



APRALO Newsletter, October 2019



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ALAC Chair and ATLAS III Update



by Maureen Hilyard, ALAC Chair

The Third At-Large Summit (ATLAS III) will start officially on 4 November 2019, soon after the Welcome Ceremony (evening of 3 November). However, ATLAS III participants who are in Montreal on Sunday, 3 November are invited to attend a brief reception to be informally welcomed to Canada and the ICANN meeting. This event will be held at the Double Tree Hotel. The subsequent programme beginning on Monday consists of a daily Plenary related to the leadership aspect of the ATLAS III programme and Break-out sessions that focus on the policy development process. Interspersed among these important and specifically planned ATLAS III sessions, there are times when At-Large will join the rest of the ICANN community at High Interest Topic and other ICANN-related sessions. High Interest topics include: EPDP (The Expedited Policy Development Process on GDPR) Phase 2 on Monday - which will be of special interest to ATLAS III participants; DNS Abuse is on Wednesday @ 10:30am. This is also the topic that the ALAC will raise with the ICANN Board on the same day @ 3:45 pm as an important Internet end-user issue; and finally the FY21 Annual Operating Plan and Budget, as well as the 5-year Operating and Financial Plan @ 1:30pm. This topic is what the Board has asked for some feedback from the ALAC at the joint ALAC-Board meeting. Other sessions on Tuesday that will be of interest, to help ATLAS III participants understand how another ICANN Advisory group operates will be the joint ALAC-GAC joint session @ 2:15pm, followed by the GAC-Board meeting at 3:15pm.

The ALAC will be holding its Working Sessions on Saturday and Sunday. I will be at a meeting with other SO-AC Chairs, the CEO and Board Chair on Friday, and I have a one-on-one meeting with the Board Chair on Thursday afternoon, so my meeting week starts early. But I am really looking forward to the ATLAS III event, I would also add that despite the issues relating to visas, the ICANN Org is working on ensuring that there will be remote participation available for those who are unable to attend. While Plenaries will not be an issue because full interpretation service will be provided, these services for the breakout groups may be somewhat limited. If you are wanting to attend the event remotely, please notify Gisella Gruber and Heidi Ullrich (staff@atlarge.icann.org) to ensure that you get the information required for all remote participation services. Unfortunately because they are in real-time we will be unable to cater for different timezones. Remotely attending ATLAS III participants will have their attendance and participation recorded against the expectations of the ATLAS III completion certificate and presentation of the ATLAS III Ambassadors pin. Take care as you travel to Montreal, or if in your home situations, we hope you will join us remotely.

At-Large/ALAC Policy Comments & Advice

All of APRALO and the At-Large community are invited to contribute to ICANN public comment proceedings. For more information, please visit the [At-Large Policy Advice Development Page](#) or contact [At-Large staff](#).

The ALAC ratified one statement in October:

[Next Steps to Improve the Effectiveness of ICANN's Multistakeholder Model](#)

The ALAC summarized its comments as follows:

I. Strengthen ICANN's bottom-up multistakeholder decision-making process and ensure that work gets done and policies are developed in an effective and timely manner.

- *Issue 1: Prioritization of work. ALAC feels this must be addressed (Category A). Some suggestions include: spreading the workload, increased outreach (ATLAS III, further incentives to keep contributing volunteers, adequate knowledge and resources (specified in II) The entire community, as well as ICANN.org [icann.org] must contribute to the resolution of this problem.*
- *Issue 2: Precision in scoping the work. This issue may fall into Category A - must be addressed - or Category B -- might be partially addressed in current processes. We foresee scoping that is tight and smart and relevant to the process. It is impossible to say who should be responsible when so much activity around it is unresolved.*
- *Issue 3: Efficient use of resources. This is a category A issue which must be addressed. We recognize that it might be partially addressed by current processes but cannot assess the situation until these processes are completed. We are concerned that PDP 3.0 may offer efficiency at the cost of inclusiveness which we feel would be a backwards step in the evolution of ICANN's MSM.*
- *Issue 4: Roles and responsibilities and a holistic view of ICANN. This is a category A issue although it will require further processes to resolve. ALAC seeks a bottom-up review of roles and responsibilities as an independent process.*

II. Support and grow active, informed and effective stakeholder participation.

Strategies to expand the concept of participation are offered as well as various resources and support needed to ensure informed participation. We consider this to be a Category A issue -- the model cannot evolve if it is not addressed. This is a major concern for At Large and other volunteer-based constituencies and all will need to be involved in addressing it. Support from ICANN.org and the Board will be necessary.

- *Issue 5: Representativeness and inclusiveness. Mentorship programs are a key part of ensuring that the MSM system remains representative and inclusive. Relevant constituencies as well as staff need to make sure these programs are working as they are intended and that they are reaching the right demographics. Inclusiveness at the leadership level needs to be improved through a bottom up process with staff assistance.*

III. Sustain and improve openness, inclusivity, accountability and transparency.

- *Issue 6: Culture, trust and silos. This is a category A issue that needs to be addressed in this process. All constituencies need to reach across their boundaries, respect for other viewpoints must be reinforced. This is a problem in many large organizations and there are professional services available to help*

build trust and cooperation. By engaging some of these services, ICANN.org [icann.org] could help constituencies build a better working environment.

- *Issue 7: Complexity. This is an inherent feature of ICANN work, but where it can be alleviated, ICANN.org [icann.org] should take the lead. Make sure information such as the website is well organized and understandable and closely monitor the internet governance environment for issues that will impact ICANN directly.*
- *Issue 8: Consensus. Creating conditions that would facilitate consensus is the goal of the issues already listed. Preserving the voice of end users in the decision-making processes is crucial to ICANN's MSM model -- a Category A issue in which all parties play a role but the role of the Board will be particularly important.*

Read more ALAC Executive Summaries [here](#).

The ALAC also submitted policy feedback in response to:

- [Amazon Public Interest Commitments \(PICs\) 2019](#)
- [Invitation to Provide Feedback on the ICANN Board's Proposed Public Interest Framework](#)
- [ALAC Question to the ICANN Board: Domain Name Abuse](#)

The ALAC is drafting the following comments:

Drafting [Competition, Consumer Trust, and Consumer Choice Review Team \(CCT-RT\) Accepted Recommendations - Plan for Implementation and Next Steps](#)

31 October 2019 (one week extension granted)

Drafting [Registration Directory Service \(RDS-WHOIS2\) Review Team Final Report](#)

25 November 2019

Comment [DRAFT PTI and IANA FY21 Operating Plan and Budgets](#)

27 November 2019

In addition, there is an ongoing workspace regarding [CPWG SubPro Comment](#).

Have your say! To contribute to ALAC public comment, please comment on the wiki space or volunteer as penholder, and join the weekly [At-Large Consolidated Policy Working Group \(CPWG\)](#) meetings.

See: [At-Large Website Policy Comments & Advice](#)

See: [Executive Summaries: ALAC Policy Comments & Advice](#)

See: [Consolidated Policy Working Group \(CPWG\)](#)

ICANN Update



ICANN66 will take place 2-7 November.

This month, ICANN:

- Participated in the Fourth [Eastern European DNS Forum](#) held in Yerevan, Armenia from 11-12 October and co-organized by .am/.huu Registry, [ISOC.AM](#)
- Published the [Age Diversity and Participation Survey](#)
- Released the [Recommendations for the Technical Utilization of the Root Zone Label Generation Rules](#) by the Root Zone Label Generation Rules Study Group (RZ-LGR SG)
- Published a paper "[Local and Internet Policy Implications of Encrypted DNS](#)" that highlights some emerging standards related to the domain name system such as DNS Over TLS (DoT), DNS Over HTTPS (DoH), etc.

There is a [call for expressions of Interest \(Eols\) for the At-Large Board Member Position 2019-2020 Cycle](#) by 11 November.

Applications are invited [for ICANN67 Community Childcare Grants Pilot Program](#) by 20 November and [ICANN Academy 2020 Leadership Program](#) scheduled for 5-6 March in Cancún, Mexico, just prior to the ICANN67 Public Meeting, by 15 November.

ALAC/At-Large Update

The [ALAC monthly call](#) was held on 22 October. There was a review of ATLAS III and ICANN66 issues as main items on the call.

There was a discussion on At-Large Policy activity, including recently ratified statements policy issues under discussion and an updates on the Seat 15 Election Cycle 2019-2020.

There was also a review of At-Large membership applications, RALO and Liaison reports and discussion with At-Large Plus Leaders, and finally an update on ATLAS III and the ICANN66 schedule.

APRALO Update

The [APRALO monthly call](#) was held on 17 October.

There was an update on membership applications, Holly Raiche shared an update on the ALAC/At-Large policy activity, Maureen Hilyard updated on ATLAS III, Satish shared APRALO updates including the UA Tech Committee activities, update on DotAsia Board meeting, GFCE Triple 1 workshop and APRALO RoPs Review Working Group, and a brief update on NomCom by Nadira and Amrita.

In addition, there was a presentation on the At-Large Policy Platform in development by Joanna Kulesza and Jonathan Zuck. Lianna Galstyan shared updates on Armenian national and Youth IGF, Amrita Choudhury on inSIG. A discussion followed on leveraging APRALO members presence in IGF.



DotAsia Board and Staff

ALS Highlights

Rayz News releases report on Multistakeholderism

Rayz News has published [a report](#) on Multistakeholderism and its practice in developing countries. The [research highlights](#) the basic challenges and problems of multistakeholderism especially in developing countries and various ways of how we can bridge the gap. 46 participants from various countries participated in the survey. The findings of the report will be showcased at the NASIG lunch break Montreal.

Updates from ISOC Armenia

October was a busy IT month in Armenia. On 6-9 October the country hosted WCIT2019 (World Congress of Information Technologies). On 10-12 October [ISOC Armenia](#) together with other local and international partners organized the [N2 Forum](#) (Numbers and Names), a series of events among which were the 5th edition of the [Armenian IGF](#), the 1st [Youth IGF Armenia](#) and the [4th EE DNS Forum](#). We had a pleasure and honor to welcome Göran Marby, ICANN CEO and President, David Conrad, ICANN CTO as well as Danko Jevtovich, ICANN Board member joining the meetings.



- The [ICANN66 Annual General Meeting \(AGM\)](#) will be held in Montreal, Canada from 02-07 November 2019.
- The [Third At-Large Summit \(ATLAS III\)](#) will take place during ICANN66, from 04-07 November 2019.
- The fourth edition of India School of Internet Governance ([inSIG 2019](#)) will be held from 15-17 November in Kolkata, India.

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