



# **A Stakeholder Journey: ICANN's Newcomer Programs**

## ICANN Public Responsibility Support

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# Newcomer Programs: Goals and Objectives



## Fellowship

Global capacity development program to support ICANN's multistakeholder community; online application process is open three times per year to participate in an ICANN Public Meeting.



## NextGen

Regionally based program to create awareness and promote future discussions within universities and other regional forums; online application process is open three times per year to attend an ICANN Public Meeting.



## Beginners

Program dedicated to those entering the ICANN community. Options are self-study using the ICANN For Beginners web page or participation in person or remotely at an ICANN Public Meeting.

**Watch Fellowship and NextGen video:**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nrV\\_ZkDEfIQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nrV_ZkDEfIQ)



**Watch Newcomer video:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=da1RQt9-e-g>



# How Program Funding Works



## Fellowship

Travel, accommodations and stipend provided to cover some costs of attending an ICANN Public Meeting



## NextGen

Travel, accommodations and stipend provided to cover some costs of attending an ICANN Public Meeting



## Beginners

No funding offered, but opens doors to communication and learning through ICANN Learn, other resources, and [engagement@icann.org](mailto:engagement@icann.org)

# Fellowship Program | At-a-glance

- ⦿ Fosters opportunities for individuals from underserved and underrepresented communities to become active participants
- ⦿ Online application process happens three times per year (for each ICANN meeting), but the Policy Forum is for alumni only
- ⦿ Up to 40 fellows are selected for each round; 5 mentors are appointed by SOs/ACs
- ⦿ Important source for identifying potential active new community participants and in further honing the skills of returning program participants

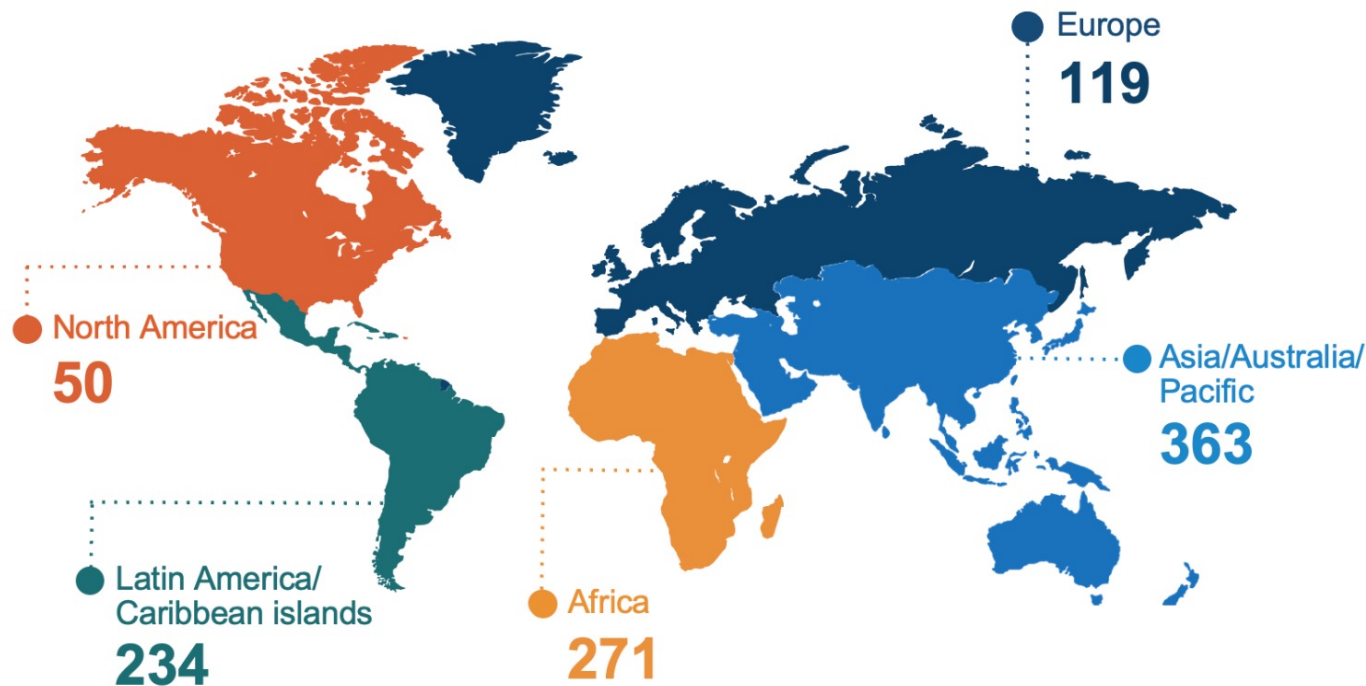


# Fellowship Program | Statistics

**1,805** fellowships

**1037** fellows

**162** countries represented



# NextGen@ICANN Program | At-a-glance

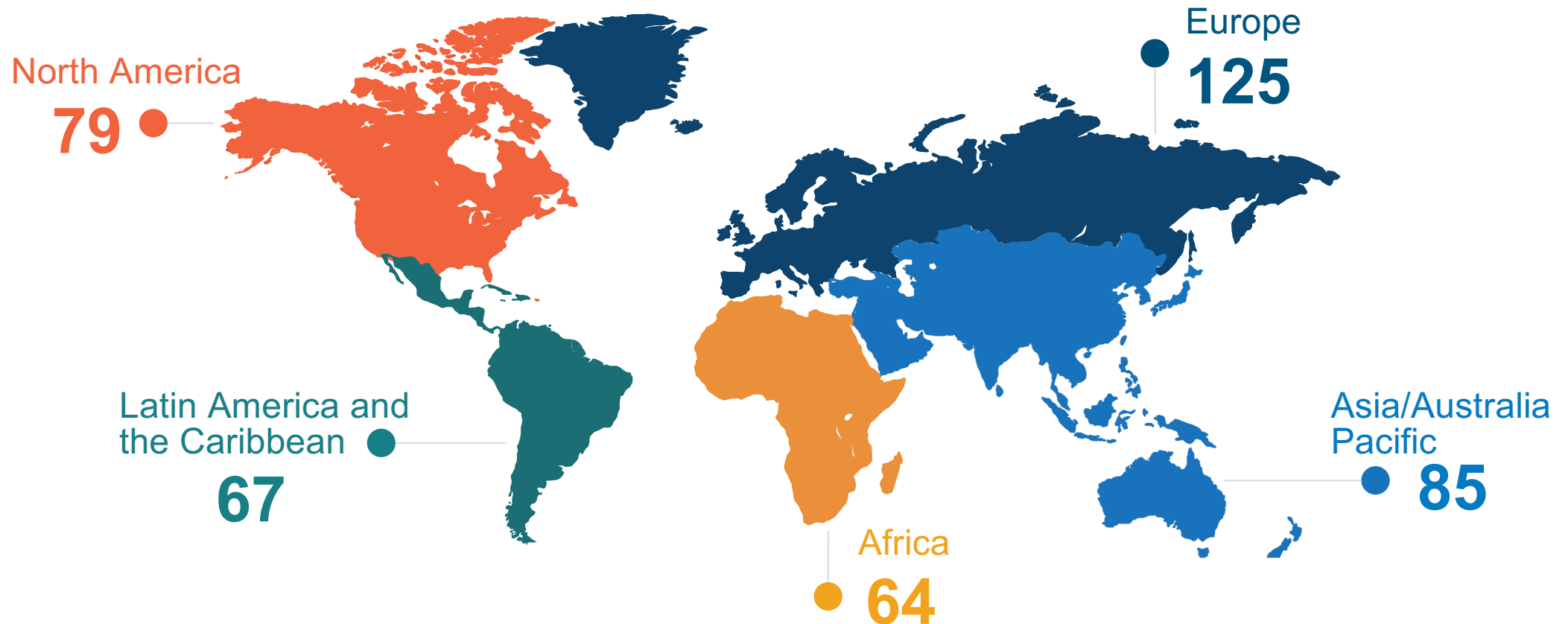
- ◉ Key source for identifying new ICANN community participants
- ◉ Up to 12 slots per ICANN meeting
- ◉ Mentorship by community members
- ◉ Participants encouraged to share ICANN information and insights



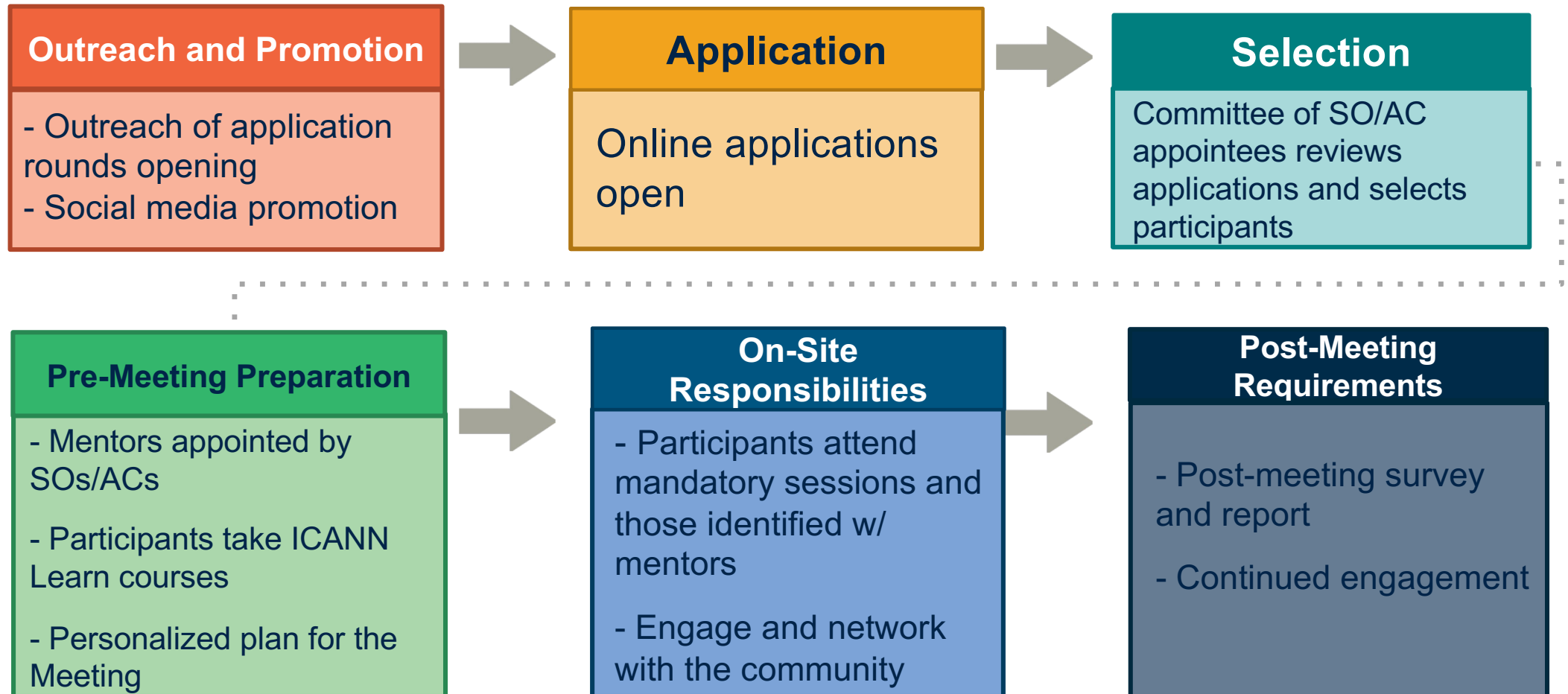
# NextGen@ICANN Program | Statistics

420 participants

95 countries represented



# Timeline of How the Programs Work



# How Fellowship Differs from NextGen@ICANN

## Fellowship Program

- Focuses on global capacity development to support representation and active involvement in ICANN's multistakeholder community
- 21+ years old from underserved and underrepresented communities

## NextGen@ICANN Program

- Focuses on education, awareness and future engagement and invites the next generation to engage with ICANN
- 18–30-year-old students from the region where the ICANN meeting is taking place

# Learn More About the Newcomer Programs

## Fellowship

<https://www.icann.org/fellowshipprogram>

## NextGen

<https://www.icann.org/public-responsibility-support/nextgen>

## Beginners

<https://www.icann.org/en/beginners>

# Other Resources for Newcomers



- Free online courses on ICANN Learn: <https://learn.icann.org>
  - Learn about ICANN groups and processes
  - Build skills to enhance participation
  - Discuss concepts with fellow learners



- ICANN org Regional Newsletters: <https://info.icann.org/LP---Regional-Newsletter.html>



- ICANN social media



- Other useful webpages:
  - ICANN Acronyms and Terms: <https://www.icann.org/icann-acronyms-and-terms/en/nav/A>
  - ICANN Communities: <https://www.icann.org/community>
  - Policy Development Support: <https://www.icann.org/policy>
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