

**ICANN  
Public Comment Enhancements Webinar  
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19:00 UTC**

**Nathalie Peregrine:** Welcome to the Public Comment Enhancements Webinar! The presentation as well as a recording and transcript of this session will be available here: <https://community.icann.org/x/B5UQAww>

**Nathalie Peregrine:** There will be audio streaming in the AC room. If you would like to ask a question, please dial into the phone bridge and press \*1 when the Question and Answer session starts. Alternatively, please type your question here.

**David Olive:** Welcome Everyone

**Michele Neylon:** how many comment periods over what period?

**Michele Neylon:** sorry - that number sounded really really high

**Ken Bour:** @Michele: Total of 286 solicitations from 2010-2014 (2Q)

**Michele Neylon:** whoa

**Glenn:** voice dropped

**Ken Bour:** The average is 5-6 per month or 16-18 per quarter.

**Michele Neylon:** that's 71.5 / year

**Michele Neylon:** which is more than 1 per week

**Michele Neylon:** without even considering holidays etc

**Glenn:** not alot

**Glenn:** holidays what is that?

**Glenn:** volume was ok and then back down low

**Dev Anand Teelucksingh:** Q: re: 2 Global Leaders (in slide 5) - what are "Global Leaders"

**Carlos Reyes:** @Dev, Global Leaders is the collective term for some of ICANN's senior staff members (David Olive, Sally Costerton, etc.)

**Dev Anand Teelucksingh:** ah, thanks Carlos

**Carlos Reyes:** You are welcome.

**Michele Neylon:** I think we should give them special badges or hats or something :)

**Michele Neylon:** /me ducks

**Michele Neylon:** I assume those reports are also being used by the ICANN Board?

**Dev Anand Teelucksingh:** Q: How would the community be made aware that the staff report was filed? Is it only the public comment period table on the site? Would the persons/entities that submitted comments be contacted when the staff report is published ?

**Ken Bour:** @Dev: There is a "Follow" option for each solicitation. I'm advised that clicking that will notify the user when the Staff Summary report is published.

**Michele Neylon:** The "follow" option is very handy

**David Olive:** Yes, Michele, the reports on public comments are included in Board briefing papers

**Michele Neylon:** David - I thought they might be .. which is why their "accuracy" is key

**David Olive:** Yes, I agree

**Michele Neylon:** I don't have the dial in details but I'm happy to post any comments here

**David Olive:** Yes Please

**Michele Neylon:** I like the overall improvements

**Michele Neylon:** I am still concerned by the sheer volume of public comments

**Michele Neylon:** periods

**Dev Anand Teelucksingh:** @Ken and Carlos - thanks

**Michele Neylon:** Killing the reply period = good idea

**Michele Neylon:** longer comment periods = good

**Ken Bour:** @Michele: Of interest, perhaps, the median number of comments per solicitation = 5.0

**Dev Anand Teelucksingh:** Q: any hopes of standardising scheduling the release of public comments - the release of public comment periods appear to be ad-hoc

**Michele Neylon:** Ken - interesting

**Michele Neylon:** Ken - though I know some of the periods get huge numbers while others get 0 - 2 / 3

**Michele Neylon:** .xxx had how many? 3000?

**Ken Bour:** @Michele: True! I used median vs. average for that reason.

**Michele Neylon:** Ken :)

**Michele Neylon:** Comment: more outreach via other channels would be a good thing and I'd encourage it

**Michele Neylon:** Some of the comments made by attendees at Namescon were interesting and quite worrying

**Michele Neylon:** ie. they weren't really aware of what had been going on

**Ken Bour:** @Dev: The "release" schedule has been explored, but we haven't settled on any implementation scheme. It's a tricky problem and has pluses and minuses.

**Carlos Reyes:** @Dev -- we did explore the idea of standardizing the release of public comment proceedings

**Dev Anand Teelucksingh:** Also, what happens to URLs - when public comments are closed - so if someone searches an email link a year later - would a link work?

**Carlos Reyes:** @Dev, yes

**David Olive:** Thanks All

**Michele Neylon:** Dev - they should do

**Carlos Reyes:** Each proceeding has a dedicated page

**David Olive:** Thanks Rob

**Sara Bockey:** thank you

**Michele Neylon:** Happy birthday David

**Steve Sheng:** Bye everyone.

**Dev Anand Teelucksingh:** Thanks all and Happy Birthday David

**David Olive:** Thanks michele and Dev