Organizational Effectiveness Committee Activities Report

30 June 2022

Section I: Completed Activities[1] – Q1 through Q2 2022

Note: Reviews and related projects consist of several major phases (planning, conducting review and implementing improvements), and each phase may last six months and longer. While completed activities are reflective of these phases in Section I of this report, Section II includes milestones that have been completed within the phases that are still work in progress.

Item	Description	Completion Date	Status
Pilot Holistic Review	Pilot Holistic Review Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) approved by the OEC in preparation for public comment proceedings.	29 June 2022	• ToR will proceed to Public Comment in August / September 2022
Deferral of Organizational Reviews	Board approved deferral of upcoming Organizational Reviews, pending the Holistic Review/Continuous Improvement initiatives recommended by ATRT3.	16 June 2022	• ALAC/At-Large, ccNSO, ASO, NomCom, RSSAC, and SSAC reviews deferred pending ATRT3 recommendation implementation via the Pilot Holistic Review. • GNSO Review already deferred by Board action on 21 June 2021.
Third Review of Security, Stability and Resiliency of the Domain Name System (SSR3)	The OEC recommended that the Board defer the onset of the SSR3 review which was scheduled to begin March 2022.	10 March 2022	• The Board approved the deferral at the 10 March 2022 Board meeting during ICANN73.
Second Review of Security, Stability and Resiliency of the Domain Name System (SSR2)	The OEC recommended the Board's approval of Recommendation 5.4, and rejection of Recommendations 19.1 and 19.2 issued within the SSR2 Review Team Final Report, as specified within the "Scorecard: SSR2 Pending Recommendations-Board Action 1 May 2022".	1 May 2022	• The Board approved Recommendation 5.4. • The Board rejected Recommendations 19.1 and 19.2. • The Board directed ICANN's President and CEO, or his designee(s), to take all actions as directed within that Scorecard.

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[1] Organizational and Specific reviews have a long life-cycle, with multiple phases and durations. For the purposes of this reporting, completed activities include milestones and achievements that demonstrate progression of these reviews by phase.

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IANA Naming Function Review Bylaws	The OEC recommended the Board initiate the Fundamental Bylaws Amendment process for Bylaws amendments to Article 18 as proposed within Recommendation of the Final Report of the IFR, as well as additional proposed amendments to clarify the IFR processes and respond to the RySG request and the corresponding clauses within Articles 18 and 19.	1 May 2022	- The Board approved the OEC recommendation. - The changes that are recommended for clarification of process have been tailored to clarify the expected processes as designed during the IANA Stewardship Transition Process, and do not represent a change to any of those processes. - Initiating the Fundamental Bylaws Amendment process is not anticipated to result in any impact to the security, stability, or resiliency of the Internet's DNS. - This action is not anticipated to result in any budgetary or financial implications.
ccNSO Bylaws Amendments	The OEC recommended the approval of Bylaws changes related to the ccNSO for amendments to Bylaws Article 10 and Annex B as posted for public comment.	1 May 2022	- The Board approved the Bylaw change initiative. - Board directed org to continue with the Standard Bylaws amendment process for these sections of the Bylaws.

Section II: In-Progress Activities

Note: Reviews and related projects consist of several major phases (planning, conducting review and implementing improvements), and each phase may last six months or longer. While completed activities are reflective of these phases in Section I of this report, Section II includes milestones that have been completed within the phases that are still work in progress.

Item	Description[2]	Target Completion Date	Status
IANA Naming Function Review (IFR) (Plan Implementation)	The review is complete, pending Bylaws changes in the IFR-related Bylaws sections and a contract change to the IANA Naming Function Contract. Bylaws changes are in the process of being enacted.	January 2023	● Org to provide an update to the OEC on the status of IFR-related Bylaws and contract changes in July 2022.
Deferral of certain Specific Reviews	Formalize the deferral of the next RDS-WHOIS, due to start in October 2022, in line with the ATRT3 recommendations.	September 2022	● RDS-WHOIS deferral document drafting in progress for Board action in September 2022
NomCom2 Review (Implementation)	The NomCom Review Implementation Working Group (NomComRIWG) finished its implementation work and submits its Final Implementation Report to the OEC.	September 2022	● Upon review of the Final Implementation Report, the OEC will consider the initiation of Bylaws modification resulting from the proposals by the NomComRIWG.
Pilot Holistic Review ToR	Pilot Holistic Review Draft Terms of Reference (ToR), approved by the OEC, in preparation for the public comment proceeding.	August 2022	● Preparation for Public Comment proceeding ● Preparation of Communication and Engagement Plan

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[2] Description of Review activities, for which the OEC provides oversight.

RSSAC2 Review (Implementation)	RSSAC2 Review Final Implementation Report finalized by the RSSAC during ICANN74 on 14 June 2022, and submitted to ICANN org. Next update to the OEC is planned for July 2022.	26 July 2022	● Per the Final Report, Recommendations 3 and 4 have been implemented, and Recommendations 1a and 6a are dependent on the progress of the Root Server System Governance Working Group (RSS GWG), which has revised its 2022-23 work plan. ● RSSAC has completed various implementation steps and considers the implementation of recommendations 3a and 5 done; however, due to the nature of the recommendations, there is an aspect of work that will be ongoing, to continue engaging with the ICANN community, etc.

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Prioritized Board approved Specific Reviews recommendations (Implementation)	Refer to the respective Review Home Pages on ICANN.org for the latest status on implementation of prioritized Specific Reviews recommendations: ● Third Accountability and Transparency Review (ATRT3) ● Competition, Consumer Trust, Consumer Choice Review (CCT) ● Registration Directory Service Review (RDS-WHOIS2) ● Second Security, Stability, and Resilience of the DNS Review (SSR2).	Ongoing	● The OEC continues to oversee the progress of implementation based on the work by ICANN org and the respective Board Caucus Groups.
Board approved Specific Review recommendations ineligible for prioritization	Refer to the respective Review Home Pages on ICANN.org for the latest status on dependencies that render Board approved recommendations ineligible for prioritization: ● CCT ● RDS/WHOIS2 ● SSR2.	Ongoing	● The OEC continues to oversee the status based on the work by ICANN org and the respective Board Caucus Groups.
Specific Reviews recommendations pending Board action	Refer to the Review Home Pages on ICANN.org for the latest status on Specific Reviews recommendations pending Board action: ● CCT ● RDS-WHOIS2 ● SSR2.	Ongoing	● The OEC continues to oversee the progress, as appropriate, of recommendations pending Board action by ICANN org and the respective Board Caucus Groups.
Enhancing ICANN Accountability - Work Stream 2	Refer to the implementation Home page on community wiki for the latest status on org and community implementation of recommendations.	Ongoing	● The OEC continues to oversee the progress of implementation by ICANN org and the Board Caucus Group.

Board Caucus Group Shepherding	Oversight of reviews-related Board Caucus Group activity.	Ongoing	The OEC continues to monitor the respective reviews-related Board Caucus Groups. ● Board Caucus on Accountability and Transparency Reviews 3 (ATRT3) ● Board Caucus on Competition, Consumer Trust and Consumer Choice (CCT) Review ● Board Caucus on Security, Stability and Resiliency Review 2 (SSR2) ● Board Caucus on CCWG-Accountability Work Stream (WS2)

Appendix I: Resolutions Recommended by the OEC to the Board

Date	Resolution Title	Category	Status	Resolution Number	Topic	Summary
10 March 2022	Deferral of the Third Security, Stability, and Resiliency (SSR2) Review	Board	Complete	2022.03.10.03	SSR3 Review onset	The Board recognized that the current timing specified in the Bylaws to commence SSR3 in March 2022 would not be prudent in light of recently issued and approved community recommendations, nor feasible given insufficient time to

						implement SSR2 recommendations nor determine their effectiveness, prior to starting the next review.
1 May 2022	Second Security, Stability, and Resiliency Review (SSR2) Pending Recommendations	Board	Complete	2022.05.01.05	Board approval of recommended actions on 3 SSR2 Review resolutions	The Board approved Recommendation 5.4, and rejected Recommendations 19.1 and 19.2 issued within the SSR2 Review Team Final Report, as specified within the "Scorecard: SSR2 Pending Recommendations-Board Action 1 May 2022". The Board directed ICANN's President and CEO, or his designee(s), to take all actions as directed within that Scorecard.
1 May 2022	IANA Naming Function Reviews Bylaws – Initiation of Fundamental Bylaws Amendment Process	Board	Complete	2022.05.01.06	Furtherance of the implementation of the recommendations of the first IANA Naming Function Review (IFR) team.	The ICANN Board initiated the Fundamental Bylaws Amendment process under Article 25, Section 25.2 of the ICANN Bylaws for consideration of proposed amendments to Articles 18 and 19 of the ICANN Bylaws relating to IANA Naming Function Reviews and the IANA Naming Function Separation Process. The ICANN President and CEO, or

						his designee(s), are directed to initiate a public comment in accordance with the Fundamental Bylaws Amendment process.
1 May 2022	ccNSO Bylaws Amendments – Consideration of Standard Bylaws Amendments to Article 10 of the ICANN Bylaws	Board	Complete	2022.05.01.07	Approve amendments to the ICANN Bylaws at the request of the ccNSO per the ccSNO2 Review.	The Board approved the amendments to Bylaws Article 10 and Annex B as posted for public comment, and directed the ICANN President and CEO, or his designee, to continue with the Standard Bylaws amendment process for these sections of the Bylaws.
12 June 2022	Deferral of Organizational Reviews (ALAC/At-Large, ccNSO, ASO, NomCom, RSSAC, and SSAC)	Board	Complete	2022.06.12.11 2022.06.12.12	For the six upcoming Organizational Reviews in this next cycle, there is a dependency on, and an expected impact from, the implementation of ICANN Board-approved ATRT3 recommendations. Deferral is necessary to allow for completion of the ATRT3 Recommendations.	The Board approved the deferral request and will oversee the implementation of ATRT3 recommendations, considering periodic updates on progress of the comprehensive plan for the next cycle of Organizational Reviews. The Board will consider a report on the status of the deferral and continued need for deferral within 3 years of this resolution and determine whether the timing of Organizational Reviews should be re-examined.

Current Status of Reviews:

Please note that the current status of Reviews is available on the recently updated community wiki pages
https://community.icann.org/category/accountability