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**Working groups are where the multi-stakeholder consensus is built.** This is where advocates and experts meet to hammer out their differences. The nature of consensus decision-making means that these conversations are deeper, and often slower, than they would be in a traditional hierarchy. But a well-crafted working group consensus is deeply rewarding and very robust.

**Working groups broaden your personal network** within ICANN, because working groups are encouraged to have deep and diverse participation from all Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees, and are also open to individuals and experts.

**Working groups provide active learning opportunities.** ICANN is a large, bustling, busy, noisy place that can be overwhelming to a newcomer. Participating in a working group can provide a more focused conversation, among a smaller group of people that can provide a starting point for understanding broader issues and discussions.

**Working groups provide equal access to all through remote participation**. The bulk of working group activity takes place in frequent (often weekly) meetings conducted over the Internet. Unlike the large face-to-face ICANN meetings, Internet access is the only resource you need in order to participate in working groups.

**Working groups of special interest to ISPs and connectivity providers**: Here is a short list of past and current working groups that the ISPCP has participated in:

* DNS Security and Stability Analysis working group
* Fake Renewal Notices
* Inter-Registrar Transfer policy
* Post-Expiration Domain Name Recovery
* Registration Abuse policies

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But at the end of the day, working groups are where the work gets done.

 ***Please join us in that effort.***