ALAC/At-Large Improvements Implementation Project Plan: Summary

A. Introduction

- The Project Plan outlines the approach developed by the ALAC and At-Large staff to implement the recommendations outlined in the Final Report of the ALAC Review Working Group on ALAC Improvements (9 June 2009).
- The implementation of these recommendations will significantly contribute to two focus areas of the ICANN Strategic Plan 2010–13: a healthy Internet eco-system and consumer choice, competition and innovation. (For details, see Appendix 4 of the full Project Plan.)

B. Board Guidance

- The planned implementation conforms to all guidance contained in the ICANN Board's Resolution 2009.06.26.30 (9 June 2009).
- Specifically, the plan has been developed jointly by the ALAC and At-Large staff, in consultation with ICANN's Legal staff, and contains an implementation timeline.
  (For the targeted completion dates, see the chart on p. 2 of this Summary.)

C. Budgetary Implications

- ICANN's draft FY11 Operating Plan and Budget allocates $50,000 for the implementation of the ALAC/At-Large Improvements. We expect this to cover all or most explicit expenses currently anticipated in FY11. (These expenses are summarized in the chart on p. 2 of this Summary and are detailed in Appendix 1 of the full Project Plan.)
- If the $50,000 does not prove adequate, the ALAC and At-Large staff will propose implementation tasks within specific recommendations to be extended into FY12.

D. Liability

- The At-Large staff, in consultation with ICANN's Legal staff, has concluded that the potential liability of enacting this implementation plan is minimal.
- In addition, simple steps have been built into the plan to minimize this liability is further.

E. Bylaw Changes

- ICANN's Legal staff has identified a small number of minor changes to the ICANN bylaws necessitated by the ALAC/At-Large Improvements.
- The Legal staff's recommended bylaw amendments regarding the At-Large-selected ICANN Board member are now in their public comment period, ending on 31 July.

F. Implementation Steps and targeted deadlines

- A discrete task list for the implementation of each At-Large recommendation, with targeted completion dates, can be found in Appendix 1 of the full Project Plan and in the Simplified Improvements Implementation Outline.
- All tasks are currently scheduled for completion in FY11 (no later than March 2011).

G. Contribution to ICANN's Affirmation of Commitments

- The implementation of the ALAC/At-Large Improvements will *significantly* contribute to the fulfillment of ICANN's Affirmation of Commitments (30 September 2009). (For highlighted examples of these contributions, see p. 3 of this Summary; for a detailed breakdown of these contributions, see Appendix 4 of the full Project Plan.)

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Status of Recommendations

Recommendation	Status (% completed)				Estimated completion	Expected sources of At-Large costs
	25%	50%	75%	100%		
1: ICANN bylaws		50% (green)			Sep-Dec 2010	None expected at present
2: Board member			75% (blue)		Dec 2010	None expected at present
3: RALO-ALAC structure		50% (green)			Sep-Dec 2010	None expected at present
4: Education/engagement		50% (green)			Sep-Dec 2010	Initial development of materials
5: Strategic/operational plans	25% (pink)				Sep-Dec 2010	Possible extra day at meeting
6: Cost models			75% (blue)		Jun-Sep 2010	None expected at present
7: Communication tools		50% (green)			Sep-Dec 2010	Trial of communication tools
8: Public comment period		50% (green)			Sep-Dec 2010	Trial of language services
9: Translation processes		50% (green)			Sep-Dec 2010	Trial of language services
10: Home of individual users			75% (blue)		Sep-Dec 2010	Trial activities as community rep
11: Board statement re Rec 10		50% (green)			Sep-Dec 2010	None expected at present
12: Input from consumer reps			75% (blue)		Jun-Dec 2010	Initial development of materials
13: Policy advice mechanisms	25% (pink)				Jan-Mar 2011	None expected at present

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Highlights of Contributions to ICANN's Affirmation of Commitments

✓ Implementation of various communication and collaboration tools

✓ Collaboration with Public Participation Committee (PPC) on new Language Services Policy

✓ ALS education, awareness-raising and outreach:

- The "Beginner's Guide to the DNS" is being created and will be published shortly. Other topics will include Whois and IDNs (including IDN ccTLDs, gTLDs and A-Protocol)
- Study on relationship between ALSes and ccTLDs is in progress (see Survey questions here); its purpose includes encouraging more ALSes to join ICANN
- Each of At-Large's five RALOs has published and begun distributing its own introductory brochure (see them here: AFRALO, APRALO, EURALO, LACRALO and NARALO)

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