How does the ALAC respond to Public Comment?

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What is ICANN Public Comment?

ICANN Public Comment Page:  
http://www.icann.org/public-comments

Public Comment is a vital element in ICANN's decision-making process. Everyone is given an opportunity to comment on topic-specific reports, proposals, recommendations, and GNSO Policy Development Process related deliverables initiated by the ICANN Community and Staff Departments.

• Each Public Comment solicitation is open for at least 40 days.
• Any individual or organization, both internal and external to ICANN, can submit comments.
• After the comment period closes, ICANN Staff produces the Staff Summary Report that compiles and synthesizes the comments received for the originators to evaluate and incorporate in the final product.
How does the ALAC respond?

1. Wiki page is set up for Public Comment
2. Review Public Comment
3. Decide if Statement is necessary
4. Pen-holder is identified
5. Statement is drafted
6. Call for comments
7. Comments received, incorporated as necessary
8. ALAC Ratification
9. Submission to Public Comment and designated Staff member
At-Large Wiki Workspace for Public Comment
At-Large Wiki Workspace

At-Large Policy Advice Development Page: https://community.icann.org/x/bwFO

- A web-based platform for collaborative work
- Duplicate the content from ICANN Public Comment pages
- Present the internal timeline for developing ALAC responses, their drafters
- Publish initial draft, final draft, and submitted ALAC responses
- Collect comments from the At-Large Community on the draft ALAC responses
- Once set up, link is distributed via the alac-announce@atlarge-lists.icann.org mailing list
New Public Comment: Draft 2016 African Domain Name System Market Study

ICANN At-Large Staff
Saturday, March 11, 2017 at 10:45 AM
To: alac-announce@atlarge-lists.icann.org; afri-discuss@atlarge-lists.icann.org

You forwarded this message on 3/23/17, 6:19 AM.

Dear All,

This is to let you know that the Public Comment on the ‘Draft 2016 African Domain Name System Market Study’ has now gone live: https://www.icann.org/public-comments/africa-dns-market-study-2017-03-11-en.

Public comment will end on 5 May 2017 23:59 UTC. During this period, anyone can submit comment via comments-africa-dns-market-study-11mar17@icann.org.

As an advisory committee of ICANN, the ALAC submits Statements on Public Comment and advises on policy matters related to the interest of internet users worldwide. Not just limited to the 15 ALAC members, members from the wider At-Large community are welcome to draft a Statement on behalf of the ALAC.

If you are interested in drafting an ALAC Statement on this Public Comment, kindly contact staff@atlarge.icann.org. At-Large Staff will follow up and help you understand the procedure.

Additionally, the wiki workspace for developing a potential ALAC Statement is here: https://community.icann.org/x/lrfRAw. All pertinent resources for this public comment can also be found there.

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Review Public Comment & Identify Penholder
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• By consulting with subject-matter experts within At-Large, the ALAC will come to a consensus on determining if the a responses is necessary

• If necessary, the ALAC works to identify an individual or a group of individuals responsible for writing an ALAC Statement in response to the Public Comment

• Those drafters are called Penholders. A penholder can be any member in the At-Large Community or even ICANN Policy Staff in support of the ALAC

• ALAC Members, RALO leaders, and ALAC Liaisons frequently draft ALAC Statements due to their knowledge and experience in acting on the interests of Internet users within ICANN
How to get involved?

- Participate in ICANN policy activities
- Read Public Comment materials
- Participate in ALAC, ALAC Leadership Team, and RALO teleconferences
- If you volunteer to become a penholder, contact staff@atlarge.icann.org

5. ALAC Policy Development Activities - Ariel Liang & Alan Greenberg (15 minutes)

- See: Policy Advice Page on New At-Large Website
- See: Policy Advice Development Page
- See: ICANN Public Comment page
  a. Statements approved by the ALAC
     • None
  b. Statements in process: being drafted, in comment or in vote:
     • At-Large Review: Draft Report (closes 24 Mar 2017) - At-Large Review Working Party and Regional At-Large Organizations drafting responses
     • ALAC Response to CGWG-Accountability Work Stream 2 SOAC Accountability Subgroup Questions Regarding SOAC Accountability - @Alan Greenberg finalizing a draft Statement
  c. Statements that seem to be stalled:
     • None
  d. Public Comment requests to which the ALAC decided not to submit Statements:
     • Reference Japanese Label Generation Rules (LGR) for the Second Level (closes 08 Mar 2017)
  e. New Public Comment requests requiring decision:
     • Recommendations to Improve ICANN’s Transparency (closes 10 Apr 2017)
     • Interim Paper Cross-Community Working Group on Use of Names of Countries and Territories as Top Level Domains (closes 21 Apr 2017)
Draft ALAC Statements & Call for Comments
• Once the draft ALAC Statement is completed, it is posted to the At-Large Wiki Workspace and is open for comment for a certain period.

• A “Call for Comments” email is sent to the ALAC-announce@atlarge-lists.icann.org mailing list.

• During that period, all At-Large members are invited to comment on the draft using the commenting function in the workspace.

• Once this internal commenting period ends, penholders consider and incorporate inputs received, finalize the draft, and post it to the Wiki Workspace again.
How to get involved?

• Read the draft ALAC Statement published on the wiki
• Provide input using the comment function on the wiki; if you don’t have an wiki account, contact staff@atlarge.icann.org
• Contact penholders directly to provide input
• Participate in ALAC, ALAC Leadership Team, and RALO teleconferences
ALAC Ratification & Submission
• The 15 ALAC Members hold a ratification vote to determine whether the final draft of an ALAC Statement should be submitted to the Public Comment as a formal ALAC response

• This ratification vote is usually conducted electronically via BigPulse, but it can also happen during ALAC’s monthly teleconferences and face-to-face sessions in ICANN meetings

• If at least 8 ALAC members cast vote, and if the number of votes in favor of ratifying the Statement is higher than the number of votes against, the Statement will be deemed ratified and submitted to ICANN Public Comment

• ALAC sometimes submits an ALAC Statement with ratification pending so that it is taken into consideration before the Public Comment closes. To be sure, the ALAC will not submit a Statement if it is not sufficiently confident that it will pass ratification
ALAC Ratification & Submission

Identifier Technology Health Indicators: Definition

Open Date
29 Nov 2016 22:59 UTC

Close Date
23 Jan 2017 23:59 UTC

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Brief Overview

Purpose: ICANN would like to solicit diseases that could affect the health

Current Status: ICANN presented th

Next Steps: Once the community present Technology Health Indicators (ITHI) info those diseases.

Report of Public Comments

Ratified: ALAC Statement on the Identifier Technology Health Indicators: Definition

To: "comments-ithi-definition-29nov16@xxxxxxxxx" <comments-ithi-definition-29nov16@xxxxxxxxx>
Subject: Ratified: ALAC Statement on the Identifier Technology Health Indicators: Definition
From: ICANN At-Large Staff <staff@xxxxxxxxxxxxx>
Date: Sun, 29 Jan 2017 16:55:25 +0000

Dear All,

Kindly find attached the ratified ALAC Statement on the ALAC Statement on the Identifier Technology Health Indicators: Definition. Nothing has been changed except for the inclusion of the ratification information on the cover page.

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Attachment: AL-ALAC-ST-0117-02-01-EN.pdf
Description: AL-ALAC-ST-0117-02-01-EN.pdf

Poll Result

ALAC Statement on the Identifier Technology Health Indicators: Definition

Report date: Sunday 29 January 2017 16:49 UTC

ALAC Statement on the Identifier Technology Health Indicators: Definition

Poll ID: 133218
As at Poll close: Thursday 26 January 2017 23:59 UTC
Number of voters: 13 - Group size: 14 - Percentage voted: 92.86

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Submitted ALAC Statements
Where to find all submitted ALAC Statements?

At-Large Website: https://atlarge.icann.org/policy-summary