Research and describe ICANN.  Based upon your research address the following questions about ICANN.

* What does ICANN stand for? -Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers.
* What is ICANN's general role on the Internet?- ICANN is a non-profit organization responsible for coordinating the maintenance and procedure of several databases related to the namespaces of the internet. It insures the networks stable and secure operation. ICANN performes the actual technical maintenance work of the central internet address pools and DNS(Domain Name System) root zone registries pursuant to the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority(IANA) – according to Wikipedia
* What is the general history of how ICANN started and evolved into todays organization?- Initially the internet identifiers and and IP addresses were preformed by Jon Postel, a computer science researcher involved in the creation of ARPANET. On January 30,1988 the National Telecommunications and Information Administration(NTIA) was initiated by a process established by the U.S. Dept of Commerce. This proposed rule making was called “Green Paper” and was published on February 20, 1988 and allowed for public commentary. NTIA received more that 650 comments by the time the allotted time for comments by the public closed in March 23, 1998.

Green Paper proposed certain actions designed to privatize the management of internet names and addresses that would allow the development of competition and facilitates global participation in the management of the internet. This included the creation of a not-for-profit corporation called the “New Corporation”. The New Corporation would be managed globally by a board of directors. Thus ICANN was incorporated in September 30, 1998 under the United States Department of Commerce pursuant to an agreement with the Internet Engineering Task Force. The founding chairwoman was Ester Dyson. It is considered a nonprofit public benefit corporation. It was organized under the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law for Charitable and Public Purposes. This establishment was in California due to the presence of John Postel. Jon Postel was the founder of ICANN and its First Chief Technology Officer.

According to Wikipedia on July 26,2006, the US government renewed ICANNs contract for performance of the IANA function for an additional 1 to 5 years. And on September 29,2006 the context of ICANNs relationship with the United States government through a signed Memorandum of Understanding with the U.S. Department of Commerce giving The Department of Commerce oversight over some of ICANNS operations.

On September 30, 2009, ICANN signed an agreement with The U.S. Department of Commerce(DOC) called “Affirmation of Commitments”. This agreement confirmed the commitment to a multistakeholder governance model, but it did not remove it from DOC oversight and control. On March 10, 2016 culminated an agreement to remove DOCs control and oversight from ICANN and IANA and ICANN was freed from U>S> government oversite in October 1, 2016.

* Where is ICANN located? ICANN is located in Playa vista Los Angeles.
* Who controls ICANN?  A Board of Directors and multiple stakeholders including technical experts, representatives of governments and businesses.
* Based upon ICANN's structure: (taken right from ICANNS website)
  + List and describe the role of the three general areas that ICANN oversees related to the Internet   Often called their "supporting organisations".

1. The organization that deals with IP addresses. ICANN manages the coordinates the unique identifiers that allow computers to find each other throughout the world

2. The organization that deals with domain names. ICANN is responsible for coordinating the names that relate to internet addresses. Without the exception .INT which is used for intergovernmental agencies with international treaties it does not register the names as that is done by registrars.

3. The managers of country code top-level domain names. ICANN is responsible for the management of the county codes.

* + List and describe the role of the four "advisory committees' that provide ICANN with advice and recommendations.
    1. Governments and international treaty organisations - .int is used for registering organisations established by international treaties between or among national governments.
    2. Root server operators – Helps advise on the configuring of root servers
    3. Those concerned with the internets security – Advise on security issues
    4. The “at large” community, the average Internet users – gives voice to the internet users