

From Geo-regions Final Report

66. The new regions framework should apply to the population of the ICANN Board in a clear and consistent manner, but application of the system to ICANN community structures beyond the Board should allow for considerable flexibility. The Working Group observes that experience over the last decade has demonstrated that individual communities are in the best position to craft unique operational solutions that honor the central goal of geographic diversity within their operations.
67. While the Working Group recommends that ICANN maintain a modified single topdown “geographic regional structure,” how each SO-AC meets the geographic and cultural diversity requirements of that system should be up to them. Those communities may, or may not, make use of the regional framework. It should be noted that the Working Group is NOT suggesting that each SO or AC be permitted to create its own regional framework. Either the ICANN-wide framework is to be used or some alternate method of ensuring diversity can be proposed for Board review and approval.

From Bylaws

There shall be one RALO for each Geographic Region established according to Section 5 of Article VI.