

ALAC Updates ----June 2019.

Policy development activities

Statements approved by the ALAC

[ALAC Statement on Evolving the Multistakeholder Model at ICANN](#)

This ALAC contribution to the evolving multistakeholder model condenses the 21 issues developed through the community consultations into 4 more general categories

-structural, process, participation and intergroup relations. We have taken this route as we feel this is a more productive way of addressing some of these very interrelated issues.

The structural issues are overarching. In addressing power inequities there will be a need to adjust relationships between the various moving parts in ICANN--SOs, ACs, the Board and the organization itself. Although it may be beyond the scope of this process, there is a need for a rebalancing of roles and responsibilities.

These are not new issues in the ICANN ecosystem and we submit a link to an At -Large paper on future challenges which was submitted in 2013.

We suggest that, beyond the structural issues, there are efficiencies to be found in careful recalibration of the processes which determine the pace and volume of the work that flows into the community.

Mechanisms to more effectively direct and manage work flows include more specific scoping, use of external influences, easily retrievable records of discussions and decisions and joint community/staff priority setting. Use of project management tools could be helpful in addressing some process issues.

The credibility of ICANN's multistakeholder system depends on wide participation in the process and it is a fact that wide participation from all regions remains a challenge. We examine various barriers to participation including language, necessary expertise, competing demands on volunteers including day jobs, family and community responsibilities, specific challenges for women, and poor telecommunications services in some regions. Continuing attention to these issues along with resources specifically tailored to address these issues will be necessary into the future.

Finally, issues relating to intergroup relations should be quickly addressed to build trust and break down silos in the community. There will always be disagreements but a culture of positive relations between and among groups must be actively encouraged. This is an area which could see rapid improvement by clarifying concepts and expectations, ensuring that adequate support and resources to do the work are available to all and making some efficiencies in processes and work group management, particularly around heavy volunteer workloads that result in burnout.

Discussions in Progress

- Draft Financial Assumptions & Projections and Operating Initiatives for the development of Fiscal Years 2021-2025 Operating & Financial Plan.
- Draft Final Report of The Second Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO2)
- Revisions to the ICANN Bylaws re SSAC and RSSAC Leadership
- Proposed IANA SLAs for Publishing LGRs/IDN Tables
- Fundamental Bylaws Amendment Proposal – IANA Naming Function Review
- Process Proposal for Streamlining Organizational Reviews
- Study on Technical Use of Root Zone Label Generation Rules
- Non-Contracted Party House (NCPH) Election Procedures for Board Seat #14