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AT-LARGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ALAC Statement on DRAFT PTI and IANA FY21 Operating Plan and Budgets

Introduction

On 14 October 2019, Public Comment opened for DRAFT PTI and IANA FY21 Operating Plan and Budgets. On the same day, an At-Large workspace was created for the statement. The At-Large Consolidated Policy Working Group (CPWG) as well as the ALAC Finance and Budget Subcommittee (FBSC) decided it would be in the interest of end users to develop an ALAC statement on the Public Comment. Ricardo Holmquist, former ALAC Member of the Latin American Regional At-Large Organization (LACRALO), volunteered as penholder for the ALAC statement.

On 24 October 2019, Ricardo Holmquist posted the first draft ALAC statement on the topic to the workspace for At-Large Community discussion. ICANN policy staff in support of the At-Large community sent a call for comments to the CPWG, FBSC and ALAC mailing lists.

During the ICANN66 Annual General Meeting in Montreal, the ICANN Finance Department presented to the At-Large Community on the topic, and Community members held discussions related to the PTI and IANA FY21 Operating Plan and Budgets.

On 20 November 2019, after weekly CPWG meetings and discussions on the CPWG, FBSC and ALAC mailing lists, the penholder presented an updated draft of the ALAC statement regarding DRAFT PTI and IANA FY21 Operating Plan and Budgets.

On 22 November 2019, the penholder and ICANN policy staff in support of the At-Large community sent a call for comments to the CPWG, FBSC and ALAC mailing lists, requesting final feedback from the Community by 26 November 2019.

On 27 November 2019, the penholder finalized the ALAC statement with input from the CPWG meeting the same day.

On 27 November 2019, the ALAC Chair, Maureen Hilyard, requested that the statement be transmitted to the ICANN Public Comment process, copying the ICANN staff member responsible for this topic, with a note that the statement is pending ALAC ratification.

On 04 December 2019, staff confirmed the online vote resulted in the ALAC endorsing the statement with 15 votes in favor, 0 votes against, and 0 abstentions. Please note 100% (15) of the 15 ALAC Members participated in the poll. The ALAC Members who participated in the poll are (alphabetical order by first name): Abdulkarim Oloyede, Bastiaan Goslings, Carlos Raul Gutierrez, Dave Kissoondoyal, Holly Raiche, Humberto Carrasco, Javier Rua-Jovet, Joanna Kulesza, Jonathan Zuck, Justine Chew, Marita Moll, Matthias Hudobnik, Maureen Hilyard, Sylvia Herlein Leite and Tijani Ben Jemaa. You may view the result independently under: https://www.bigpulse.com/pollresults?code=1338186ceckqd2y2ZHksMGz8F5z

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The proposed PTI and IANA FY21 Operating Plan and Budgets are aligned with the ICANN Strategic Plan, and are also very similar to previous years' budgets. An adjustment in the PTI budget is noticeable, including adjustments in salaries, services and other administrative cross-charges from ICANN to PTI or IANA.

However, the last paragraph of the executive summary reads:

"*In FY21, PTI expects to deliver a comprehensive set of systems and tools to support protocol parameter assignment workflows following a multi-year development effort. This investment will enhance the way service is delivered to the Internet standards community by providing modern interfaces and request management. Other areas of activity include continued evolution of the Root Zone Management System (RZMS) to cater for customer demand, as well as ongoing enhancement to the IANA website and continuous iteration on the root zone key management software and facilities. ICANN initiatives and their timing will inform aspects of this work that contain a significant IANA component, such as variant top level domains (TLDs) and the subsequent procedures for new generic TLD (gTLD) delegations.*"

In August of this year, community comment was requested regarding the evolution of the Root Zone Management System, based on RSSAC 037 and RSSAC 038. The ALAC provided a statement in response to the ICANN Public Comment on Evolving the Governance of the Root Server System accordingly.

This evolution involves a big change in the governance of the Root Server System. But these changes are not reflected in the proposed PTI and IANA FY21 Operating Plan and Budgets. Did these changes have any consequences (short, medium or long term) to the PTI and IANA Operating Plan and Budgets? Do ICANN, PTI and IANA need to be prepared to take on an additional Root Server?