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MEETING



Review of Reviews: an Update

Review of Reviews Cross Community Group

15 October 2025

Meeting Objectives

- Who are we?
- What have we been tasked with?
- How can you help?
- Questions & Answers

Who are We?



19 May 2025 - Board seeks community dialogue “to develop a shared understanding of the areas and issues for which reviews will enhance ICANN's accountability, transparency and effectiveness”



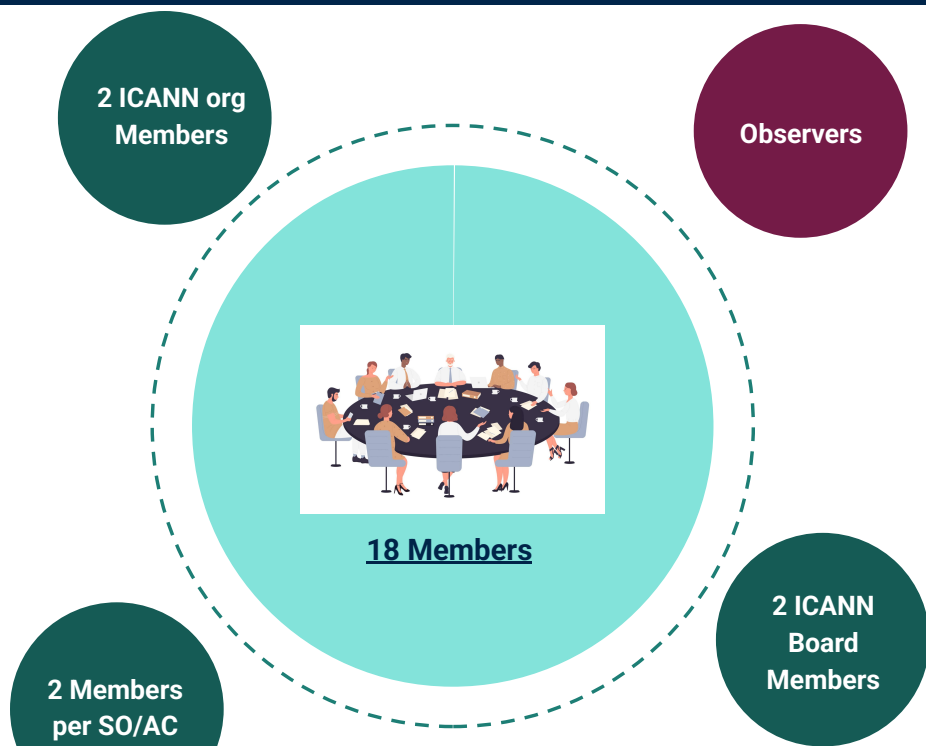
30 July 2025 - Final Draft Charter prepared by Leaders of Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees



25 August 2025 - Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees confirmed support for charter



5 September 2025 - Board approval of Final Charter



Composition

- Avri Doria (ALAC) - Co-Chair
- Akinori Maemura (ASO)
- Annaliese Williams (ccNSO)
- Chris Disspain - Co-Chair (ccNSO)
- Hervé Clément (ASO)
- James Galvin (ICANN Board)
- Jeff Osborn (RSSAC)
- Jonathan Zuck (ALAC)
- Ken Renard (RSSAC)
- León Sanchez (ICANN Board)
- Manal Ismail - Co-Chair (GAC)
- Osvaldo Novoa (GNSO)
- Robert Guerra (SSAC)
- Russ Weinstein (ICANN org)
- Sophie Hey (GNSO)
- Suzanne Woolf (SSAC)
- Theresa Swinehart (ICANN org)
- Tracy Hackshaw (GAC)



What Have we Been Tasked with?

Within Charter Remit

Manage a fundamental evaluation of the following **reviews** set out in the ICANN Bylaws, **as a whole system, including their implementation, and propose a refreshed system of reviews.**

The reviews and their past outcomes to be evaluated include:

- Periodic review of ICANN structure and operations
- Annual Review
- Specific Reviews (Accountability and Transparency, Competition, Consumer Trust & Consumer Choice, Registration Directory Service , Security, Stability & Resiliency of DNS)
- Previously conducted Reviews
- Reviews that have previously been formally recommended.

While periodic reviews of ICANN structure and operations (i.e Organizational Reviews) are included in the remit, the Charter prescribes the CCG will not evaluate the Continuous Improvement Program itself, but will take account of its work and will consider how it can best contribute to the broader system of reviews.

What Have we Been Tasked with?

Not within Charter Remit

- Independent Review Process
- Reconsideration Request
- Community Mediation
- Empowered Community processes related to the Empowered Community powers
- Reviews established through the IANA Stewardship Transition:
 - the Customer Standing Committee Effectiveness Review and
 - the IANA Functions Review including the Special IANA Function Review

Purpose of Reviews - Draft

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a) ICANN's execution of its commitments in its Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, Strategic Plan and Financial and Operational Plan, namely that:

- ICANN's activities, processes and culture remain consistent with its mission, commitments and values
- Board, Officers and senior management remain accountable to the global multistakeholder community (Empowered Community)
- ICANN is meeting its stated goals and objectives
- ICANN is maintaining and where necessary improving robust mechanisms for public input, inclusiveness, accountability and transparency
- Outcomes of ICANN's decision making are in the public interest, transparent, and accountable to the global multistakeholder community (Empowered Community) in accordance with the IANA Stewardship Transition
- Communication channels are effective and accessible, and decisions and outcomes are reported clearly and openly
- ICANN duly takes into account the public policy advice of governments and public authorities

b) The results of the SO/AC/NC Continuous Improvement Program as they relate to each SO/AC/NC and to each other

c) Whether the overall structure of ICANN and its SOs, ACs and NC are fit for purpose

d) Whether the ongoing reviews in the future are fit for purpose

So as to, where necessary, recommend improvements or paths toward improvement for any problematic issues found in the reviews, to the Board and Empowered Community.

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Our Phases of Work & Key Deliverables

Phase 1

Fact Finding

Consult Community on issues around purpose and need for the ICANN reviews system, and of current and future reviews



Initial Findings
Purpose of Reviews
at ICANN84 (Oct 25)

Phase 2

Analysis & Development of Proposals

Analysis of input received, identify core issues and priorities

Initial Design for
Discussion at
ICANN85 (Mar 26)

Phase 3

Finalization of Proposals

Analysis of input received, develop draft report

Draft Report for
Discussion at
ICANN86 (Jun 26)

Phase 4

Finalizing of Report and Decision-making

Finalization of report and call for SO/AC support

Final Report and
Documentation of
Support Sent to
Board (Aug 26)

How Can you Help?

Join our Plenary Sessions on 27 and 30 October to provide your Input

Review of Reviews - Session 1 of 2



Monday October 27, 2025 at 13:15 - 14:30 local time



<https://icann84.sched.com/event/29QIN/review-of-reviews-session-1-of-2>



Interactive session at ICANN84 and online to collect your input on purpose of reviews and areas reviews should focus on

Review of Reviews - Session 2 of 2



Thursday October 30, 2025 at 13:15 - 14:30 local time



<https://icann84.sched.com/event/29QLI/review-of-reviews-session-2-of-2>



Building on session 1, continue sharing your feedback, hear the synthesis of input and next steps

Questions & Answers

Your Input is Important!

Observers Welcome

For more information, see <https://icann-community.atlassian.net/wiki/x/v4CtGw>



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Send us your input

at inputonreviews@icann.org (publicly archived) - see more information at <https://icann-community.atlassian.net/wiki/x/dQD8Hg>