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ASO AC – RSSAC Joint Meeting

Presenting the Draft “RIR Governance Document”

ICANN 83 | 8 June 2025

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About the ASO AC

ICANN ASO AC (Address Council)

What is it?	The Address Supporting Organization (ASO) was established by ICANN to advise on Internet number resource policy
How is it organized?	• 15 members (3 from each RIR region) • In each region - two are elected, one is appointed by the RIR
What does it do?	• Advises the ICANN Board • Oversees the Global Policy Development Process • Appoints two members to the ICANN Board (seats 9 & 10) • Appoints one member to the ICANN Nominating Committee

2025 Address Council Members



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ICP-2 Review

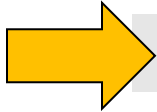
Background Information, Process and Timeline

What is ICP-2?

- Internet Coordination Policy 2
- Document that provides criteria for recognizing new RIRs
 - Examples
 - Sufficiently large proposed service region
 - Support of local numbering community
 - Technical capability
- <https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/new-rirs-criteria-2012-02-25-en>

ICP-2 Timeline (New RIRs under ICP-2)

1992	RIPE NCC established
1993	APNIC established
1997	ARIN established
1998	ICANN established
2001	ICANN adopted ICP-2
2002	LACNIC established
2005	AfriNIC established



Why revisit ICP-2?

- ICP-2 is nearly 25 years old
 - The Internet has changed over the last quarter century
 - The relationships between RIRs and ICANN and between each other have changed
- Need to more explicitly provide for
 - An RIR's ongoing responsibilities
 - Potential derecognition of an RIR that can no longer adequately provide for the needs of its numbering community

ICP-2 Review Project

On 25 October 2023, the NRO EC* asked the ASO AC to help with two tasks aimed at strengthening the RIR system:

- (1) **ICP-2 Implementation Procedures:** Review and advise the NRO EC on its draft procedures for validating and addressing ongoing RIR compliance with ICP-2 (“Implementation Procedures”)
- (2) **Strengthen ICP-2:** Revise ICP-2 to make the RIR system more accountable to the Internet community

*Read more about the NRO EC at: <https://www.nro.net/about/executive-council/>

ICP-2 Review Timeline

(Principles Document and Consultation)

8 Oct 2024

ASO AC published a proposed set of 24 “core principles” to be included in the next version of ICP-2 (“**Principles Document**”)

8 Oct – 6 Dec 2024

Public consultation on the ICP-2 Principles Doc

Dec 2024 – Feb 2025

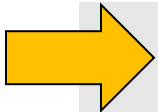
ASO AC reviewed community feedback on ICP-2 Principles Document received during public consultation

24 Feb 2025

ASO AC published ICP-2 Questionnaire Summary Report (“**ICP-2 Principles Consultation Report**”)

14 April 2025

ASO AC published draft “**RIR Governance Document**” and launched community consultations



Proposed Principles to Update ICP-2 (*completed*)

Core Principles and Consultation

The ASO AC drafted proposed principles that would form the basis of updating ICP-2. The principles were shared with the RIR and ICANN communities for feedback from 8 October to 6 December 2024.

ICANN Public Comment: 14 responses received

RIR Questionnaire: 298 responses received

The responses were analysed, and a summary report of the RIR Questionnaire was published in February 2025. Input from both processes was used to inform the drafting of the document.

ICP-2 Principles Consultation Report



<https://www.nro.net/policy/internet-coordination-policy-2/icp-2-principles-questionnaire-report-and-data/>

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Introducing the Draft “RIR Governance Document”

Governance Document for the Recognition, Maintenance, and
Derecognition of Regional Internet Registries

Draft “RIR Governance Document”



<https://www.nro.net/policy/internet-coordination-policy-2/rir-governance-document/>

The draft “RIR Governance Document” represents a comprehensive update to ICP-2, introducing detailed governance structures, operational requirements, and procedures for the full lifecycle management of RIRs, all developed through extensive community consultation. The draft document:

- Clarifies scope and lifecycle management
- Formalizes governance structures
- Strengthens operational requirements
- Clarifies roles, responsibilities, and procedures

Clarified Scope and Lifecycle Management

Original ICP-2 (2001): Focused primarily on the criteria for the establishment of new RIRs.

RIR Governance Document (2025): Clarifies the scope to encompass the entire lifecycle of RIRs, including:

- **Recognition:** Criteria and processes for recognizing new RIRs.
- **Operation:** Ongoing obligations and requirements for RIRs to maintain recognition.
- **Derecognition:** Establishes procedures for the potential derecognition of RIRs that fail to meet specified criteria.

Formalization of Governance Structures

Original ICP-2: Outlined principles such as neutrality, impartiality, and bottom-up policy development but lacked detailed governance structures.

RIR Governance Document: Introduces more detailed governance requirements, including:

- **Member-Controlled Governance:** Majority of an RIR's governing body must be elected by its members.
- **Corporate Governance:** Requires RIRs to adhere to good corporate governance procedures.
- **Anti-Capture Measures:** Requires RIRs to implement controls to prevent any single entity or group from gaining undue influence over an RIR.

Strengthened Operational Requirements

Original ICP-2: Emphasized technical capabilities and the provision of registration services.

RIR Governance Document: Expands operational expectations to include:

- **Audit Obligations:** RIRs must undergo regular audits by external and independent auditors to ensure compliance.
- **Transparency:** Requires comprehensive public documentation of governance, activities, and finances.
- **Continuity Planning:** Mandates procedures and redundancies to ensure service continuity, including the ability for another RIR to assume services if necessary.

Clarification of Roles, Responsibilities, and Procedures

Original ICP-2: Provided general guidelines while only implying the roles of various organizations.

RIR Governance Document: Clearly delineates responsibilities:

- **RIRs:** Must initially approve any proposal to recognize or derecognize an RIR.
- **ICANN:** Exercises final authority to approve or reject proposals, following consultation with RIRs.
- **Procedures:** Specifies procedures and approval thresholds for proposals.

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Consultation

14 April 2025 - 27 May 2025

ICANN Public Comment Closed on 27 May 2025

The proposed “Governance Document for the Recognition, Maintenance, and Derecognition of Regional Internet Registries (RIRs)” (“the RIR Governance Document”) sets forth the

- Rules and criteria for recognizing new RIRs
- Operating obligations and requirements of RIRs
- Rules and criteria for derecognizing RIRs

If adopted by ICANN and the RIRs, the RIR Governance Document would supersede and replace the [Internet Coordination Policy 2 \(ICP-2\)](#).

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

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Clarifications

Additional Clarifications and Comments

- Does any part of the draft text require further clarification?
- Is there a topic that your group did not reach consensus on when submitting your comment?
- How can we improve the next round of comments?

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Community Engagements Planned

ASO AC at ICANN 83

Sunday, 8 June

- ASO and ICANN Board, 09:00-10:30

Monday, 9 June

- ASO and At-Large, 10:45-12:15, South Hall 3C
- ASO and RSSAC, 13:45-15:00, South Hall 1

Tuesday, 10 June

- APAC Space, 09:00-10:15, North Hall
- ASO and ISPCP, 13:45-15:00, Terrace 2B
- ASO Information Session, 15:30-17:00, Terrace 2A

Wednesday, 11 June

- Africa Space, 09:00-10:15, South Hall 3 A/B
- ASO and GAC, 11:30-12:15, Forum Hall

ICP-2 Timeline

The Draft “RIR Governance Document” Consultation

14 April 2025

- Draft “**RIR RIR Governance Document**” published
- RIR consultations in each region and ICANN Public Comment proceeding launched

27 May 2025

Public consultation closes

9-12 June 2025

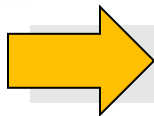
ASO AC will review feedback received

End August /
September 2025

- The revised “RIR Governance” document will be published
- The next round of consultations will open

Q4 2025

- Final review and revision of updated document
- Begin NRO and ICANN approval and adoption process



Proposed Timeline

- To publish the amended document by end August - early September
- Have a comment period that spans all RIR Meetings in the second half of the year and ICANN 84
- To work more closely with ICANN stakeholder communities during the preparations for ICANN 84 to ensure that you can work together during the meeting
- Close the public comment shortly after the ICANN 84

Next Steps

- Working through feedback received from ICANN and RIR consultations during ICANN 83
 - The ICANN report has been published: <https://itp.cdn.icann.org/en/files/public-comment/summary-report-governance-document-recognition-maintenance-derecognition-rirs-06-06-2025-en.pdf>
- Further consultation on amended draft - we will publish the exact timelines once finalised
- Continue outreach with all stakeholders

Questions?