

# Accountability & Transparency Review Team 2 (ATRT 2)

## Conference Call 03

Thursday, 18 April 2013 – 17:00 UTC

### PRELIMINARY REPORT

#### Volunteer RT Members

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#### Apologies

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#### Invited Participants

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#### ICANN Staff

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The Accountability and Transparency Review Team 2 (ATRT2) undertook the following during this session:

#### Discussion with ICANN Staff

The ATRT 2 had an exploratory discussion with ICANN staff Members responsible for the implementation of ATRT1 recommendations in preparation for the 2-3 May meeting in Los Angeles. The ATRT 2 provided guidance to ICANN staff on how to address and respond to the questions on implementation. In addition, the Review Team suggested methods that ought to be used and set goals and expectations. The Review Team emphasized that the list of questions on implementation is not exhaustive. Team Members wish to understand the internal processes and mechanisms that led to the final outcome as well as the problems encountered along the way (for instance: insufficient information in the recommendations). The Review Team also encouraged staff to flag any elements they believe are missing and called for a complete picture. Touch points with the Board and overall organization should also be shared. The ATRT 2 raised the question of implementability and requested that staff include that perspective in their response: were recommendations practical and how can they be expressed in the future. Denise Michel requested consensus on the questions and reminded the Team of the shared responsibility: the ATRT 1 implementation project also involves GAC, Board, NomCom members. The

Review Team welcomed the GAC, Board, Nomcom perspectives at the 2-3 May face-to-face meeting and reiterated their intent to interact with the GAC and Board in Durban. The Review Team Chair also stressed that changes to staff, communications, culture, workflow were useful input. Presentations should also provide an overview of how the process unfolded, how it was tracked. While the Review Team deems verbal responses as valuable as written responses, the Review Team requested that written responses be provided prior to the interaction and welcomed any input that would document the process. Even though the RT operates in full transparency, it is open to use the Chatham House Rule should it be called for. The Review Team identified before the report and after the report as the baseline.

The Los Angeles dialogue will be an opportunity for the Review Team to receive written responses to the implementation of ATRT, SSR, WHOIS recommendations, the questions prepared in Beijing as well as questions resulting from this session (*what were the dependencies as seen from each group involved in implementation? In view of ATRT 1 what changes in workflows and/or organization were undertaken*). In addition, the Review Team requested that ICANN staff members provide their personal introduction: role in organization, what their immediate observations are with respect to the RT process and implementation. The meeting agenda will be structured to prioritize interactions with those responsible for implementation.