
GAC Finance and Planning Update - Session with ICANN org Staff

Session # 6 - ICANN Finance and Planning Update to the GAC

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Background

ICANN's planning process has three components: A Five-Year Strategic Plan, a Five-Year Operating and Financial Plan, and an annual Operating Plan and Budget. Input from ICANN constituency groups, stakeholders, Board of Directors and ICANN org is key to the development of these plans, in keeping with ICANN's multistakeholder model.

- The Strategic Plan includes ICANN's mission, vision, and a set of strategic objectives and goals for the next five years.
- The five-year Operating & Financial Plan (O&FP) articulates the feasibility and timing of services, activities, and milestones identified to achieve the Strategic Plan's objectives and goals.
- The annual Plan & Budget (OP&B) further clarifies specific activities and resources for the upcoming year.

In June 2020, ICANN created a new Planning department which regroups the coordination of all the existing planning activities and resources already existing in the organization. This includes strategic planning, operating planning, budget and progress reporting. Xavier Calvez, Senior Vice President Planning & Chief Financial Officer, assumes leadership of the new department.

ICANN is currently planning for fiscal years 2022 to 2026:

- On 17 December 2020, after considering the 2020 strategic trends assessment, the ICANN Board resolved to keep the Strategic Plan for fiscal years 2021-2025 in force and unchanged for FY22.
- From December 2020 to February 2021, ICANN held a public comment period seeking community input on ICANN's Draft FY22-26 Operating and Financial Plan and Draft FY22 Operating Plan and Budget. ICANN org received submissions from ten community groups and one individual. From those submissions, ICANN org identified 218 specific comments covering nine different themes.
- On 15 February 2021, the GAC submitted its comments on these draft plans.
- The public comment staff report will be published on 18 March 2021.
- FY22 Plans will be presented to the ICANN Board for adoption early May 2021.

ICANN is also already preparing for the next fiscal cycle, FY23:

- In April 2021, the GAC will conduct a Strategic Outlook trend session, to identify new trends and how existing trends evolve and their potential impacts on ICANN. Elements collected in this session will inform the FY23 planning process.

Session overview

At ICANN70, the Planning and Finance teams will present the GAC with an update on Finance and Planning.

The session will include:

- Overview of ICANN Financials
 - o Introduction of reporting the Finance team publishes on icann.org throughout the year as well as ICANN's financial reporting structure
 - o Overview of ICANN's financial terms and results from the last completed fiscal year (FY20)
- Introduction of ICANN Planning process
- Update on FY22 planning and next steps toward adoption of the plans

Key Reference Documents

ICANN Plans:

- ICANN FY21-25 Strategic Plan and 2020 Strategic Outlook trend report can be found on the [Strategic Planning web page](#) on icann.org.
- PTI Strategic Plan for July 2020 to June 2024 can be found [here](#).

- Draft FY22-26 Operating & Financial Plan and Draft FY22 Operating Plan & Budget can be found on the corresponding [Public Comments](#) page.

ICANN Financial Information:

- <https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/governance/current-en>

Further Information

On 09 March 2021, as part of ICANN70 prep week, the Planning team held a Planning and Finance community [webinar](#) including a review of financial results for FY20 and FY21 , FY22 plans and funding projections, FY22 draft plans public comments overview and planning next steps.

For more information, consult the [Planning](#) and [Financials](#) sections of icann.org, or contact the planning team at planning@icann.org .

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