



At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)

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Report from the Chair of the At-Large Advisory Committee from the 47th Meeting of ICANN in Durban, South Africa

At-Large Activities at the 47th ICANN Meeting

During the 47th ICANN Meeting that took place 14-18 July in Durban, South Africa the At-Large community was represented by members from all five At-Large regions. These representatives included Members of the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC), officers of the five Regional At-Large Organizations (RALOs), representatives of At-Large Structures (ALSes), At-Large Liaisons, At-Large Delegates to the Nominating Committee (NomCom), Representatives of the At-Large community and several South African internet end-users from academia and NGOs that were brought to Durban on the invitation of AFRALO.

The ALAC was busy in policy development activities in 26 At-Large meetings, which included:

- [ALAC and Regional Leadership Meeting](#)
- [At-Large Regulatory Issues Group](#)
- [Academy Working Group Session](#)
- [At-Large Multistakeholder Policy Roundtable](#)
- [AFRALO Showcase and Reception](#)
- [ALAC Meeting with the ICANN Board](#)
- [ALAC Meeting with the ATRT2](#)
- Two ALAC Policy Discussion Sessions — [Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#)
- [ALAC Executive Meeting and Regional Leaders Meeting with the ASO Leadership](#)
- [NARALO Monthly Meeting](#)
- [APRALO Monthly Meeting](#)
- [GAC Meeting with ALAC](#)
- [ATLAS II Organizing Committee](#)
- [At-Large New gTLD Working Group](#)
- [At-Large Regional Leadership Meeting](#)
- [AFRALO / AFRICANN Joint Meeting](#)

- [At-Large IDN Working Group](#)
- [ALAC & Regional Leadership Wrap-Up Meeting](#)
- [At-Large Capacity Building Working Group](#)
- [ALAC Executive Committee](#)

AFRALO Activities

- AFRALO held a Showcase and Reception on the theme of: **AFRALO: Getting Closer to the Local African End-User Community**. This event featured speakers including [Steve Crocker](#), [Fadi Chehadé](#), AFRALO Leadership members as well as three South African end-users from academia and civil society. This successful event was featured on the ICANN homepage (see: <http://www.icann.org/en/news/press/kits/durban47/video-afralo-showcase-15jul13-en.htm>).
- The three end-users from South Africa met with [Fadi Chehadé](#). They also were the subject of a blog by Lynn Lipinski and were videoed speaking on their experiences with the Internet and with ICANN (see: <http://blog.icann.org/2013/07/young-african-and-new-to-icann/>).
- **A joint AFRALO/AFRICANN meeting was held to review the impact of the previous eight statements that this joint group has prepared.** [Fadi Chehadé](#) requested that At-Large support staff work with AFRALO/AfrICANN to prepare a scorecard on all AFRALO/AfrICANN Statements that will assess the response of the Board and CEO on these [Statements](#). AFRALO/AfrICANN will report to the Board on their assessments.

In addition to At-Large meetings, the At-Large community members participated actively in many of the other meetings taking place during the 47th ICANN Meeting either in person or using remote participation tools. They prepared [reports](#) of these sessions, which provided summaries of the sessions as well as highlighting issues of importance to the At-Large community.

Members of the At-Large community also played a key role in the organization and running of the Joint DNS Security and Stability Analysis Working Group (DSSA) Meeting.

Highlights of the At-Large Community at the 47th ICANN Meeting

Among the many policy and process-related issues discussed during their meetings, there are several the ALAC would like to highlight as being of particular note:

Durban Meetings

- The ALAC held 26 meetings which resulted in the following Action Items: <https://community.icann.org/x/WQV-Ag>
- Numerous additional informal working meetings were held, including two meetings with Board members, SSAC members, relevant staff and several members of the At-Large IDN WG to discuss ALAC concerns on IDN variants and the TMCH.

ALAC Policy Activities

- Ratification of 4 Policy Advice Statements
 - Ratification of the ALAC Statement on the [Draft Final Report ccNSO Study Group on the Use of Country and Territory Names as TLDs](#)
 - Ratification of the ALAC Statement on the [Draft Final Report on Universal Acceptance of IDN TLDs](#)
 - Ratification of the ALAC Statement on the [Initial Report on Protection of IGO and INGO Identifiers in All gTLDs](#)
 - Ratification of the ALAC Statement on the [Thick Whois Initial Report – GNSO Policy Development Process](#)
- An At-Large Multi-Stakeholder Policy Roundtable that included globally diverse speakers on the topic of New gTLDs: Addressing Consumer and Public Interest Concerns was held. This roundtable resulted in excellent discussion.

ALAC Process Issues

- The ALAC Metrics Sub-Committee will work to ensure a system to capture ALAC metrics with an initial reporting to be done during the Singapore Meeting.

RALO Activities

- [Fadi Chehadé](#) invited the RALO officers to an informal reception as a means to get to know them and the RALOs' activities. This event was extremely successful. Fadi requested that At-Large support staff work with the RALOs and ALSes to create an interactive guide to each of the ALSes.
- In order to facilitate cross-policy development and process activities in advance of the ATLAS II, the RALOs requested the creation of a [Cross-RALO Policy Development Activities and Processes Workspace](#) which outlines each RALO's policy issues. The RALOs also agreed to hold monthly cross-RALO meetings rather than two per trimester.

At-Large Activities between the 46th and 47th ICANN Meetings

The At-Large community, consisting of the ALAC, five RALOs and 154 ALSes continued its policy-making and outreach activities between the 46th ICANN Meeting held in Beijing, China in April 2013 and the end of the 47th ICANN Meeting held in Durban, South Africa in July 2013.

During this time-period, the ALAC submitted a total of 10 Policy Advice Statements, Analyses, Correspondences and Communications.

The topics of the ALAC Policy Statements and Communication were as follows:

- [Draft Final Report ccNSO Study Group on the Use of Country and Territory Names as TLDs](#)
- [ALAC Statement on the Initial Report on Protection of IGO and INGO Identifiers in All gTLDs](#)
- [Thick Whois Initial Report - GNSO Policy Development Process](#)
- [Draft Final Report on Universal Acceptance of IDN TLDs](#)
- [ALAC Statement on the Implementation of IDN Variant Top Level Domains](#)
- [ALAC Statement on the FY14 Draft Operating Plan and Budget](#)
- [ALAC Statement on the New gTLD Board Committee Consideration of GAC Safeguard Advice](#)
- [ALAC Statement on the Proposed Final 2013 RAA](#)
- [ALAC Statement to the Board Regarding Security and Stability Implications of New gTLDs](#)
- [ALAC Statement on the Trademark Clearinghouse and IDN Variants](#)

The 5 RALOs have been exceptionally busy between the 46th and 47th ICANN Meetings. Their reports on their activities are available at:

- [AFRALO](#)
- [APRALO](#)
- [EURALO](#)
- [LACRALO](#)
- [NARALO](#)

During this period, 2 new ALSes were accredited and several organizations are currently going through the application process. Currently there are 154 ALSes.

The organizations that were accredited as ALSes between the Beijing and Durban ICANN Meetings are:

- [\(177\) Tedic \(Technology, education, development, research and communication\) \[PDF, 51 KB\]](#)

- [\(178\) Internet Society Canada Chapter \[PDF, 354 KB\]](#)

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