ALAC/At-Large
ICANN72 Talking Points

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18:08-18:28 UTC
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)
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 EPDP (July 2020) and Addendum (August 2020)
See recent CPWG meetings, EPDP updates by Hadia Elminiawi and Alan Greenberg, ALAC Members to the EPDP.
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 #ofabusedomains/#ofdomainssponsored. 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
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
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
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 recent CPWG meetings, SubPro updates by Justine Chew, former member of the SubPro WG and ALAC Member of APRALO.
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)