

# ICANN AND HUMAN RIGHTS

## CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION

ICANN 53 – SINGAPORE  
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 11  
10:30 – 12:30  
ROOM SOPHIA

A COMMUNITY WIDE DISCUSSION

AN OPEN AND INCLUSIVE DIALOGUE AND  
EXCHANGE OF IDEAS TO FURTHER THE DEBATE ON  
ICANN AND HUMAN RIGHTS

The UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (commonly known as the Ruggie principles) provide that companies should comply human rights due diligence. This includes:

- weighing the human rights impact of its policies and procedures;
- developing strategies to ensure that staff and other stakeholders understand this impact;
- developing and articulating a human rights policy, and make sure employees and other stakeholders know it, understand and implement it;
- develop metrics to monitor human rights performance.

The session will discuss how ICANN can serve the public interest consistent with human rights and what this means in practice.

This discussion builds on sessions in London and Los Angeles and is informed by new research and publications that will be presented during the meeting.

### Agenda:

- Welcoming words by Fadi Chehadi (TBC)
- Introduction by Marilia Maciel (GNSO / ITS Rio) and Rafik Dammak (NCSG)
- Presentation on Corporate Responsibility of ICANN to Protect Human Rights by Monika Zalnieriute (European University)
- Discussion on future steps
- Closing remarks

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