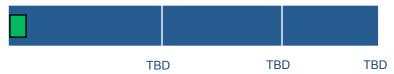# ATRT2 Recommendation 7 Implementation
Public Comment Improvements
6 October 2014

Major Milestone Timeline

TBD   TBD   TBD

Project Description

ATRT2 Recommendation 7 identifies various mechanisms to improve public comment periods through process modifications and the use of new tools. The Board has specifically instructed staff to create and implement a process to enable those who comment during Public Comment periods to request changes to Staff synthesis reports in cases where commenters believe the staff incorrectly summarized their comments.

Status of Deliverables

	Status
Project Initiation Phase	✓
Planning Phase	●
Execution Phase	
Operationalize Plans	

✓ = complete
● = on schedule
● = behind schedule, expect to recover
● = behind schedule, do not expect to recover

Project Status

This project has both short term and long term components. ICANN is currently in the process of mapping out specific tasks, milestones, deliverables and dependencies to implement both aspects of the ATRT2 recommendation.

The team has identified the following short term process areas for changes and enhancements: Discontinuation of the reply cycle phase of comment forums; default 40 day public comment forum period; clarified expectations for staff summary report timing. The capability to permit an individual or organization to register a formal inquiry that staff review to make specific amendments to a particular Staff Summary Report has been developed and is awaiting IT implementation.

Over the longer term ICANN will; investigate new software tools to improve the public comment process and potentially incorporate threaded comments in appropriate circumstances; will identify further dates and milestones as IT development expectations are clarified.

Implementation Notes

Limited IT resources will impact implementation timing and specific plans for longer term software implementation associated with the new tools being explored. The implementation team is working closely with IT leadership to develop realistic plans and to identify meaningful implementation options based on the importance of ATRT2 implementation relative to other projects.

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