

Accountability & Transparency Review Team 2 (ATRT 2)

Conference Call 07

Thursday, 20 June 2013 – 16:00 UTC

PRELIMINARY REPORT

Volunteer RT Members

Alan Greenberg
Avri Doria
Brian Cute
David Conrad
Carlos Raúl Gutierrez
Demi Getschko
Fiona Asonga
Jørgen Abild Andersen
Michael Yakushev
Olivier Crépin-Leblond
Steve Crocker

Invited Participants

Feng Guo
Fiona Alexander

ICANN Staff

Alice Jansen
Charla Shambley
Denise Michel
Larisa Gurnick
Marika Konings

Apologies

Ilse Fuhr
Lawrence Strickling
Stephen Conroy
Xinsheng Zhang

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<https://community.icann.org/display/ATRT2/Conference+Call+07>

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

1. Agenda & Preliminary Reports

The Review Team resolved to adopt the following:

- [Call 07 meeting agenda](#) with the caveat that an agenda item on Confidential input be added;
- [Call 06 - Preliminary report](#) prepared by ICANN staff.

2. Declaration of Interests & Conflict of Interest Policy

The Review Team called for any updates. None were raised.

3. Independent Expert & Request for Proposals

The Review Team Chair invited Members to voice any objections, support or suggested changes they may have to the recommendations of the Chair and Vice-Chairs with respect to independent expert. Jørgen Abild Andersen raised the question of budget. ICANN staff indicated that the FY14 budget

allocated to the ATRT2 external consultant is 90,000 USD providing it is adopted. Additionally, staff requested a separate conversation to discuss ATRT2 travel budget. Staff volunteered to investigate the Board process by which the ATRT could discuss with the Board if there were budget issues. Alan Greenberg shared his concerns with respect to the volume of work and timeframe available. The Review Team reiterated its intent to limit the scope of work to ensure it gets the benefit of quality work. Brian Cute noted ICANN's initiative to engage with an independent expert to conduct work on metrics and benchmarks and stressed that the ATRT2 ought to initiate a dialogue with the expert ICANN staff appoints. Although finance was not identified as the Team's area of focus, Jørgen Abild Andersen requested that it'd be addressed in a work-stream since the GAC flagged this topic as an area to explore.

The Review Team analyzed the suggested scope of work proposed definition of the PDP process and requested a number of edits. The Chair and Vice-Chairs will revise the language accordingly and circulate a final version for the Team's consideration. Jørgen Abild Andersen will circulate a recommended addition to the scope of work. Marika Konings, Senior Director – Policy Development Process, provided the Review Team with factual guidance on the PDP process.

4. Work Streams

Work-Streams Chairs provided the Team with progress updates:

- Work-Stream 1: is digesting information received (posted on organizational page). Information has been teased out from transcripts. Substream Members are in the process of identifying whether they need further information. Input has been received from Christina Rodriguez and a follow-up call will be held.
- Work-Stream 2: a set of detailed questions that expand on information already provided by staff will be sent to Patrick Jones. The Chair raised work-stream resources and time concerns.
- Work-Stream 3: concern was expressed regarding small number of Team Members participating in this group. Brian Cute called for Members of Work-Stream 1, 2 and 4 to consider joining Work-Stream 3. It expects responses to follow up questions from ICANN staff prior to Durban.
- Work-Stream 4: work stream narrowed down issues to four and agreed on 10 guiding questions. It is awaiting reading material from ICANN staff.

5. Durban

The Review Team Chair stressed that questions for interactions in Durban should not be a long exhaustive list and encouraged that Work-Streams articulate 2 or 3 very focused questions based on summary of public comments and reading done so far. Questions ought to be submitted to the list by Friday, 5 July – COB. Questions to structure the discussion with the Commercial Stakeholder Group that will be held on Monday, 1 July should be circulated by Friday, 28 June – COB.

The Review Team reviewed the [draft Durban schedule](#) and requested that Work-Stream Chairs join the ATRT2 coordination wrap-up session. Staff is to circulate a list of Members' arrival and departure dates.

6. Summary of Public comments

The Review Team agreed that an approach ought to be developed in order to determine how the public comments ought to be assessed, interpreted and factored in. The Team agreed to defer this discussion to Durban. The Team should demonstrate that it has been responsive in taking certain views on board and explain why it hasn't when views were not taking into consideration.

7. Private Input

The Review Team raised the question of how to process the input received on the private email list and agreed to defer the discussion to Durban. The membership of Board members Steve Crocker and Heather Dryden also comes into the equation of confidentiality. Steve Crocker flagged his approval to delete his membership to the ATRT private input email list. The Review Team will consider suggestions in Durban.