



Improving the PAD

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What is the PAD?

- The PAD is the Policy Advice Development Schedule which gives an overview of the status of formal Statements currently being prepared by ICANN's At-Large community.

History of the PAD

Currently implemented as a Google spreadsheet :
http://spreadsheets.google.com/pub?key=rJKtp8gl3W5-ZcY_xMpPg5w

Disadvantages of the existing PAD

- In spite of the redesign in mid 2009, still tedious to maintain. Every field must be manually entered in.
- Because it is tedious to maintain, it is not up to date.
- Because it is not part of the process workflow, the PAD is not helping drive the workflow of At-Large Policies

Ideas for improving the PAD

- Standardise the process in which all Policies are treated by At-Large so that deadlines can be applied.
- Attempt to use the PAD to maintain the workflow of At-Large work on policies.

PAD's proposed workflow

- For each public policy out for comment
 - Announce to At-Large
 - Should ALAC respond formally? (Y/N)
 - ALAC declines formal response – that's that.
 - ALAC accepts formal response is needed /
 - notice to appropriate WG is sent
 - At-Large WG produces draft advisory
 - At-Large WG draft advisory posted to At-Large for comments
 - At-Large WG releases final advisory
 - ALAC votes on final advisory
 - Results of vote, along with final advisory is transmitted to ICANN and to At-Large

Latest version of the PAD

Latest 2nd version :

http://spreadsheets.google.com/pub?key=tKrlhCospxfewY_9R39SuQ

Sections of the PAD

- Public-Comment
 - Where the policies from ICANN Public Comment website are automatically read. Also highlights whether the policy has been added to the PAD
- PAD
 - Tracks the policies being considered by At-Large
- VARs
 - Variables used to estimate deadlines for the various processes in the workflow

PAD – using Google Apps Script

Can use Google Apps Script to access and control Google Spreadsheets and other products via JavaScript scripts hosted on Google.

With scripts, you can

- Create your own custom spreadsheet functions
- Link multiple Google products together (e.g. send emails or schedule Calendar events from a list of addresses in a Spreadsheet)

PAD – Policy Status Field

- The Policy Status Field can be one of the following:
 - Announce to At-Large to be sent
 - At-Large Announcement sent
 - Should ALAC respond? (Y/N)
 - ALAC declines formal response
 - ALAC accepts formal response needed / notice to WG to be sent
 - Notice to WG sent
 - ALAC WG to produce draft advisory
 - ALAC WG draft advisory received
 - ALAC WG draft advisory posted to At-Large
 - Final ALAC advisory produced
 - ALAC vote on final ALAC advisory
 - Closed for comments

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Thank You!
Questions?