ASO AC Teleconference
Wednesday, 5 July 2023
12:00 PM UTC
Draft **Minutes**

Attendees	Observers	Apologies
AFRINIC Saul Stein (Saul S.) **APNIC** Nicole Chan (Nicole C.) – Vice Chair Gaurav Kansal (Gaurav K.) Di Ma (Di M.) **ARIN** Kevin Blumberg (Kevin B.) Nick Nugent (Nick N.) **LACNIC** Ricardo Patara (Ricardo P.) – Vice Chair Esteban Lescano (Esteban L.) Jorge Villa (Jorge V.) **RIPE NCC** Hervé Clément (Hervé C.) – Chair James Kennedy (James K.) Sander Steffan (Sander S.) **Secretariat** Germán Valdez (Germán V.) Laureana Pavón (Laureana P.) – Minutes	**RIPE NCC** Angela Dall'Ara (Angela D.) **ICANN Board** Alan Barrett (Alan B.) Christian Kaufmann (Chris K.) **ICANN Org** Ozan Sahin (Ozan S.) Steve Sheng (Steve S.) Evin Erdogdu (Evin E.) Larisa Gurnik (Larisa G.)	**ARIN** Chris Quesada (Chris Q.)

New and updated action items from this meeting:
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Agenda

0. Welcome
1. Roll Call
2. Agenda Review
3. Review Open Actions

4. Approval Minutes (7 June 2023 Teleconference)
5. Christian Kaufmann's ICANN activities report
6. ICANN 77 report
7. APNIC 56 ASO AC F2F meeting preparation
8. ASO AC Procedures Review Update
9. ICANN Review Team presentation (ASO Review and NomCom rebalancing)
10. AOB
11. Closed Session (IF NEEDED)
12. Adjourn

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Minutes:

0. Welcome

Hervé C. welcomed everyone to the meeting at 12:00 UTC.

1. Roll Call

Roll call was taken. With twelve ASO AC members present on the call and all regions represented, quorum was established.

2. Agenda Review

Hervé C. went over the agenda while it was shared on screen.

No topics were added under AOB and it was agreed that a closed session was not required.

3. Review Open Actions

Action Item 230607-1: Nicole C. to check the APNIC 56 program to see which meetings the APNIC representatives to the AC may need to attend and share that information with Germán V. The goal is to see when additional slots can be scheduled during APNIC 56 (other than Monday 11 September, which is already reserved for the AC. **OPEN**

Action Item 230607-1 will be discussed under agenda item 7.

Action Item 230607-2: Esteban L. and James K. to finalize the draft of the voting section of the procedures (including the addition of a discussion phase prior to a re-vote in case of a tie). This should be completed and shared with the AC by next Monday, 12 June. **CLOSED**

Action Item 230607-3: Ricardo P. to go over the documents of the sections of the procedures for which the review has already been completed and check for terminology consistency. **CLOSED**

Action Item 230607-4: All members of the ASO AC to read the ICP-2 and include the ICP-2 review as an agenda item for the ASO AC's upcoming meetings. **ONGOING**

Action Item 230607-5: Germán V. will find out how the APNIC 56 registration fees will be handled, i.e., whether they will be waived. **CLOSED**

Action Item 230607-5 will be discussed under agenda item 7.

Updated Action Item 230313-1: Hervé C. to check with each RIR when a policy proposal is marked as global and whether it is vetted before it comes to the ASO AC. Also, to check what are the next steps once a policy is marked as global. Hervé C. to compile all the answers in a document and share it with the ASO AC. **ONGOING**

Hervé C. will complete this action item today or tomorrow.

4. Approval Minutes (7 June 2023 Teleconference)

Esteban L. moved to accept the draft minutes of the 7 June 2023 Teleconference as written, Saul S. seconded the motion, no opposition or abstentions were heard, so the motion carried.

5. Christian Kaufmann's ICANN activities report

Hervé C. noted that Chris K. had proposed updating the ASO AC about the AFRINIC situation.

Chris K. thanked the AC for the invite. He was in contact with Hervé C. the past couple of weeks and said he would be happy to talk with the AC so we can all be on the same page. He began with a generic statement: in general, the ICANN Board looks at the current situation as pretty stable, there have not been many changes in the last couple of months. The ICANN Board is a very big board, with many stakeholders and constituencies, people are worried about AFRINIC.

He then provided an overview of ICANN 77 (Washington): Tripti, Alan B. and Chris K. talked with various people, had a call with the ATU, multiple times with the NRO and the RIRs (CEOs or staff), official meetings, also lunch and dinner, the crisis team (led by John Jeffrey) who is in contact with Alan B., Chris K. and Tripti. The crisis team comprises about 10 people. It looks like at least two members of the board will be present at APNIC 56 (Alan B., Chris K.) as well as Tripti. They will meet with the APNIC Board, if we can find the time, as it's a busy meeting. If the AC wants to meet with us, it's a good time to do so either formally or informally.

Chris K. then provided an update on ICANN action items, explaining the following: ICP-2 sets off an RIR and then there is not much oversight, the RIR is driven by the community. What we believe is our task is to support the staff and the community without meddling. One of the things is on our list is to bring the community together if the courts allow the elections (which he personally believes they will). We want to piggyback two meetings: 1) the African Internet Summit (AIS) in south Africa (September); 2) the African Peering Forum, which is operated by ISOC. In this case, ISOC wants to see it as a technical meeting rather than a policy meeting.

Alan B. added that the AFRALO General Assembly is also taking place towards the end of July. ICANN Global Engagement is having a stakeholder meeting there, which he plans to attend.

Chris K. thanked Alan B. for adding this.

As for the court, Chris K. noted that there is no news from the court, board members are dropping out or have dropped out, there is still no CEO, no elections have been announced, and we are waiting to see how the court react.

James K. thanked Chris K. for the update. He then asked two questions: 1) not for Chris K. directly, but is there any indication on when the courts will have their decision? 2) Is the court order to hold the election still open?

Chris K. replied that there is no indication as far as he knows, it could be weeks or months. The only one who can open a GM is the court, as there is no board.

Saul S. thanked Chris K. for this session and observed that these sessions should be a regular occurrence.

Esteban L. seconded Saul S.'s suggestion, adding that it would be very useful to have the two board members in ASO AC meetings.

Chris K. replied that they would be happy to come if they are invited. Also, at APNIC we can talk physically.

Hervé C. said that the AC will accept Chris K.'s invitation to meet at APNIC. We will have read the ICP-2 by then, by September there may be news from the court re AFRINIC or other news about the ICANN Board, so the f2f meeting is a good idea.

Kevin B. asked: "what about our action items on the review of ICP-2?" There are many sections related to principles, the very first of them is targeted at ICANN. From an ASO AC perspective, he wondered whether If input from stakeholders that are within the ICP-2 such as ICANN would be beneficial in our work in regard to this. It's not just the review by the ASO AC, but also feedback from the stakeholders. Is that something that we could see presenting from the ASO AC towards getting some feedback from ICANN for the APNIC meeting?

Re ICP-2, Chris K. replied that it is clear that the document was not written for the current situation. We had conversations in the crisis team if we follow the spirit of ICP-2 about what ICANN's responsibilities are, we don't have a definitive answer. It is clear that we as a community need a new version, and for that it is important to have feedback. Having a conversation within the ASO about what a new document could look like is helpful. For me, the question is whether it is a global policy or a procedural document by ICANN. We have to form an opinion on that, that is important. If we need a year to form a new version, that is not quick enough.

Kevin B. said he believes the ASO AC has a role in reviewing the document and making recommendations. The overall situation of AFRINIC is not something we can address today with what we are doing with ICP-2, but it seems reasonable to get feedback from people when so much has happened in the past few years.

Chris K. agreed that the ASO AC has an important role, so let's put that on the agenda.

Hervé C. suggested having an agenda item on ICP-2 on next month's agenda to prepare for Kyoto.

Hervé C. thanked Chris K. and Alan B. for their action and the report they presented today, it was very useful and we will be very happy to meet in Kyoto.

6. ICANN 77 report

The report was presented by Esteban L. and Nicole C. who attended the meeting in Washington.

Nicole C. presented the following update:
- ICANN 77 was held last month in Washington, there were 1100+ onsite participants from 108 countries or territories, plus 600+ registered virtual participants, including 24 fellows.
- I participated as vice chair of the ASO AC, including in two sessions, one is the SO / AC chairs roundtable (a round of updates from all SO/AC chairs). I reported that we have reviewed and updated our procedures, a major procedure on which we have been working since last year and should be finalized before the end of the year.
- I also met one-on-one with the chair of the ICANN Board, I told her about our f2f meeting in Kyoto. This year is APNIC's 30th anniversary so the schedule will be tight. I updated her on our plans for our f2f meeting.
- Sessions included GNSO, CCNSO, GAC, ALAC, RSSC, SSAC. The hot topics I noted include new gTLD subsequent procedures, IDNs (international domain names), and DNS abuse. Those were the hot issues and were discussed in different sessions.

Esteban L. then added the following:
- It was a smaller meeting, without a public forum or a public board meeting.
- All the constituencies were working and making progress in their own topics.
- It was important to meet other people from the broader community. I was there on behalf of CABASE, the ISP association of Argentina. It was a great meeting, a beautiful city, and great weather.

Hervé C. noted that the next ICANN meeting will be the Annual General Meeting in Hamburg in October.

7. APNIC 56 ASO AC F2F meeting preparation

Re Action Item 230607-5:

Germán V. said he had just received confirmation from APNIC staff that they will be able to waive the fee for AC members. He will share the corresponding code as soon as he receives it so you have the information.

Re Action Item 230607-1:

Kevin B. asked whether the dates on which the AC members need to be at the conference have been confirmed.

Sander S. said it would be 11-14 September.

Hervé C. said we have our monthly meeting on 6 September, we can sort out a few details but we need to have a good agenda so that the APNIC organizers can make the necessary preparations. We can have this discussion on the mailing list.

Ricardo P. shared two comments: 1) he was able to register for APNIC 56 using a code that APNIC provided to LACNIC; 2) to reinforce Kevin B.'s question —what days or slots will we need after 11 September?), as we might need some slots during the week, and we need to see what would be the easiest way to have everyone attend.

James K. proposed postponing the 6 September meeting to the next week when we are all together in Kyoto.

Esteban L. said that he was in the same situation as Ricardo P., already registered for the meeting, which is why he would like to know if we can have a quick review of the AC members who are confirmed for the meeting. Also, it is a very long trip and it takes a lot of resources to go to Kyoto, so he suggested allocating all the time we can to progress in our work and sharing as ASO AC members. Perhaps the 11th is not enough for all the work we have to do.

Kevin B. said he would prefer keeping the 6 September teleconference separate. In addition to including lots of formalities that would take up time, 6 September would be a good prep time for Kyoto. Also, just to expand on what's been said, we need to have some breakout planning/preparatory sessions prior to this meeting, we cannot have our regular monthly meetings and just that. I would implore the AC as a whole to look at what the agenda will be and have some breakout session prior. Just having our monthly meetings is probably not enough to have closure on the issues we want to move forward in September.

Hervé C. agreed that the more time we have, the more work we will be able to do.

Nicole C. said observed that she had talked to Kenny and he said that if we would like to arrange a meeting with APNIC including the APNIC chair, she thinks we can organize that because Paul Wilson is vice-chair of the NRO EC, we can use that opportunity to meet with the APNIC Board including chair.

Esteban L. said he would like to accept NC's proposal.

Hervé C. said that over the next two weeks perhaps Nicole C. can manage to obtain information about potential slots, perhaps together with Germán V. and the organizers. He, confirmed that the ASO AC sessions could take place from the 11th to 14th September.

Nicole C. replied that she will check the timeslots.

Kevin B. asked if it would be possible to nail down the dates and send them to the list. There's a huge difference between ending on the 14th or the 15th. Just the exact dates that the ASO AC needs to be available so we can plan our travel. Can the chairs please confirm the dates on which we need to be in Kyoto?

8. ASO AC Procedures Review Update

Hervé C. said that as he had already mentioned via email, he shared the first draft to the NRO EC and John Curran requested more time.

Germán V. confirmed that this is correct, adding that the new versions of the document should help ASO they can review them. He will send the EC a reminder. The NRO EC has a meeting in two weeks, which should be a good opportunity for them to discuss and approve the document.

All members of the review team agreed that having a redline or some form of comparative version will make it easier for the EC to review the changes.

9. ICANN Review Team presentation (ASO Review and NomCom rebalancing)

The update was provided by Evin E. and Larisa G, both part of the ICANN org review support and accountability team.

Evin E. thanked the AC for having us here to present on ICANN reviews and shared a slide deck on screen.

First, Evin E. shared a slide and some notes on Independent Organizational Reviews.

Larisa G. then spoke about the Holistic Review (ATRT3 Recommendation 3.5 and implementation status), the Continuous Improvement Program (ATRT3 Recommendation 3.6 and implementation status), and the Lifecycle of Reviews Project (Purpose/Charter, Progress, Thought Paper).

Evin E. continued with a brief update of the Public Comment proceeding (part of the NomCom2 Review Implementation and NomCom Rebalancing Correspondence) as well as six questions for community input:

1. What does it mean to have a balanced NomCom? What criteria would you apply to measure that the NomCom is balanced?
2. Do you support the need for the current composition of the NomCom to be rebalanced? Please explain why or why not.
3. How frequently does the balance need to be checked and reset?
4. How do you suggest that the NomCom be rebalanced?
5. Who should conduct this work, and how should it be conducted?
6. How would your community group prioritize this work within your planning efforts?

The following slide presented the next steps:
- The letter requested community feedback by the end of June (Friday, 30 June 2023), in light of the ICANN77 Policy Forum.
- The feedback will be analyzed to inform next steps regarding NomCom rebalancing, in line with the Board resolution.

Evin E. then invited questions or comments.

Hervé C. thanked Evin E. and Larisa G. for their presentation.

No questions or comments were heard.

Hervé C. observed that the AC has shared the questions internally, but from our point of view, we try to do our job to nominate somebody. But I would say we do not have all the knowledge to finally have a balance, etc. at our level.

He then asked if there were any updates as to when the next ASO review will take place.

Larisa G. replied that the reviews have been deferred for three years as of the date of the decision (June 2022), at which point the decision will be revisited. We are monitoring developments and reporting regularly to the community. We anticipate that the Organizational Effectiveness Committee of the Board, of which Alan B. is a member, will revisit this topic by June 2025 to determine how things have progressed.

Before concluding, Hervé C. thanked E. and Clarisa G. once more for their time and the clarity of their report.

10. AOB

No additional topics were brought up for discussion.

11. Closed Session (IF NEEDED)
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12. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, Esteban L. moved to adjourn the meeting and Saul S. seconded the motion. There being no votes against or abstentions, the meeting was adjourned at 13:13 UTC.