Public Comment Implementations

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Public comment related ATRT Recommendations





 Stratification & Prioritization (ATRT rec 15)

 Separate Comment and Reply Periods (ATRT rec 16-17)

 Annual list of upcoming issues (ATRT rec 21)

Public comment related ATRT Recommendations

Phase I

Feb 2011

Comment period for all ATRT recs

April 2011

ICANNStaffwork &planning

June 2011

• ICANN Board approval

Phase II

June-Nov 2011

Work with Community January 2012

New system effective



Gradual Implementation





New Public Comment Pages

New consistent data tokens and information Purpose, Status, times...

Implemented ATRT rec 21:

Published Upcoming Public Comments Pages

June-November: Work with Community

Fine-tuning important details, awareness raising



December 2011: Full implementation

Work with Community in 2011



July – August: Focus Group

Volunteers of SO/AC/SGs

Initial Feedback to refine details

Community Webinar

September – October: Public Comment period

Wider Community feedback

Report published

Consultation during Dakar meeting

December: ICANN Board approval



New System effective by Jan 2012



ALL Public comments

Categorized/Tagged (ATRT rec 15)

Have two cycles (ATRT recs 16&17)

Comment: minimum 21 days

Reply: minimum 21 days

No comments -> no Reply period

Upcoming Public Comments list updated regularly (ATRT rec 21)

With Input from Community Leaders and Staff



Since then... Observations





Comment/Reply structure in focus
Reply does not seem to be used as intended
Reply mostly used as a default extension

Duration of Comment periods~ 50% used min 21 dayFound too short

Conflicting requests from different parts of ICANN
Some find min 21 days too long
Reply found redundant

Further Thoughts/Questions



Extend minimum Comment period duration?

Allow overlapping Comment and Reply?



Bigger Question



What is expected of ICANN Public Comment Process?

Facilitate dialogue and discussion Collection of statements Both?



Thank you! PRAGUE