

From „hot topics” to „AtLarge policy platform”

Development of the ALAC Hot Policy Topics Document

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Bottom-up: ICANN63 regional hot topics matrix (by Glenn McKnight)

	AFRALO	APRALO	EURALO	LACRALO	NARALO	total
TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY	X	X	X (rule of law)	X		4
CYBERSECURITY			X	X	X	3
INTERNET ACCESS					X	1
DIGITAL LITERACY					X	1
NET NEUTRALITY				X	X	2
CONSUMER TRUST					X	1
SURVELLIENCE					X	1
DNSSEC / DNS SECURITY AND ABUSE	X	X		X		3
IDN		X	X	X		3
HUMAN RIGHTS		X	X	X		3
PRIVACY & GDPR	X	X	X	X	X	5
NEW GTLD'S	X	X		X		3
WHOIS	X		X	X		3
GENDER DIVERSITY	X					1
INTERNET GOVERNANCE	X		X	X		3
CAPACITY BUILDING	X			X		2
JURISDICTION			X			1
ACCESIBILITY AND DISCRIMINATION			X			1
PUBLIC INTEREST			X			1

Bottom-up: ICANN63 regional hot topics matrix (sorted by popularity by JK)

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PRIVACY & GDPR	X	X	X	X	X	5
TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY	X	X	X (rule of law)	X		4
CYBERSECURITY			X	X	X	3
DNSSEC / DNS SECURITY AND ABUSE	X	X		X		3
IDN		X	X	X		3
HUMAN RIGHTS		X	X	X		3
NEW GTLD'S	X	X		X		3
WHOIS	X		X	X		3
INTERNET GOVERNANCE	X		X	X		3
NET NEUTRALITY				X	X	2
CAPACITY BUILDING	X			X		2
INTERNET ACCESS					X	1
DIGITAL LITERACY					X	1
CONSUMER TRUST					X	1
SURVELLIENCE					X	1
GENDER DIVERSITY	X					1
JURISDICTION			X			1
ACCESIBILITY AND DISCRIMINATION			X			1
PUBLIC INTEREST			X			1

„Hot topics” set against ICANN Core Values (as per Bylaws) (by JK and JZ)

The mission of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers ("ICANN") is to ensure the stable and secure operation of the Internet's unique identifier systems (.... the "Mission"). Specifically, ICANN:

- ⊙ (i) Coordinates the allocation and assignment of names in the root zone of the Domain Name System ("DNS") and coordinates the development and implementation of policies concerning the registration of second-level domain names in generic top-level domains ("gTLDs").

In this role, ICANN's scope is to coordinate the development and implementation of policies:

For which uniform or coordinated resolution is reasonably necessary to facilitate the openness, interoperability, resilience, security and/or stability of the DNS including, with respect to gTLD registrars and registries, policies (...); and

That are developed through a bottom-up consensus-based multistakeholder process and designed to ensure the stable and secure operation of the Internet's unique names systems.

- ⊙ (ii) Facilitates the coordination of the operation and evolution of the DNS root name server system.
- ⊙ (iii) Coordinates the allocation and assignment at the top-most level of Internet Protocol numbers and Autonomous System numbers. (...)
- ⊙ (iv) Collaborates with other bodies as appropriate to provide registries needed for the functioning of the Internet as specified by Internet protocol standards development organizations. (...)

ALAC / At-Large Hot Policy Topics:

Suggestions (compiled and abbreviated, as presented at ICANN65)

- ⊙ Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs) and Universal Acceptance (UA)
- ⊙ DNS Security and Abuse, DNSSEC and Cybersecurity
- ⊙ ICANN and Human Rights, including Privacy and GDPR / WHOIS
- ⊙ ICANN Jurisdiction and Internet Governance (building upon the recommendations of the Jurisdiction Working Group)
- ⊙ New gTLDs: Perspectives and Scope
- ⊙ ICANN Transparency and Accountability, in terms of enhancing / building end user trust
- ⊙ Facilitating multistakeholder consensus within the ICANN community; working together with governments, business and civil society
- ⊙ Capacity Building on all themes listed above, with due regard to geographical, cultural and language diversity
- ⊙ *Other?*

Other Current Policy Issues – Suggested as Outside ICANN Remit (as presented at ICANN65)

- ⊙ Public interest
- ⊙ Surveillance
- ⊙ Net Neutrality
- ⊙ Accessibility and discrimination
- ⊙ Digital Literacy
- ⊙ Gender Diversity
- ⊙ Internet Access

Feedback received

- ⦿ The title „hot” topics is deceiving → suggest a more durable title
- ⦿ Capacity building is not a policy theme, rather a working method
- ⦿ Add: consumer trust
- ⦿ Add: Public Interest Commitments (SubPro)

Feedback fully taken on board

- ⊙ „hot” topics → **AtLarge Policy Platform**
- ⊙ Goal:
 - identify current policy issues within each RALO with RALO leadership support
 - note respective RALO approaches to each theme to better understand regional end user issues
 - summarize regional policy issues at the ALAC level as policy driven advice
- ⊙ Capacity building is not a policy theme, rather a working method → strike CB from „policy platform”
- ⊙ Add: consumer trust → added
- ⊙ Add: Public Interest Commitments (SubPro) → added

AtLarge Policy Platform Top Ten Themes

(to be presented at ICANN66)

1. Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs) and Universal Acceptance (UA)
2. DNS Security and Abuse, DNSSEC and Cybersecurity
3. ICANN and Human Rights, including Privacy and GDPR / WHOIS
4. ICANN Jurisdiction and Internet Governance (building upon the recommendations of the Jurisdiction Working Group)
5. New gTLDs: Perspectives and Scope
6. ICANN Transparency and Accountability, in terms of enhancing / building end user trust
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8. Consumer trust
9. Public Interest Commitments (SubPro)
10. **TBC (open to RALO suggestions)**

AtLarge Policy Platform

further steps

1. Develop a Policy Platform **Wiki space**
2. Get ALAC approval for policy platform and its proposed themes
3. Communicate policy platform scope and aims back to the region
4. Sustain the bottom up model of identifying policy themes through **regional hot topics documents and direct RALO leaders involvement**
5. Use policy platform as a resource for identifying pressing end user policy themes and organize relevant AtLarge documents, including ALAC advice.

Thank you

Happy to answer questions / hear comments

