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# GAC Discussion on Review of Reviews (RoRs)

Tuesday, 9 June | 10:00-10:45

Session 4

# Agenda

1. **Background on Review of Reviews (5 minutes)**
2. **Highlights of the Proposed Refreshed System of Reviews (15 minutes)**
3. **Q&A (15 minutes)**
4. **Next Steps (3 minutes)**
5. **Survey/Poll (5 minutes)**
6. **How to Provide Input (2 minutes)**

**CADENCED**

**ON-DEMAND**

Accountability and  
Transparency Review

Structural Review

Special Topics

Emerging  
Topics

Consequential  
Effects



Scoping  
Process



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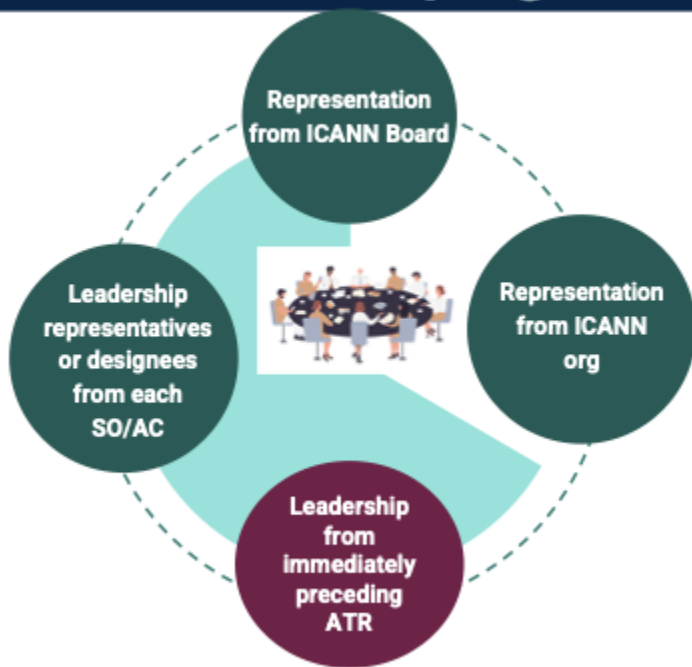
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**ONE-TIME**

Continuous Improvement Program Pilot Success

<b>Accountability and Transparency Review</b> [Existing Bylaws to be updated]	Assessing how ICANN has executed its Mission in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation, its Bylaws, its Commitments and Core Values and its transparency obligations. Includes existing ATR topics except Review of Reviews.
<b>Structural Review</b> [New Bylaws]	Phase 1 - External Landscape Assessment Phase 2 - Internal Landscape Assessment Phase 3 - Implications of the Proposed New Changes
<b>Special Topics</b> [Existing Bylaws to be updated]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Review of Reviews</li> <li>● Security, Stability and Resiliency of DNS;</li> <li>● Aspects of gTLD Round (e.g. competition, consumer trust, consumer choice);</li> <li>● Registration Directory Service</li> </ul>
<b>Emerging Topics</b> [New Bylaws]	Meets the criteria for a review, including does not involve policy development, and cannot be adequately addressed through Bylaws-mandated processes. Could identify policy considerations.
<b>Consequential Effects Review</b> [New Bylaws]	Safeguard to ensure that changes to interdependent relationships are not made single-handedly and are not made without broader community agreement. While analogous to Phase 3 of the Structural Review, offers opportunity to conduct the assessment in a timely fashion, without having to wait until the next scheduled Structural Review.
<b>Continuous Improvement Program Pilot Success</b>	Evaluate effectiveness of pilot to determine whether the initiative should continue, and recommend changes as appropriate.

# Reviews Scoping Committee



- Central coordination mechanism
- Management of resources and bandwidth
- Screening based on criteria
- Feasibility assessment
- Deferral
- Thresholds
- Need for Consequential Effects Review

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# Key Questions for the Review of Reviews Co-Chairs

- What decision-making powers will the Reviews Standing Committee have? Where does the Board fit in?
- Other than cadence:
  - How will the mandatory Accountability & Transparency Review differ from the current system?
  - How will the scope of the proposed Structural Review differ from the current Organizational Reviews (note: under the current Bylaws, the GAC is able to provide its own review mechanisms)?
- Will the Structural Review include the Board and NomCom?
- How will deferrals work? Who decides?
- As the global public interest will be a consideration for an “emerging topic” to become the subject of an On-Demand Review, what role can the GAC have in shaping these topics?

# Key Questions for the GAC (for Discussion)

The refreshed system of Reviews is based on four guiding principles:

- *Reviews should be simple, clear, focused on core issues.*
- *Reviews should be responsive, adaptable, and proportionate to the current environment and circumstances.*
- *Reviews should be tightly scoped, targeted, and manageable through efficient prioritization.*
- *Reviews should be time-bound with a meaningful cadence.*
- *Reviews should aim to facilitate change, produce tangible and practical results with clear outcomes.*

Do the current proposals fulfill the GAC's expectations, outlined in the Mumbai Communique as an issue of importance?

- *Are important reviews that are closely linked to ICANN's mission (e.g., Security, Stability, and Resiliency, and Competition, Consumer Trust, and Consumer Choice) accommodated?*
- *How does the overall cadence and workload look after all reviews are compiled on one timeline?*
- *Is the final proposal driven by a functional approach, taking care that each review has a distinct function and a clear added-value, be mindful of resources, and be communicated in clear, plain language, enabling those unfamiliar with ICANN to understand how the review system works?*

# Next Steps



# Q&A and Polling

1. **On a scale of 1 to 5, how supportive are you of the refined outline provided by the Reviews Cross Community Group?**
2. **Provide any reasons or feedback you wish to support your response.**

# Your Input is Important



Initial Draft Report <https://icann-community.atlassian.net/wiki/x/AgBaRQ>



## Active observers

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