



ALAC/At-Large ICANN72 Talking Points

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Future of ICANN Meetings

1. Reimbursement Program Critical
2. YouTube Streaming Links
3. Additional tools: Zoom breakout rooms, Google Jamboards,
4. Greater use of machine translation/interpretation
5. Hybrid Meetings Risk Further Discrimination



Background

The ICANN72 plenary session will facilitate an exchange of ideas and knowledge about how to enhance the effectiveness of future ICANN Public Meetings in terms of facilitating diverse and inclusive engagement in policy development and advice activities, including considerations about accessibility, time zones and the use of tools that contribute to an equitable environment for in-person and remote participants. It will be a temperature check on thoughts and concerns as ICANN transitions to the "hybrid" format. This plenary session will include a discussion on how other international conferences have approached a hybrid format.

Resources

[ICANN72 PLENARY: Designing Hybrid ICANN Public Meetings to Equalize In-Person & Remote Participation on Wednesday, 27 October at 17:30 UTC At-Large Technology Task Force \(TTF\)](#)

EPDP and GDPR Compliance

1. Advised ICANN Board to reject the SSAD
2. Recommend accepting 2A recommendations
3. Consumer protection is the At-Large priority.



Background

The ALAC Members to the EPDP coordinated with the CPWG on drafting and submitting an ALAC minority statement to the EPDP-TempSpec Final Report, noting that EPDP-TempSpec Phase 2 did not achieve its goal of resolving the Legal vs Natural Issue, nor consensus over critical Registration Data Directory Services (RDDS) elements. The ALAC also advised the ICANN Board to reject the SSAD recommendations. The GNSO Council will hold a vote on 27 October.

Resources

[ALAC Minority Statement to the EPDP Phase 2A Final Report \(September 2021\)](#)

[ALAC Advice to the ICANN Board on EPDP Phase 2 \(SSAD\) \(August 2021\)](#)

See [ALAC statement on EU Directive on Security of Network and Information Systems \(NIS 2 Directive\) \(17 March 2021\)](#)

See [ALAC statement on EPDP \(July 2020\)](#) and [Addendum \(August 2020\)](#)

See recent [CPWG meetings](#), EPDP updates by Hadia Elminiawi and Alan Greenberg, ALAC Members to the EPDP.

DNS Abuse

1. Further DNS abuse mitigation prior to a new round
2. Ransomware, phishing on the rise.
3. At-Large is committed to individual end user education
4. Plenty to accomplish with strict definition
5. At-Large focused on registries and registrars with HIGH percentages of abuse registrations.



Background

The At-Large community continues to collaborate with ICANN stakeholders (including other SOACs) on the topic of DNS abuse. The ALAC provided comments to the [RrSG Draft White Paper: Registrant Protections in DNS Abuse Mitigation](#). ALAC, in its advice to the ICANN Board (Dec 2019) recommended defining bad actors based on quartiles: Identify the registrars that fall outside of the pattern of the rest of the registrars, perhaps by using a fraction like $\frac{\#ofabuseddomains}{\#ofdomainsponsored}$. See this [article for details](#). To do this, the ALAC: 1) objects to any attempt by ICANN org or community members to stop collecting registrar data, and 2) recommends that the ICANN DAAR project be whitelisted from all registrar and registry WHOIS / RDAP rate limiting.

Resources

ALAC statement on [RrSG Draft White Paper: Registrant Protections in DNS Abuse Mitigation](#)

[ICANN72 At-Large Policy Session: Tackling DNS Abuse](#) on Tuesday, 19 October @ 17 UTC

[ICANN72 ALAC & GAC Meeting](#) on Tuesday, 26 October @ 16 UTC

ICANN72 [GNSO: CPH DNS Abuse Work Group Community Update](#) on Monday, 25 October @ 17:30 UTC

[At-Large and DNS Abuse on the At-Large website](#)

ICANN Reviews & the Multistakeholder Model

1. ALAC Preparing to Engage on Prioritization
2. CCTRT, SSR2 and ATRT3 Recs a Priority
3. Objective Progress Measures Essential
4. Structural issues in the multistakeholder model



Background

The Internet governance landscape is never static. It is continually evolving, and the ICANN community must evolve with it, ensuring that its multistakeholder model remains an effective and inclusive governance model for an increasingly interconnected and challenging world.

ICANN is committed to the evolution of its unique model as one of the strategic goals in the recent 5-year plan. The items addressed are some of the points At-Large has contributed in recent comments towards the improvement of the model. During ICANN72 Prep Week, there will be an update on the progress of ICANN Reviews, including implementation planning and scheduling of related Board-approved recommendations, and efforts to improve the future reviews. During ICANN72, At-Large will hold a session on ICANN accountability and transparency and the ICANN reviews.

Resources

[ICANN72 Prep Week - ICANN Reviews and Implementation Status Update](#) on Tuesday, 11 October @ 16 UTC

[ICANN72 Prep Week - Planning and Prioritization Framework Design Update](#) on Wednesday, 13 October @ 16 UTC

[ICANN72 Prep Week - The Global Public Interest at ICANN - An Update](#) on Wednesday, 13 October @ 21:30 UTC

[ICANN72 At-Large Policy Session: ICANN Accountability and Transparency and the](#)

[ICANN Reviews \(part 1 & 2\)](#) on Wednesday, 20 October @ 17 & 18:30 UTC
See ALAC statement on [Enhancing the Effectiveness of ICANN's Multistakeholder Model – Next Steps](#) (02 August 2020)
See [ICANN Multistakeholder Advice Development](#)
See [CPWG Position Development Diagram](#)

Universal Acceptance (UA)

1. 80% of websites are non-compliant.
2. Undermines ICANN credibility.
3. UA issues must be remediated prior to ANY new round.



Background

The Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG) aims to have an interaction with the community to get feedback on the work accomplished in FY21 and its plan of work towards achieving Universal Acceptance readiness in FY22.

Resources

See [ICANN72 Prep Week session details regarding Progress and Next Steps for Universal Acceptance](#) on Wednesday, 12 October at 23 UTC.

See [At-Large and Universal Acceptance](#) on the At-Large website.

Subsequent Procedures

1. Expansion of the New gTLD program must benefit all
2. PICs and RVCs must be enforced by ICANN Compliance,
3. Closed Generics require further discussion
4. Goals Applicant Support Program.
5. Notification Tool for GeoName applications
6. Do not support private auctions.



Background

This ALAC advice was initially developed after the ALAC submitted a statement to the GNSO New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process Working Group on the completion and delivery of its Final Report of 22 December 2020. The ALAC advice relates to 12 aspects of the SubPro Final Report policy recommendations for the New gTLD Program, and is in respect of the Board's consideration, approval, or adoption for onward operational design and/or implementation of the SubPro WG's recommendations as put forth by the GNSO Council. The ALAC advice was translated into the 5 UN languages and disseminated by the RALO Chairs in their regional languages. Reference [ALAC Chair Maureen Hilyard's Correspondence with Maarten Botterman](#), ICANN Board Chairman.

Resources

See [ALAC advice to ICANN Board on Subsequent Procedures \(16 April 2021\)](#).
See ALAC statement on [Subsequent Procedures PDP Final Report](#) (18 January 2021).
See recent [CPWG meetings](#), SubPro updates by Justine Chew, former member of the SubPro WG and ALAC Member of APRALO.

Transfer Policy Review PDP

1. End user experience should be paramount.
2. Losing registrar should confirm with registrant
3. Must address reseller complexity



Background

On 26 January 2020, the ICANN Board passed a [resolution](#) to defer contractual compliance enforcement of the gaining registrar's requirement to obtain express authorization of an inter-registrar transfer from the Transfer Contact via a Standardized Form of Authorization (FOA). ICANN Contractual Compliance will defer enforcement of Section I(A)(2.1) of the Transfer Policy until the matter is settled in the GNSO Council's Transfer Policy review. The GNSO Transfer Policy Review PDP WG is tasked with reviewing the Transfer Policy and determining if changes to the policy are needed to improve the ease, security and efficacy of inter-registrar and inter-registrant transfers. The ALAC representatives to the Transfer Policy Review PDP, led by ALAC Members to the PDP Steinar Grøtterød and Daniel Nanghaka, provided regular updates to the CPWG and coordinated with the group to develop At-Large consensus positions to bring back to the PDP. This included a series of presentations and polling of the CPWG, on the topic of notifications discussed in the PDP.

Resources

[ICANN72 Transfer Policy Review PDP Working Group meeting](#) on Tuesday, 26 October @ 17:30 UTC.

See: [At-Large Workspace: Request for Inputs on Topics on Transfer Policy Review PDP Charter](#)

See [At-Large Workspace: Transfer Policy Review Policy Development Process](#)

(PDP)

See [GNSO Workspace: Transfer Policy Review Policy Development Process \(PDP\)](#)