

The following is an edited version of the original Proposal put to ALAC at its LA Meeting, raised at the November ALAC Meeting and after a period of online consultation, has been given "in principal support" with the Current ALAC Executive Officers (Chair , Vice Chairs and Rapporteur) all participating in the Summit Planning WG and discussion list .

PROPOSAL: Global Summit of the ICANN At-Large community; Paris June 2008

Venue:

It is currently proposed to run an "ICANN At-Large Summit" as part of the ICANN general meeting, scheduled from 22 to 27 June 2008 in Paris.

The event may be started one day early, on June 21 2008, to allow for maximum participation of attendees to other ICANN activities workshops and sessions at this meeting, and future versions of the DRAFT schedule (Section 6 below) will allow for regular focus and discussion sessions at regular intervals (similar to the daily meetings of fellowship participants) as well as a final closing plenary for agreed outcomes and reporting documentation to be discussed and prepared for presentation to the ICANN Board, AC's and SO's at the completion of the meeting.

1. The rational

The interim work by ALAC and the ALSs to organise and create formal RALO structures is complete; the next step is to ensure that ICANN's At-Large community has the knowledge and tools necessary to perform its role of providing advice on policy and other matters. While each RALO is progressing at its own pace and has its own unique issues and viewpoints, there is much to be gained by their sharing of experience and expertise.

Ultimately At-Large has a single co-ordination and aggregation of outcomes mechanism, the ICANN Board Advisory Body (ALAC) and a single representative to the ICANN Board; it must be seen as one single constituency.

The proposed Summit will help the organisation of education, circulation of good practices, exchange of experience and discussion on policy matters.

The proposed At-Large Summit will help to give the community a more-global perspective on ICANN issues. The first opportunity is during the next European meeting in June 2008. If this Summit is successful, useful and productive, Summit organizers will then advance a plan and

timetable to hold the Summit as a regular (with a repeat rate to be determined e.g. biennial or triennial) event.

2. Vision

The Summit's intent is to:

- Help the At-Large structures to better understand At-Large mandates, structures, processes.
Provide the tools needed by At-Large leadership to involve and engage their members.
- Drive the development of timely policy study and recommendations reflecting the At-Large point of view on both global and regional levels.
- Encourage the exchange of ideas, experiences and energy within ICANN's At-Large community.

3. Objectives

- i. An informed At-Large community that is better able to interact with other ICANN constituencies, supporting organisations and advisory committees.
- ii. An informed At-Large community that clearly understands the issues confronting ICANN and ICANN's roles and responsibilities therein.
- iii. Increased involvement by At-Large in ICANN policy debate.
- iv. An At-Large community that more clearly understands the global, rather than merely regional, point of view on ICANN-related issues.
- v. A more engaged At-Large community that clearly understands the timing and framework of various issues currently confronting ICANN

4. Deliverables

- i. Resolutions based on policy development. Any resolutions which are not agreed to at the Final Plenary or require more regional consultation should be accompanied by hard deadlines for passage.
- ii. Establishment of working groups related to specific policies with explicit goals and timetables for production of papers or resolutions.
- iii. ALS leadership who are fully aware of ICANN, its workings and its issues, who are ready and able to bring this information to their members.
- iv. Improved contacts and relationships between ICANN ALSs, within and between regions, and between At-Large and other ICANN constituencies.
- v. Work on an "Individual Internet Users" declaration.

5. Activities Outline

The Summit will include a number of components:-

- Orientation events to welcome delegates with a multi-faceted understanding of ICANN's history, processes, constituencies and mandate. Special attention will outline the role and rights of the At-Large community, and how it can best advance its positions.
- Seminars and panel sessions providing background on the issues facing ICANN, specifically from the point of view of consumers, clients and end-users of Internet-based information and services.
- Regional "breakout" round-table meetings, at which each region's delegates debate issues in the contexts of their local environment, as well as address other issues which may benefit from in-person discussions.
- Interactive policy workshops help delegates' best express the public interest within the ICANN processes. Delegates will analyse issues and develop policy in a manner designed to engage their RALOs and constituencies. (It is understood that most policy initiatives will result in initiatives that will require delegates to consult with their constituencies.)
- Resources and events designed to encourage social interaction between regions, ALSs and ALAC.
- A final plenary that will explicitly outline milestones accomplished and outstanding deliverables, while soliciting comments and recommendations on how At-Large can better fulfil its mandate.

6. Tentative agenda of the Summit

A current (and more detailed) version of the proposed Agenda can be found here https://st.icann.org/summit-wg/index.cgi?draft_sessions_schedule_for_summit. Please note that subject to the funding approval of this summit for June in Paris, future versions of the schedule will allow for regular focus and discussion sessions at regular intervals (similar to the daily meetings of fellowship participants) as well as a final closing plenary for agreed outcomes and reporting documentation to be discussed and prepared for presentation to the ICANN Board, AC's and SO's at the completion of the meeting.

General Meeting and activity plans include:-

1st day (21st of June 2008) morning

- Educate ALSs about ICANN and ICANN group functions, methods and culture.

1st day (21st of June 2008) afternoon

- Separate RALOs General Assembly in parallel (internal matters)

2nd day (22nd of June 2008) morning

- Workshops on policies topics (new gTLDs – Whois – IDNs - ...)

2nd day (22nd of June 2008) afternoon

- Parallel meetings of Alac working groups with the participation of all interested ALSs

3rd day (23rd of June 2008) morning

- At-Large General assembly with feedback of 1st day afternoon sessions and 2nd day morning sessions

7. Budget Implications

During the budget year 2006/2007 ICANN organized 3 meetings:

1. Sao Paulo – LACRALO meeting
2. Lisbon – AFRALO and EURALO meetings
3. San Juan – LACRALO and NARALO meetings

During the budget year 2007/2008 ICANN will organize 3 meetings:

1. Los Angeles – No Ralo meeting
2. Asia Pacific – APRALO meeting
3. Europe – AFRALO, APRALO, EURALO LACRALO, and NARALO meetings

We would like to have one person from each ALSs coming to the Summit, with support from ICANN. We will establish participation criteria to ensure that the Summit participants will be engaged and committed to Summit goals. Beyond travel we will require appropriate room rentals and the capacity to hold one evening social event.

Proposed Summit Budget estimates –

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DRAFT Budget for Proposed At-Large Summit - in USD - Paris June 2008					
In: 19 June			Out: 28 June		
9	nights		10	days	
230	USD/night		112	USD Per day	
Participants currently included	#	Transportation Per person	Sub Total	Hotel	Per Diem
ALAC	15	1600	24,000	31050	16800
Chairs	3	1600	4,800	6210	3360
Secretariats	4	1600	6,400	8280	4480
EURALO*	21	1000	21,000	43470	23520
AFRALO*		1500	0	-	-
NARALO*		1500	0	-	-
LACRALO*		1800	0	-	-
APRALO*	2000	-	0	-	-
Liaisons	3	1600	4,800	6,210	3360

NomCom (1)	5	1600	8,000	10,350	5800	
Interpretation (2)			0			
Staff support (2)			0			
Meeting rooms (2)			0			
Total 1	51	1353	69,000	105,570	57,120	231,690
*	is equal total number of RALO members minus ALAC & Chair & Secretariat & NomCom members					
Participants to be added	#	Transportation Per person	Sub Total	Hotel	Per Diem	
ALAC		0		-	0	
Chairs		0		-	0	
Secretariats		0		-	0	
EURALO*		0		-	0	
AFRALO*	12	1500	18,000	24,840	13440	
NARALO*	13	1500	19,500	26,910	14560	
LACRALO*	22	1800	39,600	45,540	24640	
APRALO*	10	2000	20,000	20,700	11200	
Liaisons		0		-		
NomCom (1)		0		-		
Interpretation (2)				0		
Staff support (2)				0		
Meeting rooms (2)				0		
Total 2	57		97100	117,990	63,840	278,930
Grand Total	108	1538	166100	223,560	120,960	510,620
	(1)	The NomCom participants from At-Large are included in another budget				
	(2)	We have difficulty to draw figure about that today. But it will be a very small part of the overall budget				
Total Summit budget		510,620				
Current At-Large Budget for Paris Meeting (3)		131,250	Subtract from total to calculate the 'Additional Exceptional budget / funding request amount'	(3) This amount has already been set aside within the existing ICANN At-Large department budget for FY 2007/2008 as a part of the normal budget development process for travel support for community members to participate in the ICANN Paris meeting.		
MAXIMUM Summit Specific Budget		379,370	Exceptional budget / funding request amount= -> Highest calculation figures	This must be read as the absolute highest calculation figure for the proposed Paris At-Large Summit costs. Assumptions for these calculations are that we will have 100% attendance by all ALS's. This is a laudable goal but one that will not be easily achieved. Some ALSs will not be able to attend due to scheduling conflicts. Those ALS's who do not meet with the participation criteria as discussed, will not be invited to the Summit. This will result in at least a 25% reduction in the budget and, very likely, significantly more than that.		

9. Notes

- I. Sessions will be held concurrently with the regular ICANN meetings, and will be designed to not conflict with scheduled ICANN slots intended for attendance by all constituencies.
- II. Summit organizers -- with the assistance of ALAC, RALO chairs and ICANN staff -- will distribute in advance to ALSs information related to ICANN issues requiring attention. Each ALS is expected to discuss the policy issues sufficiently so that its delegates to the Summit can participate and vote on group resolutions.
- III. Emphasis will be on the development of deep policy-analysis as well as expedient Summit-derived resolutions.

- IV. Meetings will be designed to allow for maximum interactive participation; when possible a "round table" meeting room layout will be preferred over the traditional "classroom" layout.
- V. A "Summit Secretariat", comprising people selected from within the various RALO secretariats, will help record the proceedings.
- VI. Summit will be chaired by an ALAC chairperson and session chairs will be rotated amongst ALAC members and RALO chairs.
- VII. Delegates are expected to be full participants and not just attendees. Those who are absent from more than 50% of meetings will not be subsidized for future ICANN events.
- VIII. All points of view will be welcomed; however, it is stressed that the Summit is intended to be a positive, progressive event and delegates are expected to participate in that spirit. Advocacy outside the scope of ICANN or intended as simply negative or obstructionist will not be welcomed.
- IX. The budget template must be read as the absolute highest calculation figure for the proposed At-Large Summit costs. It is assuming that we will have 100% attendance by all ALS's. This is a laudable goal but one that will not be easily achieved. Some ALSs will not be able to attend due to scheduling conflicts. Those ALSs who do not meet with the participation criteria as discussed in section 7 above will not be invited to the Summit. This will result in at least a 25% reduction in the budget and, very likely, more than that.