

# At-Large Revisions to ICANN Expected Standards of Behaviors Workspace

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25 Jun 2016	<a href="#">Revisions to ICANN Expected Standards of Behaviors</a>	<b>ADOPTED</b> 15Y, 0N, 0A	<a href="#">Leon Sanchez</a>	21 Jun 2016	25 Jun 2016	30 Jun 2016	30 Jun 2016	25 Jun 2016	Amy Stathos <a href="mailto:amy.stathos@icann.org">amy.stathos@icann.org</a>	AL-ALAC-ST-0616-02-00-EN

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## Brief Overview

**Purpose:** This public comment proceeding seeks to obtain community input on proposed revisions to the language of the ICANN Expected Standards of Behaviors.

**Current Status:** The revisions to ICANN Expected Standards of Behaviors have been drafted to improve the Standards and set out an affirmative expectation that harassment of participants in the multistakeholder community will not be accepted.

**Next Steps:** Upon completion of the public comment period, staff will summarize and forward any community input to the ICANN Board for consideration.

## Section I: Description, Explanation, and Purpose

The Expected Standards of Behavior set out how the participants in the ICANN community are expected to behave when participating in ICANN processes. The Standards were developed with community consultation in 2008, and were updated in 2012 after public comment.

In March 2016, at the ICANN55 meeting in Marrakech, Morocco, the issue of community-member conduct towards each other was highlighted as a matter of concern. The ICANN Board was requested to work with the community to address this issue. One area that can be improved is refining the Standards document to more specifically set out what respectful treatment among community members should be, and to make clear that harassment is not appropriate conduct when participating in ICANN's work.

The proposed improvement to the Standards are now provided for the community's input. The revised text is based in generally accepted broad standards for areas of protection against harassment.

## Section II: Background

During and after the ICANN55 meeting, the issue of certain community-member conduct toward one another has been raised in various sessions and lists.

It was determined by ICANN Board that revisions to the language of the Expected Standards of Behavior is needed that align with generally accepted board standards for areas of protection and recommended that the revised version be posted for public comment.

Additional work, such as retention of an expert to assist in a policy and procedure to guide when potentially improper behavior is reported, is also under way.

## Section III: Relevant Resources

[Proposed revisions to the Expected Standard of Behavior](#) [PDF, 67 KB]

## Section IV: Additional Information

For more information see <https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/expected-standards-2012-05-15-en>

## Section V: Reports

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## FINAL VERSION TO BE SUBMITTED IF RATIFIED



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## FINAL DRAFT VERSION TO BE VOTED UPON BY THE ALAC

*The final draft version to be voted upon by the ALAC will be placed here before the vote is to begin.*

ALAC statement on Revisions to ICANN Expected Standards of Behaviors

The ALAC welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Revisions to ICANN Expected Standards of Behaviors and hereby submits the following as a formal statement to the Board:

1. The ALAC recognizes the need to review the ICANN Expected Standards of Behaviors as a continued effort to address the evolving needs in our community;
2. The ALAC is supportive of the proposed revision to the ICANN Expected Standards of Behaviors as it is our belief that said revision will help to improve areas of coexistence between the many participants in ICANN meetings, thus fostering diversity and strengthening our community's richness;
3. The ALAC believes the ICANN Expected Standards of Behaviors must be augmented by providing clear information about how violations to the Expected Standards of Behaviors will be addressed and who is to address said violations.
4. The ALAC also suggests to include clear information on how and where to report any transgression to the Expected Standards of Behaviors.
5. The ALAC also recommends that, once the Expected Standards of Behaviors review is finalized, ICANN undertakes a socialization campaign on these issues especially at face to face gatherings, which may include but not necessarily be limited to; handouts, posters publicly available and viable material and or some outreach activities, as well as some form of acknowledgment by participants that they have read, understood and agreed to comply with these standards.

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3. The ALAC has identified an opportunity to improve the ICANN Expected Standards of Behaviors by adding clear information about the process in regard to how violations to the Expected Standards of Behaviors will be addressed and who is to address said violations.

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