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Reviews Update

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Specific Reviews Update

SSR2
On 7 June 2018, ICANN org announced the formal restart of the SSR2 Review. See [announcement](#) on ICANN.org for more details. • Engaged a facilitator, began outreach • SSR2 held one call, organizing its schedule and planning its face to face meeting

CCT
The CCT Review Team is considering Public Comments and Board input as they finalize their report which is expected in August 2018.

RDS-WHOIS2
The RDS-WHOIS2 Review Team is holding an engagement session at ICANN62 and plans to prepare its draft report for Public Comment in August 2018.

Short-term/Long-term Options to Adjust the Timeline of Reviews

Why are We Addressing this Issue Now?

1 | Large number of reviews currently underway - 11 reviews in various phases of work.

2 | Significant other work impacting the ICANN community (e.g. GDPR, new gTLD PDP, WS2 and WS2 implementation).

3 | Board discussions and requests by the community to look for options to lessen the strain that the Review Timeline is placing on community and ICANN org resources.

Proposals Posted for Public Comment

1   **Short-Term Options:** pertaining to ATRT3 to address the workload of the volunteer community and impact on ICANN resources – with options ranging from staying the current course, to limiting the scope and deferring the review. Link: https://www.icann.org/news/announcement-2-2018-05-14-en

2   **Long-Term Options:** provide more reasonable scheduling options across ICANN reviews (Specific and Organizational), with the goal of meeting ICANN's accountability and transparency obligations in a more practical and sustainable manner. Link**:** https://www.icann.org/news/announcement-3-2018-05-14-en

3   **Next Steps:** After the Public Comment closes, we will analyze the comments and coordinate with the Organizational Effectiveness Committee of the Board (OEC) to identify recommendations to the Board on the paths forward. If you would like to invite us to present options and hold a Q&A with your constituency via a remote call, please contact us: reviews@icann.org.

Long-term Options

PRINCIPLES
Principles to inform these approaches: ● aim for no more than three to four reviews per year, ● recognize limited community resources, ● ensure adequate funding for reviews, and ● ensure efficiency and effectiveness of the reviews.

LONG-TERM OPTIONS
Staggering the reviews to have no more than one Specific Review and two Organizational Reviews running concurrently.
Adding timing criteria in order to initiate the next cycle of a Specific or Organizational Reviews, which could include factors such as a requirement that prior review recommendations be fully implemented and possibly operational for a period of time before the next review is initiated.
Adding requirements that, like the ATRT, other Specific Review teams complete their work within 12 months. This requirement could also be applicable to Organizational Reviews (although because Organizational Reviews are conducted by independent examiners based on contractual agreements, timing considerations are already incorporated into the process).
Focusing Work of Specific Review teams' on topics of highest priority to the community.
Adding scheduling flexibility for Specific Reviews to the Bylaws, with appropriate checks and balances.