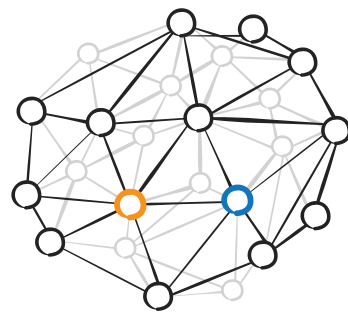


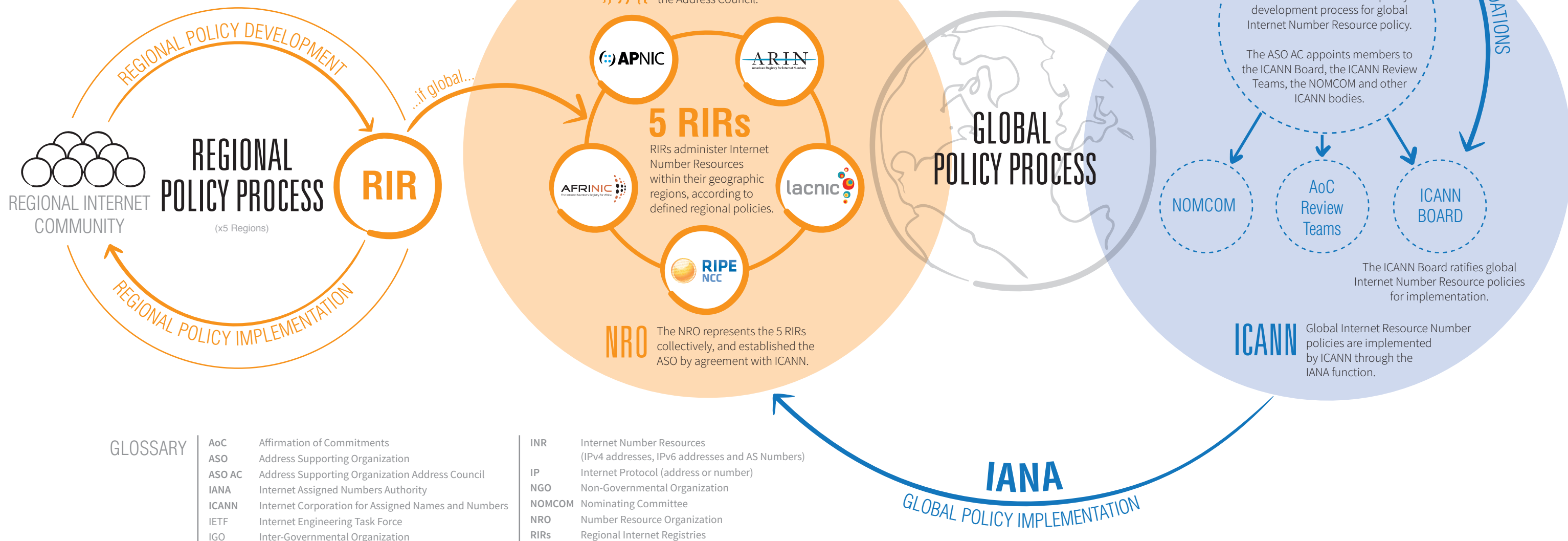
# INTERNET NUMBER RESOURCE POLICY LIFE CYCLE



## INTERNET GOVERNANCE ECOSYSTEM

Global Internet Number Resource policy is developed through a bottom-up, open, and inclusive approach. Beginning in geographic regions, issues are raised through the Regional Internet Registry (RIR) communities in the Number Resource Organization (NRO) and brought into the Address Supporting Organization (ASO). Global policies are forwarded to the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) Board of Directors and upon ratification, new policy is implemented by ICANN's Internet Assigned Numbers Authority department (IANA) working cooperatively with the RIRs and their constituencies in the respective regions.

The internet ecosystem consists of a collaborative network of organizations responsible for standardization, coordination, administration and day-to-day management in the Internet sphere including the IETF, ICANN performing the IANA function, the RIRs, governments, IGOs and NGOs, and many others. Each organization has a specific role and provides fundamental value to the overall functioning of the Internet.



## GLOSSARY

AoC	Affirmation of Commitments
ASO	Address Supporting Organization
ASO AC	Address Supporting Organization Address Council
IANA	Internet Assigned Numbers Authority
ICANN	Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers
IETF	Internet Engineering Task Force
IGO	Inter-Governmental Organization

INR	Internet Number Resources (IPv4 addresses, IPv6 addresses and AS Numbers)
IP	Internet Protocol (address or number)
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
NOMCOM	Nominating Committee
NRO	Number Resource Organization
RIRs	Regional Internet Registries