# At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)

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**Report from the Chair of the At-Large Advisory Committee to the 40th Meeting of ICANN in San Francisco, USA**

**At-Large Activities at the 40th ICANN Meeting in San Francisco, USA**

During the 40th ICANN Meeting that took place 13-18 March in San Francisco, USA, the At-Large Community was represented by a total of 29 members from all five At-Large regions. These representatives included Members of the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC), officers of the five Regional At-Large Organizations (RALOs), representatives of At-Large Structures (ALSes), At-Large liaisons, At-Large delegates to the Nominating Committee (NomCom), and representatives of the At-Large Community.

The following formal At-Large meetings took place during the 40th ICANN Meeting in San Francisco:

- An all day ALAC and Regional Leadership Working Session
- An ALAC meeting with the GAC
- A NARALO Monthly Meeting
- A LACRALO Monthly Meeting
- A NARALAO Showcase
- A meeting of the At-Large Improvements Working Team D
- An ALAC Policy – Part 1 Session
- An ALAC Policy – Part 2 Session
- A meeting of the At-Large Improvements Working Team B
- ALAC and Regional Leadership Working Session 2
- An ALAC Meeting with the SSAC
- An APRALO Monthly Meeting
- An At-Large Regional Secretariats Meeting
- A meeting of the At-Large Improvements Working Team C
- A meeting of the At-Large Improvements Working Team A
- An ALAC Meeting with members of the ICANN Board
- An At-Large Meeting with Registrars
- An ALAC and Regional Leadership Wrap-Up Meeting
- An ALAC Executive Committee Meeting

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The very well-attended NARALO Showcase highlighted the diverse North American Regional At-Large Organization. Dr. Vint Cerf presented the keynote speech on "Amplifying the Voices of Civil Society" and nine At-Large Structures gave overviews of their activities and achievements.

At-Large played a key role in the organization and running of two cross-constituency meetings:

- AFRALO/AfrICANN Joint Meeting
- Internet Town Hall 2011: Emerging Issues for the Online Community

The At-Large members that participated in the 40$^{th}$ ICANN Meeting actively took part in non-At-Large meetings as well. They prepared reports of these sessions, which provided summaries of the sessions as well as highlighting issues of importance to the At-Large Community.

Among the many policy and process-related issues discussed during their meetings, there are several the ALAC would like to highlight:

- **At-Large Improvements project nears completion** - The four At-Large Improvements Work Teams (WTs) have made significant progress since the Cartagena Meeting. During the Silicon Valley Meeting, the At-Large Improvements WTs focused on their final implementation proposals, including receiving feedback on them from the ALAC, RALOs and broader At-Large Community. The WTs are on schedule to conclude their work by approximately the end of March.

- **ALAC and GAC agree to develop closer relations to strengthen outreach activities** – Representatives of the ALAC and the GAC met on Sunday, 13 March to discuss common interests and how to strengthen ALAC-GAC relations. It was agreed to hold ALAC-GAC sessions at all ICANN meetings and to begin regular written communication between the two advisory committees.

- **At-Large Standing Working Group established to identify emerging challenges to At-Large and how to address them** – The ALAC adopted a motion to create a new At-Large Working Group which will discuss emerging challenges to At-Large and the ALAC and how they should be addressed. The first task of WG will be to propose a limited list of priority issues which the At-Large community should address in the near future, because of their impact on the global Internet, on ICANN, and on ALAC. These issues shall constitute the core of the work program of the WG for 2011.

- **Statement of the ICANN African Community on ICANN Geographic Regions Review** – The ALAC wishes to make particular note of, and give the highest compliments to AFRALO and AfrICANN, for the timely preparatory work in developing and adopting the Statement of the ICANN African Community on ICANN Geographic Regions.

**At-Large Activities since the 39th<sup>th</sup> Meeting of ICANN in Cartagena**

The At-Large community, consisting of the ALAC, five RALOs and 130 At-Large Structures, continued to its policy-making and outreach activities between the 39<sup>th</sup> ICANN Meeting held in Cartagena, Colombia in December 2010 and the 40<sup>th</sup> ICANN Meeting held in San Francisco, California, USA held in March 2011.

During this time-period, the ALAC submitted 8 policy statements to the Board.

Topics of the ALAC policy statements were as follows:

- ALAC Statement on the Interim Report of the Internationalized Registration Data Working Group

- ALAC Statement on the Proposed ICANN Meeting Dates 2014 - 2016

- ALAC Statement on the Draft Process for Recognition of New GNSO Constituencies

- ALAC Statement on the Interim Report of the Geographic Regions Review Working Group

- ALAC Statement on the Accountability and Transparency Review Team Final Recommendations

- ALAC Statement Regarding the Current Situation in Egypt

- ALAC Statement on Draft 2011 – 2014 Strategic Plan

- ALAC Statement on the Draft Final Report on Policy Aspects Regarding Introduction of Single Character IDN TLDs

Members of the ALAC, the Regions and our ALSes have been engaged directly with policy development and ICANN processes being conducted within or with other parts of ICANN these include but are not limited to:

- Two (2) Members in the Geographic Regions Review Working Group

- Four (4) Members in the RAA Sub Team A: [Registrant Rights Charter Group](#)
- Three (3) Members in the RAA Sub Team B: [Additional Amendments Group](#)
- Three (3) Members in the [Post-Expiration Domain Name Recovery WG](#)
- One (1) Member in the Policy Process Steering Committee (PPSC) [Policy Development Process Team (PDP)](#)
- One Member in the Policy Process Steering Committee (PPSC) [Working Group Team (WG)](#)
- Two (2) Members in the [ccNSO IDN PDP Working Group 1](#)
- Two (2) Member in the [Registration Abuse Policies Working Group](#)
- Six (6) Members in the [SO/AC New gTLD Applicant Support Working Group](#)

As a means of increasing knowledge and capacity within the At-Large community to engage effectively in the ICANN policy development process, eight At-Large community calls took place between the 39th ICANN and the 40th ICANN Meeting. These At-Large community calls were:

- [Community Briefing on IPv6](#)
- [Community Call on Interim Report of the Internationalized Registration Data WG](#)

The 5 Regional At-Large Organizations (RALOs) have been exceptionally busy between the 39th and 40th ICANN Meetings. Their reports on their activities are available at:

- [AFRALO](#)
- [APRALO](#)
- [EURALO](#)
- [LACRALO](#)
- [NARALO](#)

During this period, the At-Large community reached the achievement of having 130 accredited At-Large Structures. One new At-Large Structure (ALSe) has been accredited and one organization is currently going through the application process. The accredited ALS is:

- [Cook Island Internet Action Group](#) (APRALO)

The organizations currently being reviewed are:

- [Netmission.Asia](#) (APRALO)
- [European Media Platform](#) (EURALO)

**At-Large Improvements – Status and Next Steps**

Since ICANN's 39th Meeting in Cartagena, the four At-Large Improvements Work Teams (WTs) have remained on schedule, making significant progress toward concluding their work by approximately the end of March.

*Progress and ALS involvement*

The table below summarizes the progress made to date in implementing the 13 recommendations that, originating in the Final Report of the ALAC Review Work Group on ALAC Improvements (Feb 2009), define the goals of the Improvements Project.  As shown, the role of the four Improvements WTs in implementing each of these recommendations is either finished or nearly finished – only six months after these WTs began meeting.

| Work team | Recommendation | Status of WT tasks (% completed) | | | | Estimated completion date |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 25% | 50% | 75% | 100% | |
| A | 1:  ICANN Bylaws changes re ALAC role | | | | | Completed |
| | 2:  Director-related Bylaws | | | | | Completed |
| | 10:  Home of individual Internet user | | | | | Completed |
| | 11:  Board statement re Rec 10 | | | | | Completed |
| B | 3:  Barriers in ALS-RALO-ALAC structure | | | | | Completed |
| | 4:  ALS education & engagement | | | | | Completed |
| | 7:  Communication & collaboration tools | | | | | Completed |
| | 9:  Translation & interpretation processes | | | 75% | | ~March 2011 |
| C | 5:  Strategic & operational plans | | | 75% | | ~March 2011 |
| | 6:  Accurate cost models | | | 75% | | ~March 2011 |
| D | 8:  Public comment period extensions | | | | | Completed |
| | 12:  Consumer representative input | | | 75% | | ~March 2011 |
| | 13:  Policy advice (PAD) mechanisms | | | | | Completed |

Even more striking than this progress has been the extensive "bottom-up" approach taken by the ALAC and At-Large in this work.  The Improvements Project has truly been conducted and led by the At-Large "edges" – that is, by the regional ALSes and their members.  Of the eight co-chairs of the Improvements Work Teams (WTs), the majority (five) are *not* ALAC members; furthermore, the majority of WT members, by far, come straight from the ALSes.

Since the goal of the At-Large Improvements Project is no less than the enhancement of the ways in which the ALAC and At-Large conduct their business, the RALOs' and ALSes' leadership of this Project has ensured their widespread – and very beneficial – influence on our Community for years to come.

### *At the Silicon Valley Meeting*

During the past week, at ICANN's Silicon Valley Meeting, the At-Large Improvements WTs have focused on their final implementation proposals – receiving feedback on them from the ALAC, RALOs and broader At-Large Community, as well as formally presenting most of them, during Thursday's [ALAC & Regional Leadership Wrap-up Meeting](), for the ALAC's consideration.

Examples of some of the more notable proposals presented by the WTs include the following:

- WT A (on the ALAC's continuing purpose) proposed that the ALAC submit to the Board amendments to ICANN Bylaws that would clarify the continuing purpose of the ALAC within the ICANN structure;
- WT B (on ALS participation) proposed that the ALAC initiate a training and education program, to coincide with ICANN Meetings, for new ALS members;
- WT C (on ALAC planning processes) proposed that the ALAC initiate, develop, and maintain an institutional knowledge management and retention system for At-Large; and
- WT D (on ALAC's policy advice development) proposed that the ALAC adopt a new Policy Advice Development process (PAD) that incorporates (a) earlier document translation and education of the ALSes about policy issues, (b) multiple points at which extensions of the public comment period may be requested, and (c) the development of a Policy Review Committee (PRC) to help inform the Community of upcoming policy comment periods and bundle related comment periods.

### *Next steps*

Immediately following ICANN's Silicon Valley Meeting, these next steps will occur:

- WT B will finalize its work in developing proposals for the ALAC regarding the implementation of Recommendation 9 (enhancing ICANN's interpretation and translation tools);
- WT C will finalize its work in developing proposals for the ALAC regarding the implementation of Recommendation 5 (enhancing ALAC's strategic and operational planning) and 6 (developing more accurate cost models for ALAC/At-Large activities); and
- WT D will finalize its work in developing proposals for the ALAC regarding the implementation of Recommendation 12 (increasing the input from consumer groups into the ALAC's policy advice process).

Following the completion of these steps, the WTs, in collaboration with the ALAC and the At-Large staff, will be ready to draft the final report regarding the ALAC/At-Large Improvements Implementation Project, to be submitted to the

ALAC for approval.  Once approved, the ALAC will submit this report to ICANN's Board.

For more information on the ALAC/At-Large Improvements Implementation Project, please see:
- [WT A Workspace](#)
- [WT B Workspace](#)
- [WT C Workspace](#)
- [WT D Workspace](#)


**A Note of Thanks**

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