

ICANN, or ICAN'T or IWON'T?

We're halfway into ICANN71, and [early interactions](#) are posing questions about ICANN Org's capability to carry out its mission to maintain an orderly domain name system (DNS). Or, if that's not the case, ICANN leadership seems bent on a hands-off approach to its oversight responsibilities to the DNS.

For years now—*years*—the ICANN community has raised the volume level about acute issues—a workable Whois management and access system (including clearly delineated controllership) or an effective DNS abuse mitigation strategy, for example. We have neither, nothing particularly useful is on the horizon, and while there's a great deal of talk, little hard action has followed.

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