

Review of Reviews - ICANN85

The proposal table is an outline of a suggested reviews system, which includes several types of review, towards which the Reviews CCG is presently converging. Input received at ICANN85 and online will inform the next iteration that will be submitted for public comment.

Comment received on the proposal submitted for public comment will inform the drafting of the report. The draft report will be subjected to a comment proceeding in due course.

The Reviews CCG looks to gain endorsement on the path it is exploring as a potential system of reviews before it further articulates a set of parameters, including but not limited to the:

- Process for scoping a review, and prioritizing review topics, within the boundaries of the agreed focus
- Process for initiating a review
- Composition of future Cross-Community Groups
- Gating factors and criteria, notably the definition of thresholds and process
- Estimates of resource requirements, budgeting constraints, and bandwidth needed to conduct reviews
- Scheduling of reviews and interrelationship among reviews in review planning.

The Reviews CCG is cognizant that reviews in the future should be focused on core issues, tightly scoped, targeted, and manageable from a resourcing perspective. The Reviews CCG intends to suggest a system that runs on a meaningful cadence, one that is respectful of bandwidth, and aims to introduce enhancements and produce practical results with clear outcomes that are implemented.

How Can you Participate

Review the proposal table of types of review and let us know what you think. Does it satisfy ICANN's need for reviews without duplication?

The Reviews CCG will hold a [plenary session](#) on Thursday, 12 March at 09:00-10:00 IST. Join the session to share your views and contribute to the dialogue. Additionally, the Reviews CCG will meet with ICANN community groups as listed on its [outreach](#) page.

Alternatively, you could consider providing [input](#) through the dedicated mailing-list the Reviews CCG has set up or consider becoming an [observer](#).

The Reviews CCG has a [workspace](#) you can follow to stay up to date on its progress.

Who is the Review of Reviews Cross Community Group (Reviews CCG)?

The Reviews CCG is managing a fundamental evaluation of a group of reviews set out in the ICANN Bylaws, as a whole system, including their outcomes and implementation, and to propose a refreshed system of reviews that is sustainable, and fit for purpose of enhancing ICANN’s accountability, transparency and effectiveness.

This work brings together members from Supporting Organizations (SOs) and Advisory Committees (ACs), ICANN Board members, ICANN org, observers, and Expert Advisors.

How was the Reviews CCG Formed?

The Reviews CCG was formed through a Charter developed by leaders of ICANN’s Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees (SO/ACs). The SO/ACs signed off on a final [Charter](#) which was approved by the Board on 5 September 2025.

What are the Phases of Work, Key Deliverables, and Estimated Timelines?

Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4
Fact Finding	Analysis and Development of Proposals	Finalization of Proposals	Finalization of Report and Decision Making
—	<i>we are here</i>	—	—
Consult Community on issues around purpose and need for the ICANN reviews system, and of current and future reviews	Analysis of input received, identify core issues and priorities	Analysis of input received, develop draft report	Finalization of report and call for SO/AC support
Purpose of Reviews* at ICANN84 (Oct 25)	Initial Design for Discussion at ICANN85 (Mar 26)	Draft Report for Public Comment and Discussion at ICANN86 (June 2026)	Final Report and Documentation of Support Sent to Board (Aug 2026)

* The [Draft Purpose of Reviews Statement](#) is a living document that is guiding the subsequent phase.