

# At-Large Improvements Workspace

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## Welcome to the ALAC/At-Large Improvements Workspace

This new Workspace is the hub for all updates, documents, and work related to the ALAC/At-Large Improvements Implementation project.

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## Announcements

**18 March 2011**

ICANN's Silicon Valley Meeting concluded today with a public session held by its Board. In this session, the Board approved the opening of the public comment period on the ICANN Bylaw amendments proposed as part of the ALAC/At-Large Improvements Project. The primary goals of these amendments, as established in the [Final Report of the ALAC Review Working Group on ALAC Improvements](#) (Final Report; 9 June 2009), are two-fold:

- To affirm that the ALAC, as the representative body of At-Large, is the primary organizational home for the individual Internet user within ICANN; and
- To reflect the ALAC's continuing purpose within ICANN (i) in providing advice on policy, (ii) in providing input into ICANN's operations and structure, (iii) as part of ICANN's accountability mechanisms, and (iv) as an organizing mechanism for some of ICANN's outreach.

These amendments were developed by the ALAC and At-Large Improvements Work Team A (on the ALAC's continuing purpose within ICANN) and proposed by the At-Large Staff and Office of the General Counsel.

The public comment period on the amendments is expected to open during April.

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**17 March 2011**

At ICANN's Silicon Valley Meeting today, as part of its [ALAC & Regional Leadership Wrap-up Meeting](#), the four ALAC/At-Large Improvements Work Teams (WTs) presented the bulk of their draft implementation proposals to the ALAC and regional leadership. This marked a major milestone for the current phase of the Improvements Project.

Notable examples of the implementation proposals presented by the Improvements WTs include the following:

- A proposal by WT A (on the ALAC's continuing purpose) that the ALAC request the At-Large Staff to submit to the Board a set of ICANN Bylaw amendments developed collaboratively by the WT, the ALAC, and the Office of the General Counsel, aimed at clarifying the continuing purpose of the ALAC within the ICANN structure;
- A proposal by WT B (on ALS participation) that the ALAC initiate a training and education program, to coincide with ICANN Meetings, for new ALS members;
- A proposal by WT C (on ALAC planning processes) that the ALAC initiate, develop, and maintain an institutional knowledge management and retention system for At-Large; and
- A proposal by WT D (on ALAC's policy advice development) that the ALAC adopt a new Policy Advice Development process (PAD) incorporating (a) earlier document translation and education of the ALSes about policy issues, (b) multiple points at which extensions of the public comment period may be requested, and (c) the development of a Staff Policy Review Committee (PRC) to inform the Community of upcoming policy comment periods.

Immediately after the Silicon Valley Meeting, the WTs, in collaboration with the At-Large Staff, will begin preparing their final report to the ALAC on the Improvements Project. This report will contain the WTs' formal proposals for the ALAC's consideration. This phase of the Improvements Project is scheduled to conclude early in the second quarter of 2011.

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**13 March 2011**

At ICANN's Silicon Valley Meeting today, as part of the [ALAC and Regional Leadership Working Session 1](#), the four ALAC/At-Large Improvements Work Teams (WTs) presented their draft implementation proposals to the broad At-Large Community -- that is, to the RALOs and their ALSes. The purpose of this session was for the Community to give the WTs its feedback; overall, the draft proposals were met with widespread approval and enthusiasm.

Over the next four days in San Francisco, the WTs will incorporate the Community's input into their proposals. The WTs will then present their revised proposals to the ALAC and regional leadership during Thursday's [ALAC & Regional Leadership Wrap-up Meeting](#).

Of course, today was not the first time the Improvements WTs received input from the RALOs and ALSes. Perhaps the most striking aspect of the overall ALAC/At-Large Improvements Project has been the extensive "bottom-up" approach taken in its work. The Project has truly been conducted and led by the At-Large "edges" -- that is, by the regional ALSes and their members. Of the eight WT co-chairs, the majority (five) are *not* ALAC members; furthermore, the majority of WT members, by far, come straight from the ALSes.

Since the goal of the At-Large Improvements Project is no less than the enhancement of the ways in which the ALAC and At-Large conduct their business, the RALOs' and ALSes' leadership of this Project has ensured their widespread -- and very beneficial -- influence on our Community for years to come.

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For earlier announcements regarding the ALAC/At-Large Improvements Project, please click [here](#).

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## At-Large Improvements Work Teams

The goal of the ALAC/At-Large Improvements project is to review and improve both ALAC/At-Large's participation in ICANN and the ALSes' participation in At-Large. This will be done through the implementation of the 13 recommendations outlined in the At-Large Review Work Group's Final Report and detailed in the [Simplified At-Large Improvements Implementation Outline](#).

We have divided these recommendations into four groups, each of which has been assigned to a work team consisting of ALAC members and regional representatives. These work teams, along with the recommendations for which they are responsible, are listed below; Please click on the name of each team for more detailed information.

### [Work Team A: Work team on ALAC's continuing purpose](#)

Rec 1: ICANN bylaws to reflect ALAC's continuing purpose  
Rec 10: ALAC/At-Large is home of individual Internet users  
Rec 11: Board statement recognizing Rec 10

### [Work Team B: Work team on ALS participation](#)

Rec 3: Remove any obstacles in ALS-RALO-ALAC structure  
Rec 4: ALS education and engagement  
Rec 7: ALAC should choose its own communication/collaboration tools  
Rec 9: ICANN should strengthen its translation/interpretation tools

### [Work Team C: Work team on ALAC planning processes](#)

Rec 5: ALAC should develop strategic/operational plans as part of ICANN's planning process  
Rec 6: At-Large should develop accurate cost models

### [Work Team D: Work team on ALAC's policy advice development](#)

Rec 8: ALAC may request public comment period be extended to 45 days  
Rec 12: Consumer representatives should have input into decisions and policy advice  
Rec 13: ALAC/At-Large policy advice mechanisms should be strengthened

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## At-Large Improvements Recommendations

Here (click above), we have dedicated an individual wiki page to each of the At-Large Improvements 13 recommendations. Each page contains a summary of the specific work underway in the implementation of that recommendation. Specifically, the following is listed:

- A summary of the recommendation itself (as stated in the Final Report);
- The list of At-Large community members on the work team(s) assigned to the recommendation;
- A summary of the steps or tasks planned for implementing the recommendation; and
- The target completion period for the recommendation as a whole.

In addition, on these pages, visitors can leave comments regarding the implementation of any one of the recommendations.

Finally, each of these pages will link, as needed, to tailored pages that each work team can use in conducting its actual ongoing implementation work (for example, some will link to pages used to collect specific information requested from the At-Large community).

Following are direct links to the individual wiki page for each recommendation:

[Recommendation 1](#): ICANN bylaws to reflect ALAC's continuing purpose  
[Recommendation 2](#): At-Large-selected ICANN Board member  
[Recommendation 3](#): ALS-RALO-ALAC structure to remain  
[Recommendation 4](#): ALS education and engagement  
[Recommendation 5](#): Strategic and operational plans  
[Recommendation 6](#): Accurate cost models  
[Recommendation 7](#): Choice of communication and collaborative tools  
[Recommendation 8](#): Public comment period  
[Recommendation 9](#): Translation and interpretation processes  
[Recommendation 10](#): ALAC/At-Large is home of individual Internet users  
[Recommendation 11](#): Board statement recognizing Rec. 10  
[Recommendation 12](#): Input from consumer representatives  
[Recommendation 13](#): Policy advice mechanisms to be strengthened

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## Meeting Notes

As the At-Large Improvements Implementation project progresses, the details of certain Improvements-wide meetings will be posted here. For the details of WT-specific meetings, please see the individual WT Workspaces (links appear above).

## Documents

*Also see the **Attachments** section in the column to the right. (If the column is not visible, click "Show" at the top right of this wiki.)*

[Final Report of the ALAC Review WG on ALAC Improvements.pdf](#)

[GNSO Working Group Guidelines\\_ver 5 Feb 2010.pdf](#)

[Simplified At-Large Improvements Implementation Outline](#)

[Status of the ALAC/At-Large Improvements Project -- 3 June 2011](#)

[Status of ALAC Improvements Implementation -- 9 March 2011](#)

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## Calendars

*The At-Large Improvements Implementation calendar will be posted here soon.*

### At-Large Worldwide Calendar

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Comments (accepted in the 6 UN languages):

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