

# 2024 Revision of our APRALO Rules of Procedure

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## APRALO Members at their General Assembly

Held as a hybrid event on 12 and 13 September 2023  
at Grand Hyatt Taksim in Istanbul, Türkiye.

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## ❖ Short History of our RoPs

- ICANN's ALAC / At-Large (ALSes)
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**ALAC was created in 2002 to provide a way for active individual users of the Internet from around the world to participate in ICANN.** Its structure was studied through the At-Large Advisory Committee Assistance Group, which made a proposal that was then approved by the ICANN Board. In March 2003 the [ICANN Board passed a resolution](#) appointing ten members to form the Interim ALAC, with a plan to transition to an ALAC whose members were to be selected by five geographically-based Regional At-Large Organizations (RALOs).

The first RALO to be accredited by ICANN and executing an MOU; was the Latin America and the Caribbean Islands region (LACRALO) in December 2006. The Interim ALAC became a full 15 Member ALAC consisting of two members selected from each of the five RALOs and one member appointed from each region by the Nominating Committee (NomCom) in June 2007.

Here is a [link to a more detailed ALAC/At-Large History](#)

- **December 2003** The first six organizations (At-Large Structures) in three geographic regions were certified as At-Large Structures, to advance the informed and structured participation of individual Internet end users in ICANN: (1) Societa Internet (Europe) , **(2) Arab Knowledge Management Society (AKMS) (Asia/Australia/Pacific)**, (3) Alfa-Redi (Latin America/Caribbean Islands), (4) Förderverein Informationstechnik und Gesellschaft e.V (FITUG) (Europe), (5) Internet Society Luxembourg A.S.B.L. (Europe), (6) Internet Society Bulgaria (Europe).

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- ❖ Short History of our RoPs (cont...)
  - ICANN's ALAC / At-Large (ALSes)
  - APRALO

Here is some historical context...

[link to an interview in 2017 at ICANN60 on some of the History of APRALO](#)

[link to the original May 2006 APRALO draft Operating Procedures](#)

[link to the meeting outcomes from APAC ALSes meeting re APRALO formation held 25th July 2007 in Hong Kong at Sheraton Hotel Kowloon](#)

[link to the Meeting Summary from July 25th 2007](#)

APRALO RoP were developed by representatives of the 15 ALSes that formed APRALO they were last reviewed and updated in 2013/14 [APRALO 2014 RoP](#)

- 2003 The [first meetings](#) of ICANN At-Large staff, some Asia-Pac ALS Representatives and Members of the Interim ALAC started work on what would become our Founding Documents.
- More ALS structures were added to APRALO and by **August 2005** a meeting was held in Taipei to begin developing our proposed RALO Rules of Procedure; this continued with teleconferences and meetings at ICANN or other I\* meeting opportunities until **March 2006** at ICANN25 in Wellington NZ, where our 1st set of then 'draft by-laws' were presented.
- Also **during 2006** we developed our draft **MOU with ICANN** which was confirmed by attending ALS representatives in **February 2007** in Bali at APRICOT.
- Further strategic planning and operations were finalised in July 2007.
- Current Review started in [September 2019](#) - Put on Hold in Nov 2019.
- Reconvened in [July 2023](#) and completed [May 2024](#)
- APRALO was formed after the Bali meeting -
- Agreed MOU with ICANN to [form APRALO 28/02/2007](#)
- Formal Signing by 8 ALSes of the [MOU with ICANN](#) New Delhi at ICANN31 in (Feb 2008)



Image (above) is from 25/07/07 meeting

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## ❖ Reason for Revision:

- Why
- What
- When we did all this... ..

The **APRALO Rules of Procedure Working Group** (APRALO ROPs Review WG) was first initiated in 2019, noting that some **5 years** had passed since the previous review and update of the RoP and that several issues had been identified during that time that could be considered in either a new RoP or in adjunct documents relating to an RoP.

This work was subsequently halted, pending the work and eventual ratification by the ALAC of the recommendations in 2 reports: (a) the [ALS \(At-Large Structure\) Mobilization Working Party Report on 4 Dec 2020 \(WP wiki space\)](#); and (b) the [Unaffiliated Individual Members \(UIM\) Mobilization Working Party Report on 25 Mar 2021 \(WP wiki space\)](#).

The APRALO ROPs Review WG was then reconstituted in early **Oct 2023** ([WG wiki space](#)) and led by Co-Chairs Cheryl Langdon-Orr and Justine Chew, the working group completed its **substantial review and redrafting of the APRALO ROP in Jan 2024**, considering all residual work that had been identified, including: **(1) Unaffiliated Individual Member criteria, (2) Role of UIM Representative, (3) The Selection Process, (4) Membership type, (5) Membership status, and (6) Code of Conduct.**

On **June 25th 2024**, a 'Notice to Motion the Adoption of APRALO ROP 2024' was sent to the APAC-Discuss list informing all Members of the proposal to adopt these new RoP. This message outlined that you were required to-

1. **review the attached Final Draft of APRALO ROP 2024** and relay any queries to [staff@atlarge.icann.org](mailto:staff@atlarge.icann.org)
2. attend the next **APRALO Monthly Call on 18 July 2024 at 06:00 UTC**, where this presentation on the APRALO RoP 2024 for approval will be given and we address queries received.

**Then the adoption process** (an online vote by the electorate) will take place from **19 July to 2 August**.

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**As per the existing RoP Section 23. Amendment of the Rules of Procedure, Subsection 23.1, approval of any modification of the APRALO Rules of Procedure requires a Supermajority vote of the APRALO.**

❖ Formalities  
➤ APRALO RoP  
Changes  
Requirements

- As APRALO currently has 69 ALSes and the UIM Representative is +1 for an electorate of 70, therefore, 3/5ths (60%) or more of this will constitute the required Supermajority i.e. we require **42 affirmative votes** for the adoption.

see the dedicated page on [APRALO ROP2024 Adoption Wiki Page](#) for more details.

**The resolution being put to be voted on by your representatives is; Moved by Amrita Choudhury and Seconded by Cherie Lagakali - sent 1st via email to the APAC-Discuss list on June 25th, with a reminder on July 9th**

RESOLVED,

1. The Asian, Australasian and Pacific Islands Regional At-Large Organization (APRALO) adopts the APRALO Rules of Procedure 2024 dated 3 May 2024, including the accompanying Adjunct Documents ("**APRALO ROP 2024**") effectively immediately.
2. The APRALO directs At-Large Support staff to post the APRALO ROP 2024 on the APRALO website and relevant wiki space.

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## Formalities

(cont...)

- The adoption of APRALO 2024 RoP
- Whereas

**Vote  
YES**

## WHEREAS,

1. The APRALO had adopted its current APRALO Rules of Procedure (ROP) on 26 March 2014.
2. The APRALO had constituted an APRALO Rules of Procedure Working Group (APRALO ROPs Review WG) in 2019 for the purpose of reviewing and improving the existing APRALO ROP.
3. The At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) had ratified the ALS (At-Large Structure) Mobilization Working Party Report on 4 December 2020 and the Unaffiliated Individual Members (UIM) Mobilization Working Party Report on 25 March 2021.
4. In light of the ALAC's ratification of the 2 mentioned Working Party Reports, the APRALO ROPs Review WG concluded that a review of the existing APRALO ROP must include consideration of the recommendations of the 2 Working Party Reports.
5. Early work on reviewing and improving the existing APRALO ROP was discussed at the APRALO General Assembly 2023 held in Istanbul, Türkiye on 12-13 September 2023.
6. Following the APRALO General Assembly 2023, the APRALO ROPs Review WG was reconstituted in early October 2023.
7. The APRALO ROPs Review WG completed its substantial review and redrafting of the existing APRALO ROP in January 2024, and with the draft ROP of 31 January 2024 having undergone vetting by ICANN Legal, the APRALO ROPs Review WG Co-Chairs Cheryl Langdon-Orr and Justine Chew then completed a final check and generated the [Final Draft APRALO ROP 2024 as at 3 May 2024 \[drive.google.com\]](#) for adoption by APRALO.

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Where to find all the Changes Made to these RoP

- Resources for use/access
- Initiatives specific

The simplest way to review exactly what agreed changes and updates were made in the text of the final 2024 version of the APRALO RoP is found on the running list of Action Items (AIs) associated with the '[APRALO ROPs Review WG wiki page](#)'; from the wiki space you can also access from the left (L) column all meeting records associated with each of the WG meetings held (inclusive of all associated documentation used).

The extensive discussions held during the APRALO General Assembly (GA) at 1530 UTC on 12 and 09:00-10:30 on 13 September 2023, at the Grand Hyatt Taksim in Istanbul Türkiye, should also be referred to and reviewed; the Agenda is found [here](#). Recordings of the hybrid meeting are also available for these sessions: [Day 1 PM Recording](#) [Day 2 AM Recording](#)

Specific details of the 'Objectives/Terms of Reference' and 'Additional Points that may need to be addressed' and a link to the WG's mailing list is accessed [here](#).

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**Discussion**  
**Any Questions?**