

Description Recommendation 1:

The ALAC has a continuing purpose in the ICANN structure. This continuing purpose has four key elements:

- * providing advice on policy;
- * providing input into ICANN operations and structure;
- * part of ICANN's accountability mechanisms
- * an organising mechanism for some of ICANN's outreach

The section of the ICANN Bylaws that deals with ALAC should be changed to reflect this purpose.

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1.1	Amend Bylaws Article XI,s2(4)(a) to clarify purposes as proposed	1						Amendments made should include, amongst other things, clarification of the roles of liaisons	
1.1.1	Staff to create draft redlined edits of relevant section of the Bylaws	1	Staff/ALAC					Staff working on redlined version of the Bylaw changes. Will submit to ALAC prior to 23 February 2010 for review.	
1.1.2	Draft created in 1.1 to be reviewed by ALAC	1	ALAC						
1.1.3	ALAC-reviewed edit to be transmitted with ALAC's recommendation to the Board via the SIC to ratify the changes, subject to public comment processes required for Bylaw amendments and subsequent revisions if any.	1							
1.2	Review proposed IIC/post-JPA accountability mechanisms to ensure congruence with the recommendation	2						To give effect to report recommendation that "As the key representative of the individual Internet user in the broader ICANN process, ALAC should have a voice in the mechanisms being developed through the President's Strategy Committee and other mechanisms to provide greater accountability. Although the exact shape of these mechanisms is not yet decided, the voice and concerns of the individual Internet user need to be included as an important part of any mechanism that is developed."	
1.2.1	Review existing or recently concluded public comment processes related to this subject, identify any lacunae related to this recommendation	2					Page 8, para 2		
1.2.2	Define further steps or measures required	2						ALAC, RALOs to review	
1.3	ALAC Engagement in ICANN Structural Improvements Programmes	3	At-Large Engagement in ICANN WG (staff to contact WG Chair Carlos Aguirre to confirm he will take responsibility for this task)					To give effect to the recommendation that "ALAC needs to contribute to the organizational structure discussions that are taking place as ICANN undertakes reviews of the Board and the Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees. The voice of the individual Internet user is an important input into this process."	
1.3.1	Review whether additional processes are required above those currently in place within At-Large	3					page 7, para 4		
1.3.2	Review whether additional processes external to At-Large are required	3							
1.3.3	After completion of 1.3.1 and 1.3.2, staff to report to the ALAC with the results.	3						ALAC to review any measures identified, agree on follow-on programme if any	
1.4	Extend the Term of Office of the ALAC Chair to two years	1					Page 21, Recommendation 11	The terms of the other Officers of the ALAC will be reviewed as a part of this element of the project	

Description Recommendation 3: The ALS-RALO-ALAC structure of At-Large should remain in place for the present									
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3.1	Ensuring the existing structure does not present obstacles to effective community operation and development	4					Page 9, para 2	To address the statement "Many members of the WG feel that the current system does impede the flow of information to and from the individual Internet user on some occasions."	
3.1.1	Review information flows between the three tiers of the At-Large system to identify any improvements to information dissemination that can be made.	4			Task to be discussed during ALAC + Regional Leaders Workshop on 07 March 2010 in Nairobi			Ensuring that the flow of information between the tiers of the At-Large community and the individual Internet user members of ALSes will be included in section 4.1	
3.1.2	Taking into account the results of 3.1.1, implement any improvements that may be found useful	4						ALAC to review any measures identified, agree on follow-on programme if any	

Description Recommendation 4: Educating and engaging the ALSes should be an immediate priority; compliance should be a longer-term goal									
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4.1	Education	1			Policy staff to launch monthly podcasts explaining policy issues in February 2010.			Section will develop an educational campaign to help ALSes and those individual Internet users who wish to engage directly to gain greater understanding of the issues behind decisions to be taken. Gives effect to the statement in the report "Staff have an important role to play ... in helping to develop material that explains policy issues in ways that make sense to the individual Internet user. While this is not a trivial task, it is critical to the success of the At Large process and this aspect should be considered when the allocation of resources is being considered."	
4.1.1	Develop high-level principles to guide development of an externally-focussed campaign of this kind	1							
4.1.2	Once principles in 4.1.1 are reviewed and approved, draw up plan with specific deliverables congruent with the principles	1							
4.1.3	Once 4.1.3 is approved, create and execute plan to implement	1							
4.2	Engagement	2			ICANN Senior Director of Participation and Engagement to discuss issue during ALAC + Regional Leaders Workshop on 07 March 2010 in Nairobi.			Section will develop an educational campaign to help At-Large community members to participate in ways that ensure their input has can have maximum impact on ICANN's work, and ensure that they feel their volunteer activities were impactful, thereby incentivizing continuing volunteer engagement in ICANN. Gives effect to the statement in the report "Staff have an important role to play ... in helping to develop material that explains policy issues in ways that make sense to the individual Internet user. While this is not a trivial task, it is critical to the success of the At Large process and this aspect should be considered when the allocation of resources is being considered."	
4.2.1	Develop high-level principles to guide development of an internally-focussed campaign of this kind	2					Page 9, para 6 / Page 10 para 1		
4.2.2	Once principles in 4.2.1 are reviewed and approved, draw up plan with specific deliverables congruent with the principles	2							
4.2.3	Once 4.2.3 is approved, create and execute plan to implement	2							
4.3	Outreach and Recruitment	2						To give effect to the following statement: "Through ALAC's interactions with the ALS structures, ICANN is able to reach out to thousands of Internet users across the globe. As such, ALAC has an important role to play in coordinating and facilitating some of ICANN's outreach activity... This outreach may also extend to capacity building as At Large activity coordinated through ALAC educates Internet users on the issues that underlie policy and other debates in the ICANN arena."	
4.3.1	Outreach and Recruitment to increase At-Large community size and diversity	2					page 8, para 3 / page 12, para 4		
4.3.1.1	Design an outreach and recruitment strategy for At-Large	2			At-Large community representatives to lead discussion during ALAC + Regional Leaders Workshop to be held 07 March 2010 in Nairobi.			ALAC and RALOs to review the plan, agree on next steps	
4.3.2	Outreach messaging to the individual Internet user about ICANN's activities	2							

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4.3.3	Design a process which will ensure that information about the issues being dealt with by the ICANN community can be easily understood by individual Internet users.	2			AFRALO, EURALO and LACRALO developed regional brochures in relevant languages to be used in information exchange, awareness raising, and outreach activities. APRALO and NARALO developing their regional brochures.			ALAC to review, agree on follow-on programme	
4.4	Explore whether additional measures need to be taken to involve the individual Internet user in the work of At-Large, where such persons wish to contribute in their personal capacity	1						Gives effect to the statement "The WG encourages ALAC and the RALOs to continue to explore ways that individual users can be involved in the process without having to become part of an ALS."	RALOs to report in Nairobi
4.5	Leadership Engagement / Development	2					page 9, para 4	4.5's objective is to address the statement "The WG also believes that there is a need for substantial improvement in the levels of participation by ALAC members in ALAC policy processes and operational matters. Under the current Chair, significant improvement has taken place and the WG wishes to commend and support these. However, there is still a long way to go based on data from recent ALAC activity."	
4.5.1	Create "Job Description" for ALAC members, liaisons, other leaders that includes qualification requirements, responsibilities, objective criteria to evaluate performance	1			Revised Position Description to be posted for At-Large community review in February 2010.		Page 10, para 2	This is currently underway in the community	
4.5.2	Create and implement sanctions process for non-performance	2						To include objective process for identification of issues, graduated responses for continued non-compliance, succession process for replacement. This will apply also to the NomCom in replacing non-performing appointees to the ALAC from the NomCom.	Completion by Brussels mtg
4.5.3	In creating sactions processes above, include elements that ensure travel support is unavailable to ALAC leaders subject to these processes.	2						To give effect to the recommendation that "ICANN resources should only be used to support those who are active in ICANN policy and operations issues. The WG supports and acknowledges the steps being taken within ALAC to approve accountability and transparency of the activity of members of the ALAC and RALOs and suggests that this information be utilized when considering travel support."	Completion by Brussels mtg
4.5.4	ALAC and the NomCom shall jointly decide upon a process for mid-term replacement of NomCom appointments TO the ALAC, and ALAC appointments TO the NomCom, where required	1					page 18, para 1		
4.5.4.1	Implementation of agreed processes	1							
4.5.5	Provide finalised results from 4.5.2, 4.5.3, and 4.5.4 for Board approval	1						To implement recommendation that "WG recommends that ALAC and the RALOs develop these themselves and present them to the ICANN Board for approval."	
4.6	Compliance	3					page 19, para 4	This section intentionally left as a placeholder, as per the Report's recommendation that Compliance should be dealt with after the other elements of Recommendation 4 are completed.	

Description Recommendation 5: ALAC should develop strategic and operational plans (including performance criteria and cost information) as part of ICANN's planning process. (see Page 10, section 3.2.1.3 / Page 21, Recommendation 10 of the report)

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5.1	Strategic Planning - ALAC Processes	1							
5.1.1	Review current processes within At-Large to contribute to strategic and operational planning; identify any barriers	1			Strategic Planning 2010-2013 briefings by ICANN staff were provided on RALO teleconferences in January/February 2010 as well as on an At-Large Community Call on Strategic Planning 2010-2010 on 15 January 2010 (https://st.icann.org/alac/index.cgi/index.cgi?community_call_on); Review of micro-strategic planning to be discussed during ALAC + Regional Leaders Workshop on 07 March in Nairobi.				
5.1.2	Propose measures to eliminate any barriers identified in 5.1.1	1						ALAC and the RALOs are to review any measures identified, agree on follow-on programme if any	
5.2	Operational Planning - ALAC Processes	1							
5.2.1	Review current processes within At-Large to contribute to strategic and operational planning; identify any barriers	1							
5.2.2	Propose measures to eliminate any barriers identified in 5.2.1	1						ALAC and the RALOs are to review any measures identified, agree on follow-on programme if any	
5.3	Review ongoing At-Large staff support levels and budget allocations during the FY2009/2010 period and increase support as provided throughout this project, congruent with the recommendations in the ALRWG Report.	1					Page 11 / Page 20, Recommendation 5	To give effect to the report's recommendations on page 11, especially "The WG recommends that consideration be given to increasing resources available to ALAC based on initiatives proposed through the planning process. These resources may involve extra staff and/or extra funding, depending on the particular initiative and the desired outcomes." This will also be useful in connection with the resourcing requirements identified for ongoing efforts related to other recommendations in the report.	
5.3.1	The ALAC and the staff shall develop an annual support agreement	2						further details as per the Report, Section 3.2.1.4	

Description Recommendation 6: More effort needs to be put into developing accurate cost models for At Large activity

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6.1	Review with At-Large what additional information would be useful, subsequent to the improvements in financial reporting in FY2009/2010	1							
6.2	In planning for meetings, ensure that At-Large representatives are provided equal treatment to other funded communities with respect to accomodations	1					page 18, para 2	As per the report's statement: "the WG recommends that At Large representatives be treated equally with other funded participants when accomodation is being organized."	

Description Recommendation 8: The public comment period should be kept at 30 days except in special circumstances, in which case ALAC may request an extension to 45 days									
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8.1	ALAC Internal Processes	2							
8.1.1	Develop process for requesting extended consultation window	2							
8.1.2	Draft process transmitted after ALAC endorsement to the Board	2							
8.2	Staff / Board Processes	2							
8.2.1	Develop process to implement extension requests received	2							
8.3	Review of Public Comment Processes	2					page 13, paras 3-4, page 14, paras 1-2	Section 8.3 is to give effect to recommendations in section 3.2.2.2 of the report.	
8.3.1	Activities in Advance of Comment Period Opening	2					page 13, para 4	8.3.1 is to give effect to the following recommendation: "If ALAC only begins to educate the At Large community at the start of the public comment period, there is little hope of getting representative advice from a global membership in 30 days. Education about issues should start as early as possible. Where feasible, early drafts of documents could be shared so that At Large members can begin considering their response before the public comment period begins."	
8.3.1.1	Review internal processes at the staff level to determine how advance notice of public comment periods, and availability of prerelease drafts, could be possible. Produce recommendations for community review.	2						Changes proposed should be suitable for horizontal application across all of the ICANN communities and should be beneficial to all, to ensure equal treatment.	
8.3.1.2	Review internal processes to determine how materials could be prepared and released in advance of the opening of comment periods to support advance understanding of issues	2						Examples of the types of materials are: such as issue briefing webinars, production of documents to explain issues, and other materials supportive of informing volunteer communities, can be implemented Measures proposed should be suitable for horizontal application across all of the ICANN communities and should be beneficial to all, to ensure equal treatment.	
8.4	Review measures to make the policy development activities across ICANN's communities more accessible, propose measures for community review.	2					pg 13, para 4	Section 8.3.2 is to give effect to recommendation: "Supporting Organizations should work more closely with ALAC to inform them of upcoming policy issues and of the status of issues currently under debate. In this way, ALAC could begin preparations and education efforts in advance of the comment period. Staff who support the ALAC and various other parts of ICANN could play a useful role in assisting communication across groups..." An example of the type of improvement relevant to 8.3.2 is potentially implementing a cross-ICANN version of the At-Large Policy Advice Development page found at http://www.atlarge.icann.org/policycalendar .	

Description Recommendation 13: As the provision of advice on policy is part of ALAC's purpose, ALAC should strive to provide policy advice on any issues that affect individual Internet users. Processes for providing advice on policy should be strengthened within ALAC for the development of policy advice, within SOs for requesting input from ALAC on policy issues and from SOs, ACs and the Board to provide feedback on how ALAC advice has been used.					Notes: Processes identified, where they involve other bodies of ICANN, should be considered for inclusion in the Bylaws where relevant in Part 1				
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13.1	Review ALAC's/At-Large's Policy Advice Development processes.	2					pg7, para 3	To give effect to the statement "ALAC should strive to provide policy advice on any issues that affect individual Internet users."	
13.1.1	Review ALAC's/At-Large's internal processes, identify any barriers to advice development	2							
13.1.3	Taking into account the result of 13.1.1, staff to prepare proposals for measures which would reduce barriers identified	2							
13.1.4	Review external processes which create barriers to ALAC's development of advice	2							
13.1.5	Taking into account the result of 13.1.x, staff/consultants to prepare proposals for measures which would reduce barriers identified for review by At-Large	2							
13.2	Processes for developing policy should be strengthened "within" SOs and ACs for requesting and considering input from ALAC on policy issues	2					Page 12, para 6 / Page 13, para 1-3	The objective of this section is to give effect to the statement: "...the policy development processes of the GNSO, the ccNSO and the ASO be changed so that these organisations are responsible for reaching out to At Large in the early stages of their policy development processes. In their policy processes, the Supporting Organisations should demonstrate that they have obtained the views of At Large and that this input has been taken into account. One way of doing this would be to require the inclusion of some form of "environmental impact statement" early in the policy development process that, amongst other things, describes the impact of the policy on Internet users."	
13.2.1	Review current process in each of the ACs and SOs	2							
13.2.2	Develop recommendations to make relevant changes for community consideration	3							
13.3	"Processes "between" SOs, ACs and the Board need to be developed / strengthened to provide feedback on how ALAC advice has been considered and used within their processes."	2						"As the scope of application of this recommendation is so broad, and other reviews incorporate similar or congruent recommendations, proposals for implementation which holistically address all such recommendations will be forthcoming in due course (target date: 1 November 2009). The first step will be to identify a bottom-up-based process involving the affected bodies in developing recommendations for community consultation and review."	
13.4	Ensure the GNSO PDP Process incorporates measures that ensure input from ALAC is included and considered as an integral part of the PDP process	1					pg7,p3 / pg13, para 1	To give effect to recommendation that "There are multiple policy arenas where the voice and concerns of the individual Internet user need to be heard. The GNSO Policy Development Process is probably the area where the ALAC is most likely to be providing input." and "In their policy processes, the Supporting Organisations should demonstrate that they have obtained the views of At Large and that this input has been taken into account."	This effort is currently underway as a part of GNSO Improvements, and ALAC and RALO members are participating in the work team drafting the new PDP processes
13.5	Ensure the ccNSO PDP Process ensures input from ALAC is requested and considered as an integral part of the PDP process	3					pg7, p3 / pg13, para 1	To give effect to the recommendation that "There are multiple policy arenas where the voice and concerns of the individual Internet user need to be heard. ... There may well be occasions where ALAC may wish to provide advice on matters before the ... ccNSO." and "In their policy processes, the Supporting Organisations should demonstrate that they have obtained the views of At Large and that this input has been taken into account."	
13.6	Ensure the ASO's policy development processes ensure input from ALAC is requested and considered as an integral part of the process	3					pg7, p3 / pg13, para 1	To give effect to the recommendation that "There are multiple policy arenas where the voice and concerns of the individual Internet user need to be heard. ... There may well be occasions where ALAC may wish to provide advice on matters before the ... ASO..." and "In their policy processes, the Supporting Organisations should demonstrate that they have obtained the views of At Large and that this input has been taken into account."	