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ALAC Statement on the Proposed Dates for ICANN Public Meetings 2021–2023

Introduction

Yrjo Lansipuro, member of the European Regional At-Large Organization (EURALO) and ALAC Liaison to the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC), developed an initial draft of the Statement on behalf of the ALAC.

On 02 October 2017, the first draft of the Statement was posted on its [At-Large Workspace](#).

On that same date, ICANN Policy Staff in support of the At-Large Community sent a Call for Comments on the Statement to the At-Large Community via the [ALAC Work mailing list](#).

On that same date, a version incorporating the comments received was posted on the aforementioned workspace and the ALAC Chair requested that Staff open an ALAC ratification vote.

In the interest of time, the ALAC Chair requested that the Statement be transmitted to the ICANN public comment process, copying the ICANN Staff member responsible for this topic, with a note that the Statement is pending ALAC ratification.

On 10 October 2017, Staff confirmed that the online vote resulted in the ALAC endorsing the Statement with 14 votes in favor, 0 vote against, and 0 abstention. Please note that 93.33% (14) of the 15 ALAC Members participated in the poll. The ALAC Members who participated in the poll are (alphabetical order of the first name): Alan Greenberg, Alberto Soto, Andrei Kolesnikov, Bastiaan Goslings, Harold Arcos, Holly Raiche, Javier Rua, Kaili Kan, Leon Sanchez, Maureen Hilyard, Sebastien Bachollet, Seun Ojedeji, Tijani Ben Jemaa, Wafa Zaafour. One ALAC Member, Garth Bruen, didn't vote. You may view the result independently under: <https://www.bigpulse.com/pollresults?code=282765eRgejihDsMM2CkYtHrg>.

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The ALAC welcomes the publishing of tentative dates for ICANN meetings in 2021-2023 well ahead of time so that possible conflicts with community events and globally recognized non-working or religious observance days can be identified and avoided.

The tentative dates for 2021-2023 do not entirely avoid conflicting or being too close with major, globally recognized holiday periods of certain religions or regions. On the former, ALAC has noted the following examples:

- The 2023 Community Forum will be at the beginning of Ramadan.
- The 2022 Annual General Meeting (15 – 21 October) falls near the end of the Jewish Holiday season

Midsummer, celebrated in several countries of Northern Europe, is an example of important regional (non-religious) holidays. The Community Fora are planned immediately before (2022 and 2023) or after (2021) it.

We realize the need for compromises, and the need to schedule around and in coordination with other critical meetings, and we understand that not every regional holiday can be taken in account. At the same time, we appreciate the effort to share the inconveniences as equitably as possible.