Independent Reviews Update

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Independent Reviews

- Part of ICANN's ongoing commitment to its evolution and improvement.
- Reviews are intended to ensure an independent examination of the role and operation of key elements of ICANN.
- As with the first two independent reviews (on GNSO Council and GNSO), these reviews will be conducted in an objective manner by independent reviewers, under guidance from the Board on each review's terms of reference, and with the opportunity for public comment on the results of the reviews.
- Board approved comprehensive schedule for independent review of ICANN's structures, as well as of the Board.

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Schedule

- Nominating Committee – estimated launch December 2006
- At-Large Advisory Committee – estimated launch February 2007
- DNS Root Server System Advisory Committee – estimated launch July 2007
- Board – estimated launch October 2007
- Security and Stability Advisory Committee – estimated launch January 2008
- ccNSO Supporting Organisation – estimated launch July 2008
- Address Supporting Organisation (ASO) – estimated launch December 2008

- In addition, an independent review of the GNSO was completed in September 2006. Workin with the community, ICANN's Board will consider a comprehensive set of recommendations to improve the structure and operations of the GNSO.

- (Note: "Launch" of review process involves soliciting input and developing draft Terms of Reference)

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Nominating Committee Review

- Interisle Consulting Group submitted Review to Board and it was publicly posted on 19 October 2007.

- Public comment list was opened and public briefings were conducted at ICANN LA meeting.

- BGC NomCom Review Working Group considering Review and discussing next steps for developing NomCom improvement recommendations.

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At-Large Advisory Committee Review

- Following BGC's recommendations, Board approved engaging Westlake Consulting as the independent reviewer, and appointed individuals to serve on a BGC "ALAC Review Working Group" to manage this review and subsequent improvement recommendations.

- Westlake Consulting is interviewing members of the community at ICANN's Delhi meeting, and collecting comments online (See <http://icann.org/announcements/announcement-10feb08.htm>

DNS Root Server System Advisory Committee Review

- Public comments were requested on the draft Terms of Reference (TOR) for this review; no comments were received.

- BGC is considering next steps for issuing a Request for Proposals to solicit applications from potential independent reviewers.

Security and Stability Advisory Committee Review

- Next to launch
- Staff will seek input from SSAC and develop draft Terms of Reference for BGC consideration.

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ccNSO & ASO Reviews

- ccNSO estimated launch July 2008; ccNSO Council will be consulted on draft TOR

- ASO estimated launch December 2008; NRO will be consulted on mechanism for this review, as stipulated in the ASO MOU.

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