



ASO Review Consultation

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ASO Review 2017 - Process

- ICANN bylaws require a review of the ASO every 5 years
- A review was conducted in 2017
- The objective of this review is to determine whether the ASO has a continuing purpose in the ICANN structure, whether any change in structure or operations of the ASO is desirable to improve its effectiveness in the ICANN structure, and additionally whether the ASO is sufficiently accountable to the Internet number community when carrying out its responsibilities.

ASO Review 2017 - Report

- The ASO Review report is published at
<<https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/aso-review-final-03aug17.pdf>>
- Links to announcements, presentations, calls for comments, etc. at
<<https://www.nro.net/about-the-nro/aso-independent-review-2017/>>

Findings - Summary

“The core mission and administrative tasks for which the ASO was set up remain largely unchanged, and there is no pressing need for organisational reform”

At the same time it recommends a “call for a community-wide reconsideration of the role and function of the ASO within ICANN”.

Findings – Top two concerns

- Does the ASO MoU adequately describe the role and function of the ASO within ICANN?

52% answered Yes.

- Does the rationale for the ASO as spelled out in the ASO MoU need to be updated post IANA transition in light of the creation of the ICANN Empowered Community?

50% answered Yes.

Findings – Time and effort

We did hear of concerns within the Internet Number community regarding the increasing amount of volunteer time that ICANN engagement seems to require, much of which is of marginal direct interest to the Internet Numbers Community. The NRO will need to regularly evaluate these concerns, and act pre-emptively, if necessary, to ensure that the benefits of the ICANN system are not perceived to be outweighed by the “costs” of engagement.

Recommendations

- There are 18 recommendations in the report
- NRO has resolved to accept all of them
- The first 17 recommendations are well defined and practical, are expected to be non-controversial
- Recommendation 18: “The NRO should initiate a public consultation, involving the five RIR communities, to determine the future structure of the ASO”

Issues to address

- Any updates and adjustments identified as required for ASO-related documents
- Any procedural clarifications and adjustments identified
- Reported confusion of roles between ASO and NRO, and their components
- Perceived complexity of relationships among NRO, ASO and ICANN
- Relevance and cost to the RIRs of various ICANN engagement activities

Out of scope

Out of the Scope of this consultation are the following aspects:

- Global Policy Development Process (GPDP)
- ASO AC role with GPDP

Specific questions from NRO EC

- What adjustments, if any, should be made in order to address the issues described above?
- Should adjustments be limited to NRO MoU, ASO MoU, and/or ICANN Bylaws?
- Over what timeframes should these adjustments be developed and implemented?
- What strategic aspects should we pay attention to when considering these adjustments?

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How will AFRINIC decide on the answers to the review questions?

Thank you.