

Review of Reviews Cross Community Working Group output: RrSG Governance Team Input

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The Registrar Stakeholder Group (“RrSG”) Governance Team appreciates the opportunity to provide insight, comments, and input to the Cross-Community Working Group (CCWG)’s work on the Review of ICANN through the Review of Reviews (RoR). The RrSG Governance Team supports the work of the CCWG and understands the importance of these proposed reviews to the functionality and stability.

The Governance team notes the revisions and developments of the proposal document and appreciates the modifications and clarifications within. These changes demonstrate ongoing development in a productive trajectory and the latest version provides helpful context and clarity on the process and proposed course of action. We have noted the proposed five areas for review and our team is in support of the review of the stated categories in order to assess and determine whether ICANN is fulfilling its Mission, Commitments, and Core Values.

Once the reviews are identified, we recommend that additional consideration be given to cadence and avoiding situations in which the reviews accumulate or otherwise overlap with each other in terms of timing, in order to avoid unnecessary strain on ICANN Staff and the Community in terms of both time and personnel resources.

With respect to Structural Reviews, the RrSG recommends that additional clarity be provided with respect to options 1 and 2 in terms of both what they mean and how they would be applied. As currently written, it is not entirely clear how they differ from, are dependent upon, and are otherwise related to each other.

We want to mirror, agree with, and reiterate the views of the Review of Reviews document that *“reviews in the future should be focused on core issues, tightly scoped, targeted, and manageable from a resourcing perspective.”* Efficient, effective, and valuable reviews must be a primary consideration and given due weight and we trust that the CCWG shall undertake this action.

We want to underscore our support of the proposal, categories, and planned course of action, and we look forward to further discussions and developments during the ICANN85 session and beyond.

Thank you
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