

# At-Large FY15 Operating Plan & Budget Workspace

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Purpose (brief): Join us in creating ICANN's annual operating plan and budget for FY15, which describes planned activities for the year ahead (from 1 July 2014 – 30 June 2015). These activities are based on ICANN's strategic objectives, fiscal year priorities and community input. The draft FY15 Operating Plan and Budget document will be posted for public comment from 8 May – 1 July.

ICANN is seeking general feedback as well as feedback on the focus areas, objectives, goals, portfolios, projects and budget allocations. Your feedback is important to help ensure we have a clear roadmap for the year ahead.

## Next steps:

ICANN will take into consideration the feedback received and respond as necessary, before submitting the draft document for Board consideration.

## Draft documents:

- Draft FY15 Operating Plan and Budget [[PDF](#) and [WORD](#)]- this document provides an overview of the FY15 budget, and the Operating Plan consisting of descriptions for goals, objectives, portfolios and selected projects.
- Draft FY15 Budget by portfolio and cost category [[PDF](#) and [Excel](#)]- use this document to view the breakdown of the categories of costs by portfolio.
- Selected FY15 Projects by portfolio [[PDF](#) and [Excel](#)]: use this document to view a selection of projects that contribute to each portfolio.
- FY15 SO/AC additional budget requests as approved by the Board [[PDF](#) and [Excel](#)].

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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**

### **ALAC Statement on the Draft FY15 Operating Plan and Budget**

The ALAC finds the Draft FY15 Operating Plan and Budget well designed and presented in a comprehensive way.

Nevertheless, the ALAC wishes to express the following observations and questions:

#### **1.1.2 Revenue assumptions**

- New Registries assumption: The 33 million registrations in FY15 seem optimistic; how was this figure calculated?

#### **1.4 Statement of Activities**

- "Depreciation expenses" in the Operating Expenses are explained as the "impact of FY14 capital investments (Salesforce.com, Digital Platform, website, etc.)". Please be so kind to clarify how these can be depreciation expenses?

#### **1.6 Resource Utilization**

- In the "support & revenue", the increase in "GSE/Gov.Eng./Public Resp" is \$3.7M. Please be so kind to clarify how this can represent 117.2%?
- The YOY operating expenses growth appears to be taking neither the USG transition (B) nor the other priority areas (C) into consideration.

#### **1.7 Risks and Opportunities to the FY15 Budget**

- After more than a full year of experience, predicting the number of new registries for FY15 is a simple exercise. Thus, the risk of a slower ramp up of registries could not be high; however, if the number of registrations is absolutely unknown, it will lead to a higher risk.

### **3.1 New gTLD financial summary**

- The increase of the expenses is explained inter alia by the additional ICANN staff allocation (+\$11.6M for the whole program). However, ICANN staff costs appear to be also counted in the normal ICANN budget, under the new gTLD section. If this is not duplication, and those staff expenses were subtracted from the normal ICANN budget, it should be clearly mentioned.

### **3.1 New gTLD financial summary / 3.4. New gTLD Program – Operating Expenses Variance Analysis**

- For FY13, there should not be any difference between the April 2014 and the June 2013 estimations since June 2013 is the end of FY13 with figures that are not estimations but actual values.

The ALAC hopes that the planning process will be improved for FY16, as ICANN now has a strategic plan. After this year's again shortened cycle, the interaction with the community should be significantly improved so that the remarks of the community may impact the final plan and budget.

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## **FIRST DRAFT SUBMITTED**

### **ALAC Statement on the Draft FY15 Operating plan and Budget**

The At-Large Advisory Committee finds the draft operating plan and budget well designed and presented in a comprehensive way.

Nevertheless, the ALAC wants to highlight the following points:

#### **1.1.2 Revenue assumptions**

- New Registries assumption: 33 million registrations in FY15 seem optimistic; how was it calculated?

#### **1.4 Statement of Activities**

- What you call "depreciation expenses" in the Operating Expenses is explained on the same page by "Impact of FY14 capital investments (Salesforce.com, Digital Platform, website, etc.)". How can these be depreciation expenses?

#### **1.6 Resource Utilization**

- In the "support & revenue", the increase in "GSE/Gov.Eng./Public Resp" is 3.7 M\$. how can this represent 117.2%?
- The YOY operating expenses growth doesn't take into consideration the USG transition (B) nor the other priority areas (C)

#### **1.7 Risks and Opportunities to the FY15 Budget**

- After more than a full year of experience, It's easy to predict the number of new registry for FY15. Thus, the risk of a slower ramp up of registries couldn't be high, while the number of registrations is absolutely unknown, leading to a higher risk.

### **3.1 New gTLD financial summary**

- The increase of the expenses is explained inter alias by the ICANN staff allocation (+\$11.6M for the whole program). But the ICANN staff expenses are counted in the normal ICANN budget out of the new gTLD part. If it is not a duplication, and those staff expenses were subtracted from the normal ICANN budget, it should be clearly mentioned.

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- For FY13, there should not be any difference between the April 2014 and the June 2013 estimations since June 2013 is the end of FY13 and the figures are not estimation but actual value

The At-Large Advisory Committee hopes that the planning process will be improved for FY16, now that we have a strategic plan. The interaction with the community should be drastically improved so that the remarks of the community may impact the final plan and budget.