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GAC Meeting with the Address Supporting Organization (ASO)

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Agenda

- Welcome and Introduction – GAC & ASO Chairs
- Participation Overview
- Feedback and Issues Flagged During the Consultations
- Next Steps and Expected Timeline
- Q&A / Wrap-Up

Participation Overview

- The ICANN Public Comment process and RIR consultations were open from 14 April - 27 May 2025
- 17 submissions received through the ICANN Public Comment process - thank you for submitting input within the deadline! The ICANN Public Comment report is available:

<https://www.icann.org/en/public-comment/proceeding/governance-document-for-the-recognition-maintenance-and-derecognition-of-rirs-14-04-2025>

- Webinars held for all RIRs and upon request for ICANN communities (GAC & ALAC, ALAC OFB)
- Presentations at RIR meetings where possible - LACNIC 43, ARIN 55 and RIPE 90
- Session archives and links to mailing lists are available at:

<https://www.nro.net/policy/internet-coordination-policy-2/community-engagement/>

Feedback and Participation from Regional Engagements

Engagement Type	AFRINIC	APNIC	ARIN	LACNIC	RIPE NCC
In-person Presentations	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes
Webinars/Attendance	1/91	2/53	1/36	N/A	1/41
Mailing List Participation (subscribers/posts)	23/6	59/17	62/23	58/5	RIPE List/17
Blog (posts/views)	1/89	2/671	1/44	2/186	1/1022

Analysing the Feedback

Significant feedback was received from all RIR regions, and the ASO AC is using workshop time during ICANN 83 to review all of that feedback in order to determine whether each item is:

- ☐ Actionable
- ☐ An implementation detail for future consideration
- ☐ Out of scope or in conflict with the core principles

Actionable input will be reflected in the next draft of the RIR Governance Document.

Issues Flagged During Consultation

- **Approval Thresholds:** Different opinions on whether it should require unanimous approval of the existing RIRs to recognize a new RIR or whether a different threshold should be used
- **Initiation:** Should ICANN be able to initiate a proposal to derecognize an RIR?
- **Review/Appeal:** Should there be a mechanism to review or appeal an adverse decision by ICANN?
- **Continuity/Handoff:** Concerns about whether RIRs will establish sufficiently reliable processes to ensure continuity if an RIR is in trouble or is derecognized

Issues Flagged During Consultation (continued)

- **Number of RIRs:** Different opinions on how to determine the appropriate number of RIRs
- **Details:** Need for more detailed procedures or requirements (likely to be provided in a separate “Implementation Procedures” document)
- **Audits:** Desire for more frequent/detailed audit procedures to identify problems early
- **Anti-Capture:** Importance of defining “effective control” to guard against capture

Next Steps and Expected Timeline

- Publish a revised version of the document by late August - early September
- Conduct another ICANN Public Comment process on the revised document
 - Expected to span ICANN 84 and all RIR Meetings in the second half of the year
- Brief ICANN stakeholder communities on the revised document before ICANN 84 to enable them to review the draft and develop their feedback during ICANN 84
- Close the public comment shortly after ICANN 84

Questions for the GAC

- Are there any provisions in the draft for which you would like more information or background?
 - For example, “Why did you draft this provision that way?”
- How can we improve the next consultation?

Q&A/ Wrap-Up