDonald Is. (AP)



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