

# ICANN OMBUDSMAN

Ombudsman 101



# Welcome

- Haere mai ki te Kaitiaki Mana Tangata
- What is an Ombudsman
- Who am I?

# Ombudsman

- Protector of the people
- Advocate for Fairness
- Consumer protector
- Symbol of good governance
- Referee/mediator

# Office of the ICANN Ombudsman

- The ICANN Ombudsman is:
  - Independent, impartial, neutral;
  - A reviewer of facts;
  - An investigator of complaints about unfairness;
  - An Alternative Dispute Resolution practitioner/mediator
  - One of three ICANN Dispute Resolution systems
    - Ombudsman
    - Reconsideration Committee
    - Independent Review Panel

# Ombudsman Value Statement

#### The Values of this Office are:

- Confidentiality;
- Impartiality;
- and Independence.
- Professionalism;
- Respect for Diversity;
- Excellence in Ombudsmanship;

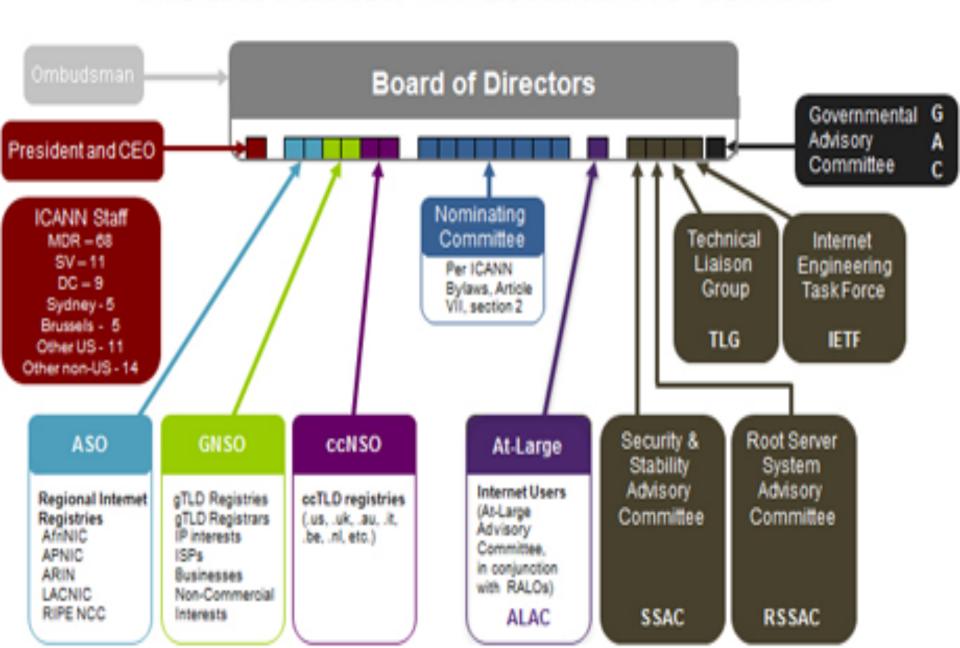
### ICANN Office of the Ombudsman

- Ombudsman's power as defined by Bylaw V relates to actions, decisions, or inactions by ICANN staff, board, or supporting structures.
- Ombudsman's role is also to provide a single place for all consumer issues

### ICANN Office of the Ombudsman

- ICANN Ombudsman
- Began in 2004
- First Ombudsman Dr Frank Fowlie from Canada
- Current Ombudsman Chris LaHatte of New Zealand;
  - I was appointed as of July 2011;
  - Take authority from Bylaw V;
  - http://www.icann.org/en/general/archive-bylaws/bylaws-28feb06.htm#V
  - Sole practitioner office
    - 1/10<sup>th</sup> post for Adjunct Herb Waye

# **ICANN Multi-Stakeholder Model**



# Office of the Ombudsman Website

#### http://www.icann.org/en/ombudsman

- •Key elements:
  - Complaint form Case Management system
  - Ombudsman Framework
  - Logic Model
  - News Speeches
  - FAQs
- •Blog <a href="https://omblog.icann.org/">https://omblog.icann.org/</a>
- Facebook <a href="http://www.facebook.com/ICANNOmbudsman">http://www.facebook.com/ICANNOmbudsman</a>

# What I can do

- The ICANN Ombudsman has jurisdiction over complaints about:
- Things done (or not done) by one or more members of ICANN staff Board or an ICANN constituent body.
- Things done (or not done) by the Board of Directors which may be inconsistent with the Articles or the Bylaws.

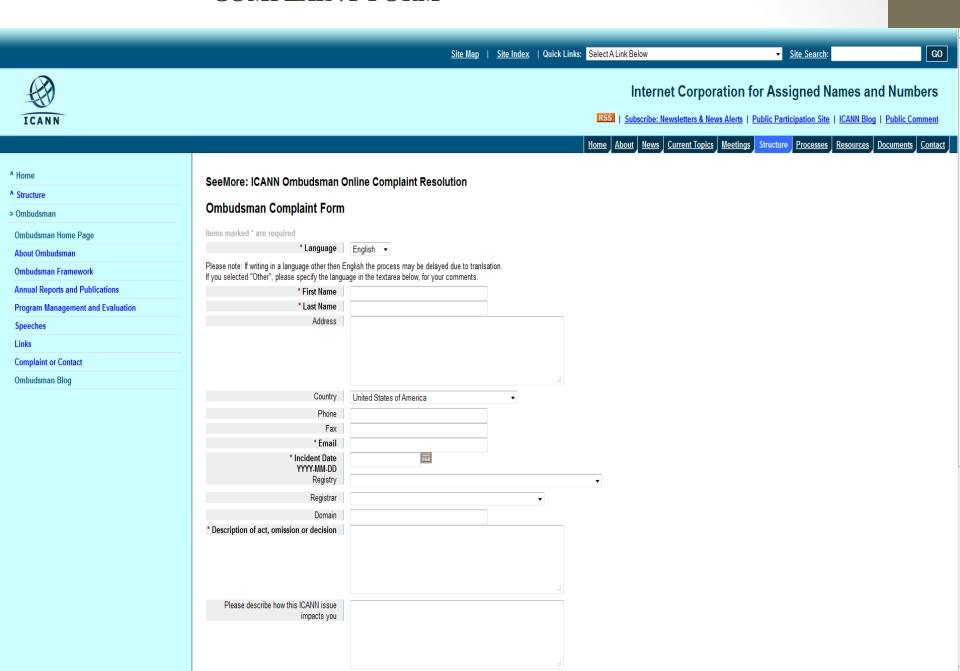
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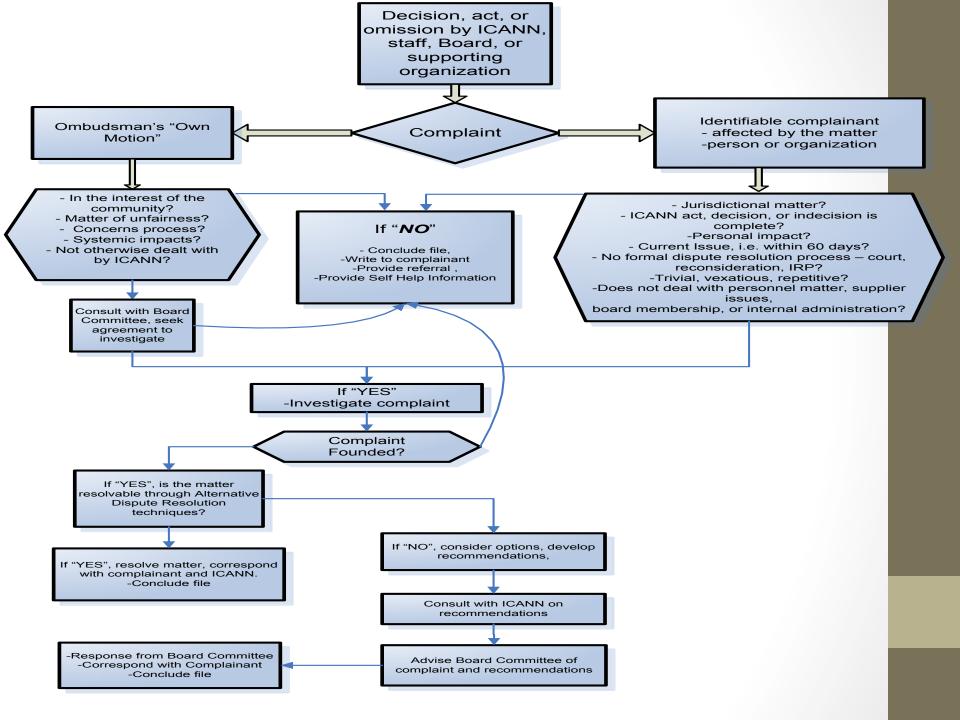
- Look at internal administrative matters;
- Investigate personnel issues;
- Look into issues relating to membership on the Board; nor
- Investigate vendor/supplier relationships

# How to make a Complaint

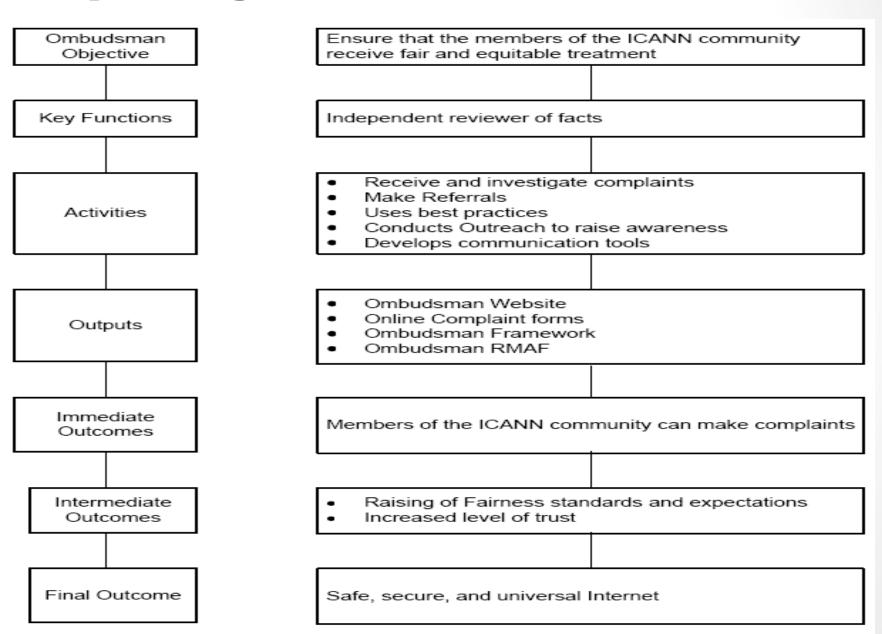
- Complaint form <a href="https://omb.icann.org/portal/complaint.php">https://omb.icann.org/portal/complaint.php</a>
- Email <u>ombudsman@icann.org</u>
- Letter
- Come and see me at an ICANN meeting

#### **COMPLAINT FORM**





# Operating Model



# Office of the Ombudsman

Questions?

# How to contact the Ombudsman

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# Office of the Ombudsman

- Thank you
- Děkuji
- Kia ora