At-Large Second Accountability and Transparency Review Team (ATRT 2) Final Report & Recommendations Workspace

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21.02.2014	Second Accountability and Transparency Review Team (ATRT 2) Final Report & Recommendations	ADOPTED 14Y, 0A, 0N	Rinalia Abdul Rahim (APRALO)	20.02.2014	28.02.2014 12:00 UTC	28.02.2014	20.02.2014 20:00 UTC	06.03.2014	07.03.2014 20:00 UTC	07.03.2014	Larisa Gurnick larisa.gurnick@icann.org

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Brief Overview
Originating Organization:
Second Accountability and Transparency Review Team (ATRT2)
Categories/Tags:

- AoC
- ATRT 2
- Policy Processes
- Reviews/Improvements
- Transparency/Accountability

Current Status:
Final Report & Recommendations submitted to the ICANN Board and posted for public comment.
Next Steps:
Public comments are requested to inform Board action.
Staff Contact:
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Email Staff Contact

Detailed Information
Section I: Description, Explanation, and Purpose:
On 31 December 2013, the Second Accountability and Transparency Review Team (ATRT2) submitted its Final Report and Recommendations to the ICANN Board of Directors.

The report is now issued for public comment to inform Board action on the ATRT2's proposed recommendations.

Per Affirmation of Commitments (AoC) provisions, the Board is to take action within six months of receipt of the ATRT2 recommendations.
Section II: Background:
The ATRT2 Final Report and Recommendations were developed on the basis of the ATRT2 Draft Proposed Recommendations [PDF, 3.06 MB] and Correction Issued 7 November 2013 and submitted for public comment in October 2013. The report is the outcome of the ATRT2's review of ICANN's execution of its commitments to accountability and transparency under the Affirmation of Commitments (AoC) and includes the results of the GNSOPDP Evaluation Study [PDF, 2.01 MB] the ATRT2 initiated as part of its review process (included as Appendix A).

To help ensure ICANN's multi-stakeholder model remains transparent and accountable, and to improve its performance,ICANN organizes community reviews of its accountability and transparency commitments no less frequently than every three years, consistent with section 9.1 of the AoC.

The Accountability and Transparency reviews are performed by volunteer Community members and include the following (or their designated nominees): the Chair of the GAC, the Chair of the Board of ICANN, the Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information of the DOC, representatives of the relevant ICANN Advisory Committees and Supporting Organizations, and independent experts. More information on the ATRT2 is available on their wiki.
Section III: Document and Resource Links:

- ATRT2 Final Report & Recommendations [PDF, 3.46 MB]
- Draft Proposed Recommendations [PDF, 3.06 MB]
    - **Correction Issued 7 November 2013**
- ATRT2 GNSO PDP Evaluation Study (included as Appendix A)
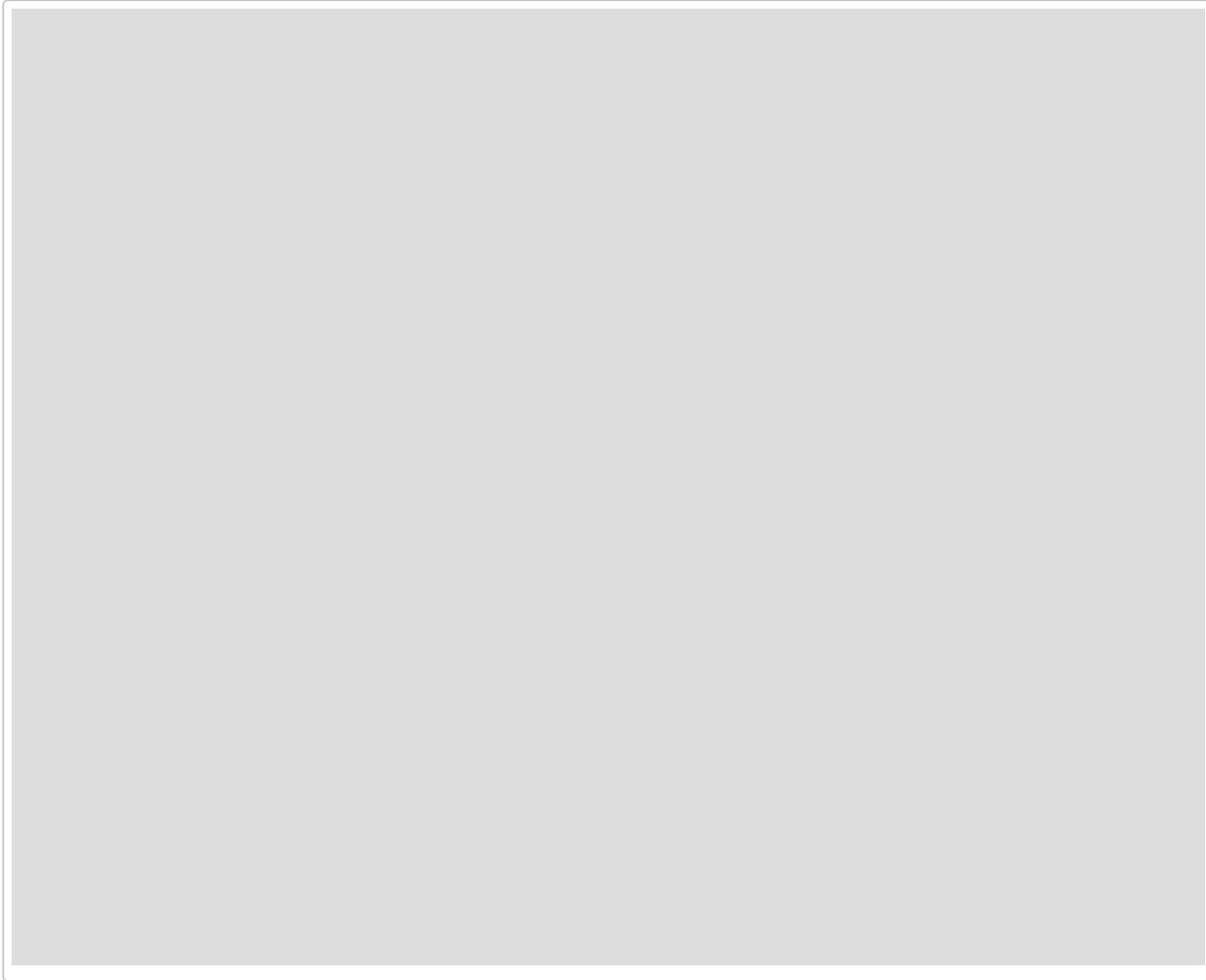
Section IV: Additional Information:
None

(*) Comments submitted after the posted Close Date/Time are not guaranteed to be considered in any final summary, analysis, reporting, or decision-making that takes place once this period lapses.

FINAL VERSION TO BE SUBMITTED IF RATIFIED

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FINAL DRAFT VERSION TO BE VOTED UPON BY THE ALAC

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We find the ATRT2 recommendations to be clear, appropriate and actionable. We thus support the recommendations and urge the ICANN Board to adopt them as a strategic priority towards creating a culture of accountability and transparency in ICANN.

In moving forward, we advise the ICANN Board to: (1) Place equal emphasis on recommendations and observations, and address key issues outlined in the observations indicated in Appendix B and C of the report in advance of the next WHOIS and Security, Stability and Resiliency (SSR) reviews; and (2) Take measures to improve future reviews by ensuring that review processes are accorded sufficient time for a thorough and effective assessment and to ensure that ICANN is better prepared organizationally to support the review process.

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The ATRT2 emphasized that the observations in its assessments and report should be "duly considered by the Board and afforded all due weight in ongoing and future implementation efforts." We believe that the Board should examine both Recommendations and Observations in the ATRT2 report with equal diligence. A careful examination of the Observations laid out in Appendix B and C on the reviews of the WHOIS Review Team and the Security, Stability and Resiliency Review Team implementation reveals serious issues requiring Board attention. Developing new recommendations on these topics are outside of the ATRT2 scope, but the issues remain within the purview of the Board. Ignoring these issues at this stage will likely worsen the problems in a few years' time. We recommend that the issues be addressed now through appropriate mechanisms that are either existing or newly created in advance of the next WHOIS and SSR reviews.

Improve Future Reviews

The ATRT2 report includes a section on its review work experience in Appendix E. This section highlights observations and recommendations on "Improving Future Reviews" for the next Accountability and Transparency Review Team (ATRT3). We note with concern that the ATRT1 and the ATRT2 processes had less than 12 full months to undertake their review and that this affected their work. Given the importance of the review process, we recommend that ICANN be better prepared organizationally to support future reviews and that the ATRT3 be provided with a full year (12 months) for its review work, even if review commencement is delayed. This 12-months period complies with the rules established in the Affirmation of Commitments.

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