

# **Virtual Fellowship Program Post-Meeting Report ICANN70**



The Fellowship Program strengthens the diversity of the multistakeholder model by fostering opportunities for individuals from underserved and underrepresented communities to become active participants in the ICANN community. This visual represents an overview of the latest cohort of fellows. To learn more and to read the fellows' complete report, go to <http://www.icann.org/en/fellowships>.



NUMBER OF FELLOWS



NUMBER OF COACHES



GENDER DIVERSITY



NUMBER OF LANGUAGES SPOKEN  
BY FELLOWS



NUMBER OF COUNTRIES  
REPRESENTED



NUMBER OF WORKING SECTORS  
AND/OR AREAS OF INTEREST



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ATTENDED



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# What is the Fellowship Program?

The goal of the ICANN Fellowship Program is to strengthen the diversity of the multistakeholder model by fostering opportunities for individuals from underserved and underrepresented communities to become active participants in the ICANN community.

Fellows are exposed to the workings of the ICANN community, are assigned a mentor, and receive training across different areas of knowledge and skill building before, during, and after an ICANN meeting. Fellows are also eligible to apply for ICANN70 Internet Access Reimbursement Program.

To apply or learn more about the Fellowship Program, go to <http://www.icann.org/en/fellowships>.

## ICANN70 Virtual Fellowship Participants

The ICANN70 Virtual Fellowship Program had 22 fellows and five mentors. Mentors are appointed by ICANN's Supporting Organizations (SOs) and Advisory Committees (ACs).

*For this report, fellow profile metrics are derived from data provided during the Fellowship Program application process.*

### Fellows

Name	Country or region of residence	Working sector and/or area of interest
<b>Abigael Guirlande Francisque</b>	Haiti	Civil Society
<b>Afi Edoh</b>	Togo	Academia, Internet End User, Security, Technical
<b>Amine Hacha</b>	Lebanon	Business & Commerce, Civil Society, Security, Technical
<b>Clement Genty</b>	France	Academia, Internet End User
<b>Eduardo Tome</b>	Honduras	ccTLD Operations
<b>Eric Mwobobia</b>	Kenya	Business & Commerce, Technical
<b>Firuz Azimov</b>	Tajikistan	Internet Service and Connectivity Providers, Security, Technical
<b>Giannina Raffo</b>	United States of America	Civil Society
<b>Godfred Ahuma</b>	United States of America	Internet Service and Connectivity Providers, Technical
<b>Ihtisham Khalid</b>	Pakistan	Technical
<b>Jonathan Perceval</b>	Haiti	Civil Society
<b>Keolebogile Rantsetse</b>	Botswana	Academia
<b>Koupam Malick Alassane</b>	Benin	Academia, Internet End User, Security, Technical

<b>MD Imran Hossen</b>	Bangladesh	Business & Commerce, Security
<b>Michel Arbrouet</b>	United States of America	Academia
<b>Mohamed Fadul</b>	Sudan	Academia, ccTLD Operations, Civil Society, Security
<b>Muhammad Altaf</b>	Pakistan	Academia, Security, Technical
<b>Priyatosh Jana</b>	India	Academia, Internet End User, Technical
<b>Raymond Selorm Mamattah</b>	Ghana	Internet End User
<b>Savyo Vinicius de Morais</b>	Brazil	Academia, Security, Technical
<b>SeyedAlizera Vaziri</b>	Iran, Islamic Republic of	Security, Technical
<b>Svitlana Tkachenko</b>	Ukraine	ccTLD Operations, Intellectual Property, Technical

Note: All information above is self-reported by applicants.

## Mentors

- ⦿ Alejandra Reynoso Barral – appointed by the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO)
- ⦿ Alfredo Calderon – appointed by the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)
- ⦿ Amr Elsadr – appointed by the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO)
- ⦿ Mistura Aruna – appointed by the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC)
- ⦿ Rao Naveed Bin Rais – appointed by the Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC)

## Main Takeaway from the Virtual Fellowship

All ICANN70 fellows have had well organized and fruitful sessions where they learned a lot about ICANN structure and its processes. Most fellows were more intrigued by the consensus playbook training that was more simulative and interactive. The session was very practical and provided an insight into the decision-making process within ICANN and a sense of consensus embedded within the multi-stakeholder model of ICANN.

The ICANN70 fellows also appreciated the interactive sessions they had with the entire ICANN community especially the ICANN Board members and the ICANN President and CEO where they had a privilege to ask any questions. Although the meeting was virtual, the fellows managed to network through virtual coffee sessions where they were able to exchange contacts with the ICANN community at large. This made it easier for the fellows to participate effectively in different working groups.

# Program Statistics

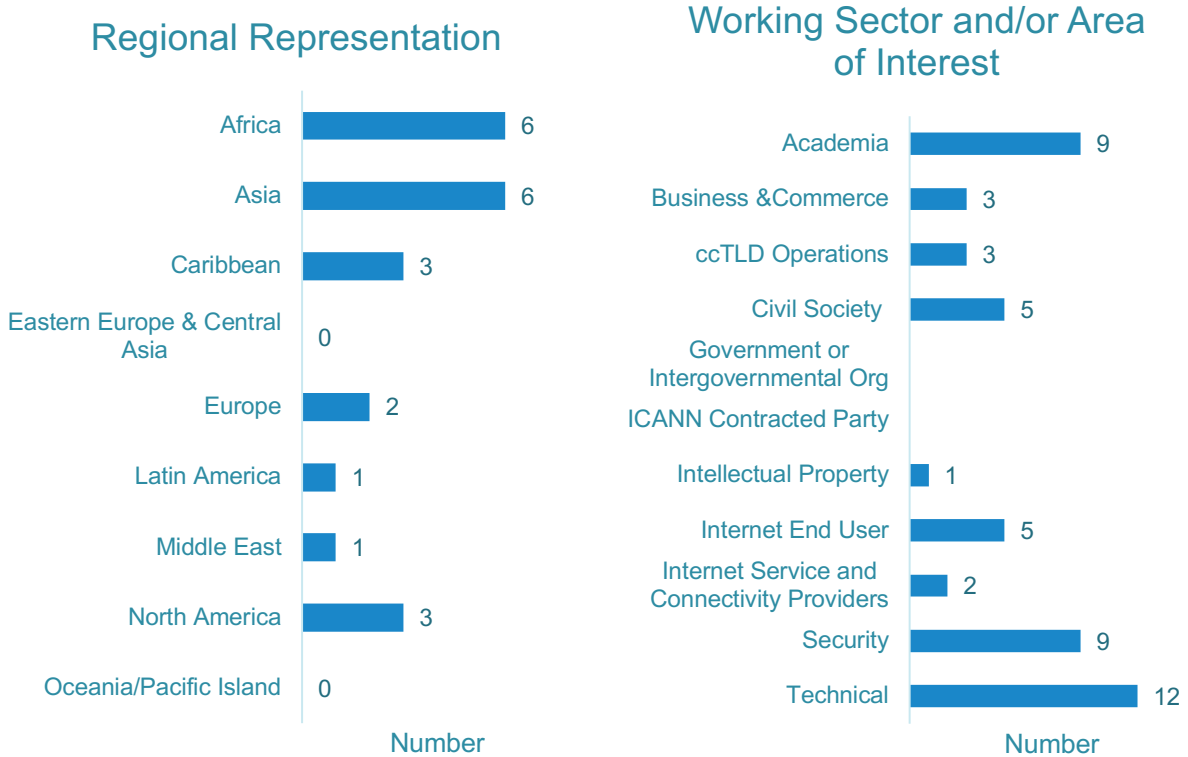
In this section, the metrics are derived from data provided by fellows during the application process and fellowship post-meeting survey.

## Fellowship Cohort Profile

Twenty-two individuals participated in the ICANN70 virtual Fellowship Program.

ICANN70 fellows came from a variety of regions, with Africa and Asia being the most common, followed by the Caribbean and North America.

*The regions reflect the nine Global Stakeholder Engagement (GSE) regions. Note that applicants and fellows could select multiple stakeholder groups.*



## Community Engagement

### SO/AC Affiliations

In total, 11 fellows are affiliated with at least one ICANN community group (Supporting Organization, Advisory Committee, Stakeholder Group or Constituency), eight have identified at least one group they would like to join, and two fellows are still exploring which group to join.

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## Are you affiliated with at least one ICANN community group?



# ICANN70 Virtual Fellowship Program Activities

## Pre-Meeting Activities

The ICANN Fellowship Program is designed in such a way that it requires fellows to start preparing for the meeting months in advance. Prior to the meeting, fellows took numerous ICANN Learn courses, with an overwhelming percentage expressing positive feedback on the courses and the mentoring they received prior to the meeting. Fellows also benefited from the ICANN70 Prep Week and ICANN wiki resources. Mentoring by community members helped immensely to prepare fellows since many were new to the community and the mentoring process improved over previous ICANN Fellowship Programs.

Some of the Fellows' virtual pre-meeting activities are listed below:

### 8 March 2021

- ⦿ Global Stakeholder Engagement Update
- ⦿ What to Expect During ICANN70: A Guide for Newcomers
- ⦿ Newcomer Introduction to Community Groups

### 9 March 2021

- ⦿ Joint Meeting: ICANN Board Members and CEO with Fellows and NextGen@ICANN
- ⦿ Planning at ICANN
- ⦿ GNSO Council Policy Update

### 10 March 2021

- ⦿ Nominating Committee Review Update
- ⦿ Status Update on ICANN Reviews and Implementation
- ⦿ Contractual Compliance Update

### 11 March 2021

- ⦿ Community Update on Universal Acceptance Readiness
- ⦿ Pre-ICANN70 Policy Update

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- ⦿ Internationalized Domain Name (IDN) Program Update

### **16 March 2021**

- ⦿ How DNS Works – Session with OCTO team

### **18 March 2021**

- ⦿ Consensus Playbook Training – An Interactive Session for Fellows/NextGen@ICANN Program Participants

## **Virtual Meeting Activities**

### **Day 1 – Monday, 22 March 2021**

#### **Day 1 Highlights**

- ⦿ Tech Day
- ⦿ At-Large Policy Session 1
- ⦿ GNSO - Introduction: PDP to Review the Transfer Policy
- ⦿ GAC Opening Plenary
- ⦿ NextGen Presentations

The ICANN70 meeting started with a series of workshops where technical and security features of the Domain Name System (DNS) were outlined and discussed. This session was compulsory for the ICANN70 fellows and gave a clear insight on how the DNS works.

On this day the fellows had an opportunity to join their preferred sessions, highlighting the diversity of interests in the fellowship cohort. Most of the fellows attended the ALAC sessions, with a significant number attending the GNSO, GAC and NextGen sessions.

The major sessions were divided into:

#### **Tech Day (1-3) - Security/Technical Session:**

- ⦿ DNS Monitoring with Antteater
- ⦿ NSEC3 to NSEC transition of .NU
- ⦿ DNSSEC Key Ceremony Toolset
- ⦿ ccTLD Security Practices
- ⦿ Homoglyph Domain Names
- ⦿ Email Address Internationalization

#### **At-Large Session:**

- ⦿ At-Large Leadership Session: Welcome to ICANN70, introduction by ALAC chair followed by policy talking points
- ⦿ At-Large Policy Session 1-The future of ICANN's Mandate and Development of the DNS: Voices of the Next Generation!

#### **GNSO Session:**

- ⦿ NPOC Opening Meeting



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- ⦿ RySG Brand Registry Group Community Update
  - ⦿ CPH DNS Work Group Community Outreach
  - ⦿ NCSG Policy Committee Meeting

**GAC Sessions:**

- ⦿ GAC Discussion on Subsequent Rounds of new gTLD and GAC HRILWG session WS2 Implementation
- ⦿ GAC Discussion RDS/WHOIS and Data Protection and GAC Preparation for meeting with the ICANN Board

**NextGen Sessions:**

- ⦿ NextGen Presentation 1 & 2

## Day 2 – Tuesday, 23 March 2021

The second day of the meeting consisted of internal work and policy development sessions, numerous cross-community interactions, debriefing, and social or networking sessions. These sessions were included presentations and opportunities for interactivity.

The sessions followed the same pattern as the previous day, with fellows attending mainly GNSO and GAC meetings.

The second day of the ICANN70 meeting has been divided into sessions below:

**RSSAC sessions:**

- ⦿ RSSAC Work Session 1
- ⦿ RSSAC Work Session 2

**GAC sessions:**

- ⦿ GAC PSWG Update and Subsequent Rounds of new gTLDs Discussions
- ⦿ GAC Meeting with the ALAC
- ⦿ GAC ICANN70 Communique Pre Drafting Review and Meeting with the ICANN Board
- ⦿ GAC Discussion on DNS Abuse Mitigation

**ccNSO sessions:**

- ⦿ ccNSO: Members Meeting Governance
- ⦿ ccNSO: Q&A with ccTLD-related ICANN Board Members

**GNSO sessions:**

- ⦿ GNSO Business Constituency membership meeting
- ⦿ GNSO - NCUC Open Meeting
- ⦿ GNSO - ISPCP Membership Session

**Update or Reporting session:**

- ⦿ At-Large Policy Session 2: Reimagining ICANN's Role; Responding to National Pressures
- ⦿ LAC space
- ⦿ Joint Meeting: ICANN Board and NCSG

**Social/Networking:**

- ⦿ Virtual Coffee / Fika

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## Day 3 – Wednesday, 24 March 2021

### Day 3 Highlights

- ⊙ At Large Policy Session 3: Applicant Support: what does success look like?
- ⊙ At-Large LACRALO Social Event
- ⊙ ccNSO Members Meeting: ccTLDs and the Future (1, 2)
- ⊙ DNSSEC and Security Workshop (1, 2 and 3)
- ⊙ GAC Discussion on DNS Abuse Mitigation
- ⊙ GAC Discussion on Subsequent Rounds of new gTLDs
- ⊙ GAC ICANN70 Communique Drafting (1 and 2/5)
- ⊙ GAC Meeting with the GNSO
- ⊙ GNSO - NCSG Open Meeting
- ⊙ GNSO Council Meeting
- ⊙ ICANN Public Forum
- ⊙ Joint AFRALO-AfrICANN Meeting
- ⊙ Joint Meeting: ICANN Board and SSAC
- ⊙ Meeting, ccTLDs and the Future
- ⊙ Virtual Coffee/Fika

Day 3 had several sessions involving activities from various constituencies. ICANN70 fellows, as part of their virtual training, were required to participate in at least two of the three sessions on DNSSEC and Security Workshop (1, 2 and 3). In addition, fellows had the option to choose any other session they were interested in attending.

### **At-Large Session:**

- ⊙ At Large Policy Session 3: Applicant Support: What Does Success Look Like?
- ⊙ At-Large LACRALO Social Event
- ⊙ Joint AFRALO-AfrICANN Meeting

### **GAC Session:**

- ⊙ GAC Discussion on DNS Abuse Mitigation
- ⊙ GAC Discussion on Subsequent Rounds of new gTLDs
- ⊙ GAC ICANN70 Communique Drafting (1 and 2/5)
- ⊙ GAC Meeting with the GNSO

### **GNSO Session:**

- ⊙ GNSO - NCSG Open Meeting
- ⊙ GNSO Council Meeting

### **DNSSEC Session:**

- ⊙ DNSSEC and Security Workshop (1, 2 and 3)

### **ccNSO Session:**

- ⊙ ccNSO Members Meeting: ccTLDs and the Future (1, 2)

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## Day 4 – Thursday, 25 March 2021

### Day 4 Highlights

- ⦿ ICANN Public Forum
- ⦿ ICANN Public Board Meeting
- ⦿ At-Large Leadership Wrap-Up
- ⦿ RSSAC Work Session 3
- ⦿ KINDNS Presentation and Workshop
- ⦿ Remediating Universal Acceptance
- ⦿ Plenary Session: Registry Voluntary Commitments - Getting it Right
- ⦿ ccNSO Council Meeting
- ⦿ GAC Wrap Up
- ⦿ SSAC Public Meeting
- ⦿ GNSO - Registration Data Policy IRT

The fruitful week ended with an ICANN Public Forum and Board meeting where the entire ICANN community had an opportunity to directly address the ICANN Board of Directors. The ICANN community posed interesting and relevant questions and comments to the ICANN Board members and answers were received instantly.

The ICANN Public Board Meeting was very useful to the fellows to understand how the Board discusses and debates issues on the policy development processes (PDPs) to reach consensus on the community and pass resolutions on various PDPs to make DNS policies.

The week also ended with different working groups such as GAC and ALAC conducting follow-up discussions on issues that came

## Post-Meeting Activities

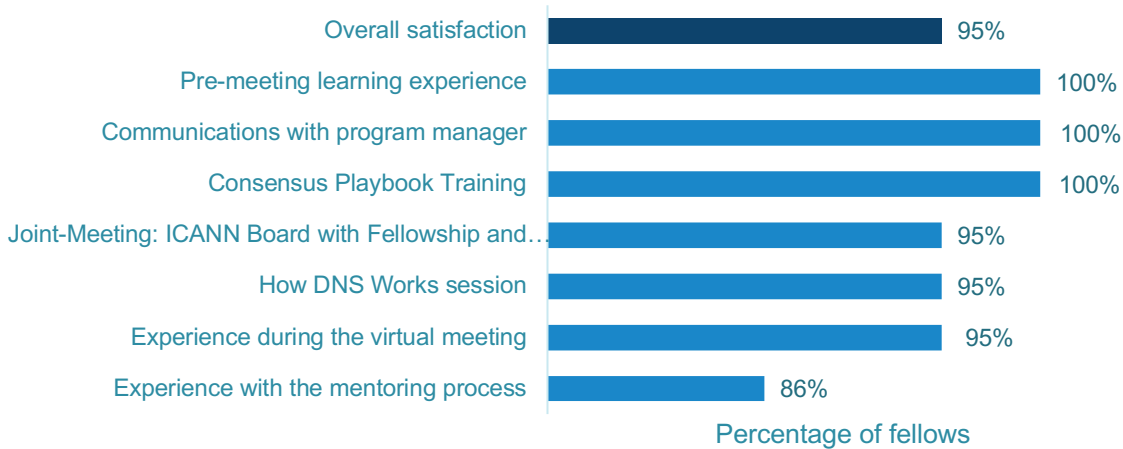
Some of the ICANN70 fellows are already engaged with various constituencies in ICANN while others are now being introduced to find where they can best fit. The newcomers used the fellowship experience to find suitable communities to which to contribute, based on their interests, skills, and knowledge. After the meeting, many of the fellows planned to get involved in many initiatives to bring others into the ICANN family and also to volunteer in various roles.

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# Fellow's Feedback

Overall, all fellows reported high levels of satisfaction with the program.

## Fellows Satisfied with the Virtual Program



## Feedback on Pre-Meetings Activities

Generally, the fellows are of the view that the pre-meeting activities were well organized and are essential. Some of the specific observations are as follows:

- ⦿ The pre-meetings met expectations, the content was substantially adequate leading up to the main event.
- ⦿ The current setup for pre-meeting experience in a virtual program is perfect. A mentor is allocated right from the beginning and assists in all issues that may arise during pre-meeting experience. They address all questions from the ICANN Learn courses, as well as webinars.
- ⦿ Pre-meeting activities often help the fellows losing the "fear" of being new in such a big and complex organization such as ICANN. It really helped to talk to peers and learn from one other. The platform provided (WhatsApp) to chat with the mentors kept us in the loop about these pre-meeting activities.
- ⦿ The current pre-meeting experience is very informative and one can get benefits to be prepared for future meetings, especially the mentoring sessions, online ICANN Learn courses, and Pre-ICANN Policy update.

Though there was general agreement among the fellows that the pre-meeting sessions were great, below suggestions are proposed on how to improve upon the virtual pre-meeting activities:

- ⦿ More videos because fellows get the information more directly by this kind of transmission tool.
- ⦿ Create a mentoring structure that would allow or even encourage the participation of newcomers, such as sub-grouping of fellows based on common interests, problems and culture.

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- ⦿ The prep week turns to be too long due to many generic (and sometimes repetitive) sessions. Maybe focusing on topic specific ones can turn the prep week more productive.
  - ⦿ An informal call with all the fellows, mentors and the Fellowship Program Manager can help in networking and making links even before the actual meeting starts.
  - ⦿ Organize short session Q&A with fellows from previous Fellowship Programs: what to expect, how organize learning and interaction with mentor and colleagues
  - ⦿ More captivating sessions with the ICANN Board and representatives from the Office of the CTO.
  - ⦿ Participate in a quorum from different stakeholders and use this to catapult knowledge and learning opportunities. More meaningful engagement in multistakeholder environments.
  - ⦿ More interactive session on specific topic on DNS and ICANN Policy Development Process.
  - ⦿ In addition to the Consensus Playbook training, the Newcomers Webinar, and the Policy Update Webinar, it would be beneficial to have fellows pick one topic of interest that will be discussed at the meeting and then work with the mentor to gain a better understanding of that topic.
  - ⦿ The virtual training sessions should be expanded because though the courses are nice, the training really gives a better idea of the issues and processes that will be facing the fellows at ICANN meetings.
  - ⦿ To encourage participation by having participants introduce themselves and get everyone engaged in working groups so they are more likely to participate.

## Areas of Opportunity to Improve Newcomers' Experience

Although ICANN improves the tools and contents of presentations at each of its meetings, the fellows made these suggestions:

- ⦿ Grouping of fellows based on culture, region and common issues to facilitate the participation and orientation of newcomers in engagement within the ICANN community.
- ⦿ Expanding the Mentorship Program for Active Newcomer Engagement by creating a structure that brings peers together based on common culture, issues and interests in the context of ICANN organizational engagement
- ⦿ Reorganizing the pre-meetings activities. There are too many mandatory activities in the weeks leading up to the meeting. This causes exhaustion during the actual meeting week. Perhaps having these more spaced preparatory sessions can improve our energy to better engage us during the meeting.
- ⦿ Having an informal meeting where each member can introduce themselves and talk about what they are passionate about - and how they plan to contribute with ICANN.
- ⦿ Allowing fellows to create small teams for joint participation and reporting on sessions they attended (mixing fellows from different time zones, different regions, different communities). Networking was one of the most rewarding benefits of the ICANN Fellowship Program, but remote participation does not allow the possibility of collaboration.
- ⦿ Organize skills-building training: how to give a presentation, how to facilitate a discussion, etc.
- ⦿ Involve newcomers in certain topics and organize a separate meeting to discuss them.
- ⦿ Hold a meeting for new fellows and second time "remote" fellows to share their experience and get advice on remote participation.
- ⦿ Sessions that have breakout rooms can help promote networking among participants, as it forces them to speak up and be an integral part of the discussion.

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- ⦿ Organize an in-person meeting for remote ICANN70 fellows when in-person meetings resume.
  - ⦿ Create special notes and reward fellows. example: "The best question of the day", "The most active participant of the day", "The most creative proposal".
  - ⦿ Suggested to hold more interactive sessions in the pre-ICANN series, to better equip newcomers with more capacity to better understand and engage in the work of ICANN; like the consensus playbook. In addition, we need more young people in the discussion panels to better show the involvement of young people in ICANN.
  - ⦿ Establish mentoring groups based on their interests, such as those who like to be more involved in policy making, may be part of the same group.
  - ⦿ That there be more sessions providing information on how to join one of the ICANN groups providing the step-by-step processes. So if a newcomer wants to join one of ICANN's groups, it will be easier for them.
  - ⦿ A home assignment and more engagement with mentors would be great.
  - ⦿ As there are many sessions and topics, often sessions stemming from previous ICANN discussions or meetings, it will be helpful for newcomers to identify one or two issues to gather needed background information prior to the meeting and have the opportunity to collaborate with their mentors to better follow and understand the discussions.
  - ⦿ Provide a more interactive session during the meeting. Offer a networking session during the meeting.
  - ⦿ Organize special sessions for fellows to talk about their projects and existing work.
  - ⦿ Create a shared account for fellows on different platforms (such as Zoom, Survey Monkey, etc.) which can be used by fellows only for their related activities. This will help to minimize the cost of our operations and increase productivity.
  - ⦿ Expand the fields to complete this report, make it easier to write full sentences: remove questions, add suggestions, etc.
  - ⦿ Have more role play session not limit it to a single session.

## Areas of Opportunity to Improve Overall ICANN Virtual Meetings

Although the ICANN70 meeting was productive, there is always room for improvement and fellows highlighted specific areas of opportunities to improve the overall virtual engagement and participation.

These are some of the areas highlighted:

- ⦿ At times virtual meetings can be less productive when it comes to discussion and collaboration due to the flow of conversations being much different from face-to-face conversations, and the suggestion is that speakers' time be limited to allow for more Q&A, deliberations and interaction with participants.
- ⦿ An informal interactive session to get to know some community members and how they're contributing to the community will be helpful. There is also a need for more interactive sessions like the consensus playbook training in order to be better equipped with more capacity to understand and engage in the work of ICANN effectively.
- ⦿ More networking sessions were also suggested to allow fellows to interact and know each other better and share their experiences.

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- ⦿ More webinars and ICANN Learn courses will improve the overall virtual engagement and participation of newcomers and pre-ICANN meeting must be compulsory to all newcomers
  - ⦿ Create small teams to work together on some mini-projects during the meetings (writing report for other fellows, post twitter report, create ICANN newspaper column). Networking is critical for fellows and common work can to some extent replace networking.
  - ⦿ A general feeling from fellows is that a virtual meeting can never replace the experience one would have in a face-to-face meeting and as ICANN70 fellows, a face-to-face meeting in the future will be more appreciated.

## What is Next?

All ICANN70 fellows are first time fellows and are eager to engage and contribute to the ICANN community as a whole.

A majority of the fellows will engage in ICANN activities at regional level and participate in policy development through mailing lists. A few have highlighted their interest in volunteering and taking up positions within different working groups while some intend to share their experience to encourage and capacitate others in their local regions on ICANN processes and structure.

Here follows a list of ICANN70 fellows with their future plans for engagement:

[Abigaël Guirlande Francisque](#), intends to get more involved and in the future, wants to contribute by being ready to continue volunteering their commitment to the multistakeholder model. Going forward, will help future newcomers interact with the ICANN community and participate effectively in its work to better facilitate training and information about ICANN. She will also actively participate in the work of the communities of ICANN and other organizations of the Internet ecosystem, through conferences, discussions on the Internet, and integration of working groups.

[Afi Edoh](#), plans to continue to share information about ICANN's work and missions in her community as ICANN70 was another great learning opportunity.

[Alireza Vaziri](#), would like to see more opportunities like the role-play session had during pre-meeting sessions. He intends to engage more in the security-related working groups and ACs. DNS abuse mitigation and its related security would be his main focus from now on.

[Amine Hacha](#), a member of NCUC and NCSG. Intends to develop knowledge and being active with At-Large and APRALO as well as relevant working groups.

[Clement Genty](#), would like to see if a consulting group for NgTld is feasible so he can create one.

[Eduardo Tome](#), works in a small ccTLD that has a lot of challenges, and currently being the only one involved with ICANN activities. Eduardo plans to share knowledge about how to participate in ICANN might help provide a better service and overall experience with customers. Other plans are promoting the local Legal Hackers chapter and hope to include the content and knowledge learned at ICANN to engage more participants, not just for the ccNSO but for all empowered communities.

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[Eric Mwobobia](#), from his participation in ICANN70, he plans to increase his areas of research in DNS security especially in how to ensure algorithms from quantum computing threats are strengthened.

[Firuz Azimov](#), coming from the ISP field, has a strong interest in ISPCP Constituency, and is willing to work closely with this constituency. Also has a keen interest in cyber security and he is willing to take more ICANN Learn courses in this field. Thinks security issues will become a more serious problem and will be a far more important driver for maintaining secure, stable and resilient operation of the internet. Plans to apply and share all learned skills from the meeting with the community.

[Giannina Raffo](#), a third-time fellow, and very grateful to ICANN for providing a platform for continuous learning, technical training, and high-level discussions. Moving forward, she will find ways to engage more with the LAC space group. Additionally, after attending this year's DNS Women's Panel, she is eager to learn more and find ways to collaborate with the Domain Name System Women group.

[Godfred Ahuma](#), has been following ICANN through the mailing list for many years and thinks there is still more to learn. He gained a better understanding of how things work and where he can contribute. He plans to join and partake in discussions in AFRALO and NARALO to help shape the Internet.

[Ihtisham Khalid](#), as a former member of the RSSAC Caucus, plans to get involved with RSSAC again as this is also related to their PhD research work. Looking forward to in-person participation at meetings as the situation gets better.

[Imran Hossen](#), plans to stay involved in ICANN regional groups, especially in the groups related to Internet governance, security, Business Constituency and Universal Acceptance. Also plans to continue engagement with Internet resources coordination and development in his country Bangladesh and around the world.

[Jonathan Perceval](#), ICANN67 was his first virtual meeting experience within the ICANN Fellowship Program. As an ICANN70 fellow and a future alumni, he plans to commit to an At-large organization within ISOC Haiti Chapter as ALS and participate in the GNSO in the PDP works. He also plans to launch an online project for promoting Human rights on digital by encouraging youth to take part in ICANN organization for underrepresented communities.

[Keolebogile Rantsetse](#), she has been participating in the ICANN regional activities through mailing list since ICANN67 and intends to improve this participation and be more active. She will continue to work with ALAC and AFRALO in contributing to policy development. Her other future plans include conducting capacity building workshops on ICANN's processes and structure in her local universities as she has noticed that most people are not aware of ICANN and its work in her country.

[Malick Alassane](#), will continue his engagement in the community on Universal Acceptance topic and will help with a truly multilingual and digitally inclusive Internet. He is very interested in cyber security and will continue more research about DNS security and measurement.



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[Michel Arbrouet](#), as a security professional and as he learns more about ICANN and ICANN.ORG, would like to start engaging with a couple of groups which in his opinion seem to be lacking diversity.

[Mohamed Elnour Abdelhafez Fadul](#), his second time to attend the ICANN meeting online. As a ccTLD (.sd registry), he selected sessions that are going to be very helpful to implement DNSSEC in the coming few months.

[Muhammad Altaf](#), interested in taking part in ICANN's technical community and topic related to Internet governance. He is also interested in joining ALAC which advises the board on the matters pertaining to general users. This will be an opportunity to experience the activities, policy development, and the working of ICANN firsthand. He will be able to participate in the process of ensuring the stable and secure operations of the Internet's unique identifier system. It is not only important to participate in ICANN meetings, but also in ICANN's activities throughout the year.

[Priyatosh Jana](#), believes that he can serve as a bridge between technical, civil society and academia through his various engagements. He will amplify and improve these interactions and participate in ICANN policy development processes to incorporate best practices from across the Asian Pacific Region. He will participate in all ICANN related initiatives through APRALO to bring potential outreach and capacity building to the Asia Pacific region. He also intends to contribute to different stakeholders; academia, technical, private sector and civil society. He will be instrumental in conducting webinars and workshops through ALS on emerging areas like UA, DNS security, Blockchain and IoT etc. locally.

[Raymond Selorm Mamattah](#), he intends to do more engagements locally with his entity E-Governance and Internet Governance Foundation for Africa (EGIGFA) so he could get more people from Ghana to engage in ICANN activities. One of the strategies is the Ghana School on Internet Governance fellowship event that he leads his team to organize annually. He also intends to get more involved in regional activities so he can learn more. Above all, he will volunteer for more activities in the ecosystem in order to make the internet space more secure. One World, One Internet!

[Sávyo Vinícius de Moraes](#), currently engaged in UASG measurement activities. For the next steps, he intends to contribute to SSAC activities, but first needs to be eligible for that.

[Svitlana Tkachenko](#), will continue engagement with the ICANN's regional team, having already participated as a panelist in regional events organized by ICANN. He is going to join KINDNS (Knowledge-sharing and Instantiating Norms for DNS and Naming Security) initiative to take part in drawing up DNS best practices. He also plans to share his experience and encourage others to participate in ICANN meetings (virtual or in-person).

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to-face meeting which we got well prepared for became the first ever virtual ICANN meeting because of the COVID-19 pandemic, which affected the whole world. By this, we became unofficial fellows of virtual ICANN67, virtual ICANN68 and virtual ICANN69, because we were required to play these roles in all these meetings in order not to create a vacuum for the fellowship meeting. All the previous sessions and our official ICANN70 fellowship have been a nice experience for us. Though as first time fellows we would have loved to have experienced the face-to-face fellowship, we, however, appreciate this virtual opportunity given us and the honor to be ICANN fellows - Once a fellow, always a fellow!

We appreciate this wonderful opportunity given us to be trained as ICANN fellows. We are hoping to play our parts to ensure that we remain a “One World and One Internet.”

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