

I joined the ALAC as a relative newcomer to the ICANN space in February 2017. Especially with regard to the intricacies of the policy making process, all the associated history, and the politics and agendas of (representatives of) different stakeholder groups, the learning curve has been steep. As stated in early 2017 when I was nominated for the ALAC, I intended to focus on having an impact on policies and engaging with other stakeholder groups. And that is what I did over the over the last 15 months: I was a.o. penholder for the At Large /ALAC reflections on the outcomes of the CCWG WS2 Accountability subgroups for Human Rights and Jurisdiction, a member of the Next Gen RDS to replace Whois PDP, and I provided the feedback on behalf of the ALAC on the proposed interim model for ICANN to become GDPR compliant.

For me personally, while having been quite effective and able to produce concrete results, I feel that after this initial period the time has come to put what I learnt into (more) production. There are significant challenges ahead for both ICANN and At-Large: e.g. the subsequent procedures, the implementation phase following the CCWG W2 Accountability recommendations, becoming GDPR compliant, choices to be made with regard to the future ICANN budget, and of course the results of the At Large Review and what follows in terms of implementation. If elected for another term, I want to do my best to see to it that the voice of At Large is (continued to be) heard and recognised, and I want to contribute to the process that should guarantee that At Large remains the home for end-users within ICANN and as such that their interests are effectively represented in the long term.

I have been vice chair of the ALAC and a member of the Leadership team, and would also hope to bring further value in these capacities to make the ALAC more effective.

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