

# At-Large FY14 Draft Operating Plan and Budget Workspace

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31.05.2013	<a href="#">FY14 Draft Operating Plan and Budget</a>	Adopted 14Y, ON, 0A	<a href="#">Tijani Ben Jemaa</a> (AFRALO)	29.05.2013	07.06.2013	11.06.2013	11.06.2013	17.06.2013	18.06.2013	19.06.2013	Xavier Calvez <a href="mailto:controlier@icann.org">controlier@icann.org</a>	AL-ALAC-ST-0613-02-00-EN

## Comment / Reply Periods (\*)

Comment Open Date:

10 May 2013

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## Brief Overview

Originating Organization:

ICANN Finance

Categories/Tags:

- ICANN Board/Bylaws
- Operations-Finances

## Purpose (Brief):

ICANN is now opening a public comment forum for the FY14 Draft Operating Plan and Budget.

- FY14 Draft Operating Plan and Budget
  - [PPT](#) [779 KB]
  - [PDF](#) [1.81 MB]
- FY14 Draft Operating Plan and Budget (AtTask)
  - [XLS](#) [95 KB]
  - [PDF](#) [338 KB]

Community members are kindly asked to provide feedback on the various aspects of the proposed budget and implementation of ICANN resources for the coming fiscal year, including operational growth tied to carry-over and new projects and the core functions of ICANN.

Current Status:

The FY14 Draft Operating Plan and Budget is currently open for public comment.

Next Steps:

The FY14 Draft Operating Plan and Budget may be modified as a result of feedback from the community, ICANN's staff and Board during this comment period, and will be presented to the ICANN Board for final approval in June 2013.

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## Detailed Information

Section I: Description, Explanation, and Purpose:

The budget process and its outcome formalized in this document aims at establishing a detailed, documented description of the operational activities of the coming fiscal year and their financial impacts. The budget needs to be built with sufficient details to allow an adequate monitoring of activities during the year, while understanding the flexibility that is required to handle a reality that is always different than what was anticipated. Consistent with our multi-stakeholder model, this budget is the result of input from ICANN constituency groups, stakeholders, the Board of Directors and the ICANN Staff. The involvement of the various ICANN stakeholders in the operating plan and budget building process is a corner stone to the success of the multi-stakeholder model.

Section II: Background:

New leadership has brought immediate focus on the transformation of the organization towards operational excellence, initiated a renewed and expanded stakeholders' engagement activity, and addressed the strategic requirements of the New gTLD program. In fiscal year 2014, the organization will implement strategic initiatives designed in FY13: the transformation into a worldwide matrix organization, expanding ICANN's presence internationally, thus allowing a truly global stakeholders' engagement, implementing a DNS Industry Engagement organization, and further strengthening the infrastructure.

Section III: Document and Resource Links:

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## Summary of Comments



General Disclaimer: This section is intended to broadly and comprehensively summarize the comments submitted to this Forum, but not to address every specific position stated by each contributor. Staff recommends that readers interested in specific aspects of any of the summarized comments, or the full context of others, refer directly to the specific contributions at the link referenced above (View Comments Submitted).

Section IV: Additional Information:

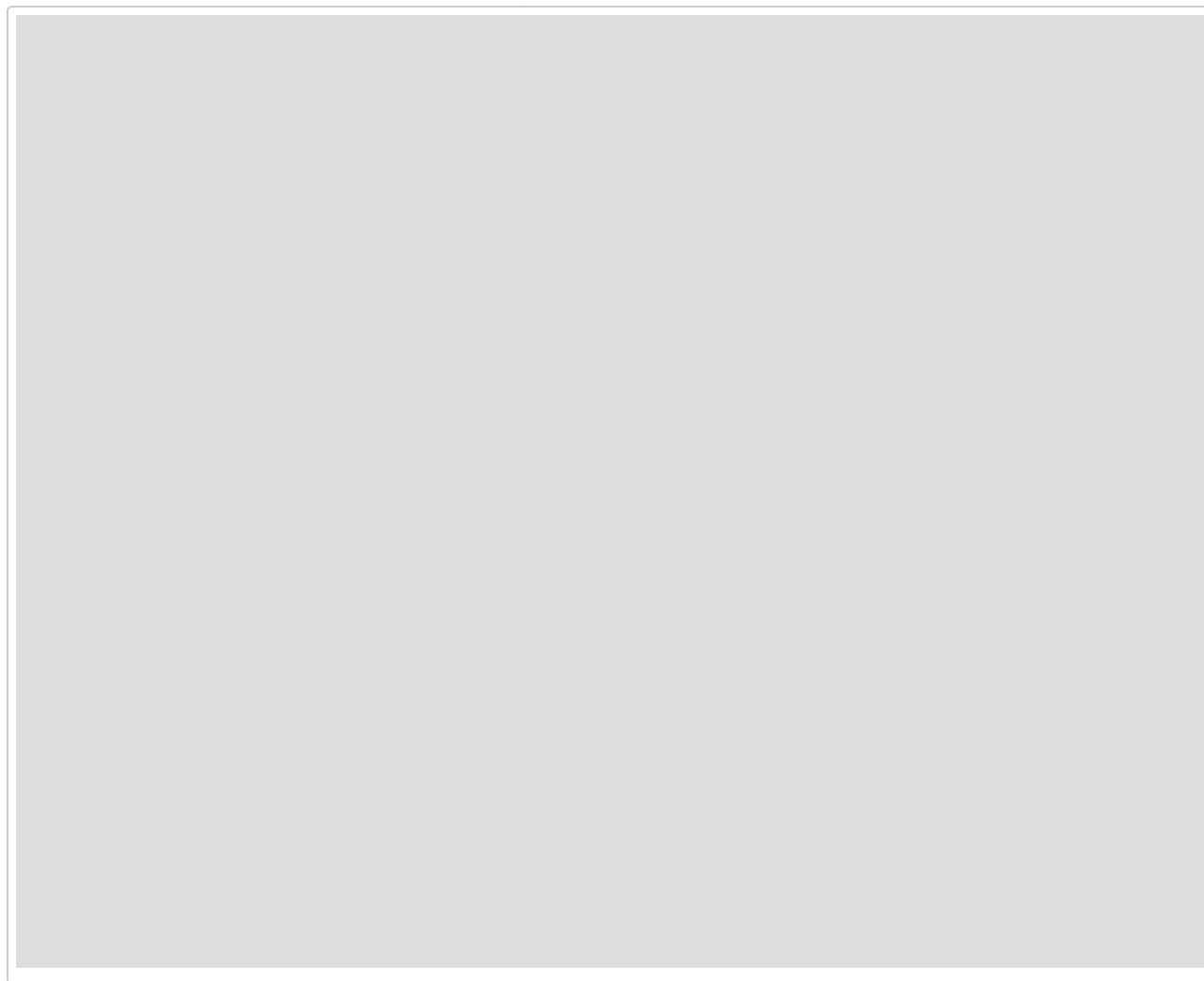
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(\*) Comments submitted after the posted Close Date/Time are not guaranteed to be considered in any final summary, analysis, reporting, or decision-making that takes place once this period lapses.

## FINAL VERSION TO BE SUBMITTED IF RATIFIED

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

The ALAC very much appreciates the effort made by the ICANN Finance department to improve the budget development process, consequently allowing more interaction with the community and more time for the development process. Unfortunately, for FY14, the improved process wasn't followed due to changes in ICANN management and the subsequent new visions and new working methods. It was this transition between the old and the new vision that made the FY14 budget development process less satisfactory, particularly as the allotted time was not sufficient to prepare a budget framework that would permit another opportunity for community interaction.

Comparing the FY14 budget and the FY13 forecast, the ALAC notices that the ICANN operating activities have increased by \$16.251 million while revenues have only increased by \$11.739 million. This precedent may constitute a bad element for the future if it continues on the same trend.

The impact of internationalization on the FY14 Budget expenses (personnel, travel, professional services, and administration) increased by \$7.544 million as detailed in Slide 22, while the whole cost of internationalization (FY13 + FY14) is \$11.899 million as per Slide 28. The ALAC thinks that the internationalization of ICANN deserves this financial effort since it is one of the most important changes that will make ICANN more global and less contested.



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On the other hand, the ALAC is concerned by the very low allocation for the ATRT2 professional service set in the spreadsheet to only \$37,800. This amount is insignificant compared to ATRT1 spent professional services.

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