



At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)

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Report from the Chair of the At-Large Advisory Committee to the 38th Meeting of ICANN in Brussels, Belgium

At-Large Activities at the 38th ICANN Meeting in Brussels, Belgium

During the 38th ICANN Meeting that took place 20-25 June in Brussels, Belgium, the At-Large Community was represented by a total of 26 members from all five At-Large regions. These representatives included Members of the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC), officers of the five Regional At-Large Organizations (RALOs), representatives of At-Large Structures (ALSes), At-Large liaisons, At-Large delegates to the Nominating Committee (NomCom), and representatives of the At-Large Community.

The following formal At-Large meetings took place during the 38th ICANN Meeting in Brussels:

- [An all-day ALAC and Regional Leadership Working Session](#)
- [An APRALO Meeting](#)
- [Policy Discussion Session 1](#)
- [Policy Discussion Session 2](#)
- [An ALAC Meeting with the GAC](#)
- [ALAC and Regional Leadership Workshop on ALAC Improvements](#)
- [A EURALO Monthly Meeting](#)
- [An-At-Large Regional Secretariats Meeting](#)
- [A EURALO Showcase](#)
- [An ALAC working lunch with members of the ICANN Board](#)
- [ALAC/At-Large meeting with Registrars: An exploration of our roles in ICANN: Working towards better understanding, trust and collaboration](#)
- [An ALAC and Regional Leadership Wrap-Up Meeting](#)
- [An ALAC Executive Committee Meeting](#)

At-Large played a key role in the organization and running of two cross-constituency meetings:

- [AFRALO/AfrICANN Joint Meeting](#)
- [Affirmation of Commitments - Promoting Competition, Consumer Trust and Consumer Choice: What does it mean for building a Consumer Agenda in ICANN](#)

In addition, informal RALO and Working Group meetings took place including:

- An informal LACRALO Meeting
- A meeting of the EURODIG Preparatory Meeting
- AFRALO-AfrICANN Drafting Committee Meeting
- EURALO Showcase Working Group Meeting

The At-Large members that participated in the 38th ICANN Meeting actively took part in non-At-Large meetings as well. They prepared [reports](#) of these sessions, which provided summaries of the sessions as well as highlighting issues of importance to the At-Large Community.

Among the many policy and process-related issues discussed during their meetings, there are two the ALAC would like to highlight:

- **RAA and Compliance** - The ALAC strongly supports that ICANN's compliance activity be funded to the level requested and that the office is given the flexibility required within the budget process to conduct its important public interest services to the community. ALAC has placed a high priority on this issue and strongly believes that adequate funding must be ensured.
- **African ICANN community statement on support for the new gTLD applicants** – The ALAC wishes to make particular note of, and give the highest compliments to, the timely preparatory work and [Statement](#) of the African ICANN community (AfrICANN and AFRALO), regarding Support for the New gTLD Applicants (and appended to my report for your reference and attention). This result of cross-constituency collaboration within a region, is exactly the type of initiative, information, and approach that shows the constructive role that the At-Large community contributes to ICANN's multi-stakeholder policy process. The ALAC has encouraged our other At-Large regions to review this statement in a manner that reflects their specific regional situation, and we will forward a cross-regional input into the work of the JAS WG.
- **RALO Leadership Updates** – The ALAC congratulates the newly elected Chair of APRALO, Prof. Hong Xue and the newly elected Secretary of EURALO, Dr. Olivier Crépin-LeBlond and wishes them well in their challenging positions. Hong was elected during the APRALO extraordinary meeting held during the ICANN Brussels meeting on June 22nd and will complete the remainder of Karaitiana Taiuru's term who resigned in May

and whose term ends in March 2011. Olivier was elected during the standing monthly EURALO meeting held in Brussels this week and will complete Ava Greve's term who resigned in June and whose term ends in March 2011. Following the resignations of APRALO Chair Karaitiana Taiuru and Vice Chair Leslie Allison who also stepped down in May, APRALO Vice Chair Fouad Bajwa acted as the interim Chair of the region. During its extraordinary meeting, APRALO resolved that Fouad should be moved from his one-year term, which ends in March 2011 to complete Leslie's two-year term, which will end in May 2012. APRALO will also shortly call for nominations to find a replacement for Leslie Allison who will complete the remainder of the open one-year term. The ALAC thanks Karaitiana, Ava and Leslie for their valuable contributions to the regional At-Large organizations and wishes them all the best for their future endeavors.

At-Large Activities since the 37th Meeting of ICANN in Nairobi

The At-Large community, consisting of the ALAC, five RALOs and 121 At-Large Structures, continued to significantly increase its policy-making and outreach activities between the 37th ICANN Meeting held in Nairobi, Kenya in March 2010 and the 38th ICANN Meeting held in Brussels, Belgium held in June 2010.

During this time-period, the ALAC submitted 13 policy statements to the Board. Notably, between January and May 2010, the ALAC submitted 70 percent more policy statements than in the same period in 2009.

Members of the ALAC, the Regions and our ALSes have been engaged directly with policy development and ICANN processes being conducted within or with other parts of ICANN these include but are not limited to:

- Two (2) members of At-Large in the [High Security Top Level Domain Verification Program Advisory Group](#)
- Two (2) Members in the [Geographic Regions Review Working Group](#)
- Four (4) Members in the RAA Sub Team A: [Registrant Rights Charter Group](#)
- Three (3) Members in the RAA Sub Team B: [Additional Amendments Group](#)
- Four (4) Members in the [Post-Expiration Domain Name Recovery WG](#)
- One (1) Member in the Policy Process Steering Committee (PPSC) [Policy Development Process Team \(PDP\)](#)
- One Member in the Policy Process Steering Committee (PPSC) [Working Group Team \(WG\)](#)
- Two (2) Members in the [ccNSO IDN PDP Working Group 1](#)
- One (1) Member in the [Registration Abuse Policies Working Group](#)

- Seven (7) Members in the [SO/AC New gTLD Applicant Support Working Group](#)

Topics of the ALAC policy statements were as follows:

- [Joint Letter From Chairs of the gNSO, ccNSO and ALAC on DNS-Cert](#)
- [ALAC Endorses Comment on ICANN's FY11 Budget Framework](#)
- [ALAC Statement on IDN Issues](#)
- [ALAC Statement on Initial WHOIS Service Requirements Report](#)
- [ALAC Statement on ICM Application for the .XXX sTLD](#)
- [ALAC Statement on the Recent WHOIS Reports](#)
- [ALAC Statement on Proposed VeriSign Domain Name Exchange Service](#)
- [ALAC Support of Consumer Constituency](#)
- [ALAC Statement on New GNSO Prioritization Recommendations](#)
- [ALAC Statement on the GNSO Communications](#)
- [ALAC Statement on ICANN Volunteer Travel Support Guidelines](#)
- [ALAC Statement on Transparency of Staff Documents](#)
- [ALAC Statement on Reconsideration Request 10-1 Recommendation](#)

As a means of increasing knowledge and capacity within the At-Large community to engage effectively in the ICANN policy development process, three At-Large community calls took place between the 37th ICANN and the 38th ICANN Meeting. These At-Large community calls were:

- [Community Call on DNS-CERT](#)
- [Community Call on Draft Fiscal Year 2011 Operating Plan and Budget](#)
- [Community Call on Confluence Wiki](#)

The 5 RALOs have been exceptionally busy between the 36th and 37th ICANN Meetings. Their reports on their activities are available at:

- [AFRALO](#)
- [APRALO](#)
- [EURALO](#)
- [LACRALO](#)
- [NARALO](#)

Between 7 – 24 May 2010, the 121 At-Large Structures (ALSes) took part in the [ALS Survey 2010](#). The survey was divided into three sections: 1) ALS Survey 2010, 2) ccNSO-ALS Survey, and 3) Survey on ICANN's Geographic Regions. [A Working Group](#) consisting of ALS representatives from each of the five At-Large regions prepared the preliminary analysis of the results of the survey which was presented to the At-Large community during the 38th ICANN Meeting in Brussels. The preliminary analysis provided by the Working Group produced invaluable information to the ALAC, the RALOs and At-Large Secretariat that will increase

their ability to provide support to increase participation and engagement within the At-Large community as part of their in-reach activities.

In terms of outreach, since the 37th ICANN meeting, the members of [APRALO](#) and [NARALO](#) worked collaboratively within their respective regions to create brochures that highlight their regional membership, activities and the Internet-related issues of key importance to them, including internationalized domain names (IDNs), the introduction of new generic top level domains (gTLDs) and Whois policy. With the completion of these two brochures, each of the five At-Large RALOs have now produced regional brochures. These brochures are being used for purposes of outreach, increased engagement and awareness-raising by At-Large members.

During this period, two new ALSes have been accredited and three organizations are currently going through the application process. The accredited ALSes are:

- [Nurses Across Borders](#) (AFRALO)
- [Wikimedia CH](#) (EURALO)

The organizations currently being reviewed are:

- [Binary Egypt](#) (AFRALO)
- [Colorado ISOC](#) (NARALO)
- [Fundacion Incluirme](#) (LACRALO)

At-Large Improvements – Status and Next Steps

Since ICANN's 37th Meeting in Nairobi, a number of milestones have been accomplished as part of the implementation of the At-Large Improvements, including:

In the months following Nairobi, the At-Large Community, working with the At-Large Improvements Project Manager and other At-Large staff, executed the following broad steps toward the implementation of the At-Large Improvements:

- The production of a project plan (available: [ALAC-At-Large Improvements Implementation Project Plan \(7 June 2010\).pdf](#)), which addresses the issues of Board guidance, budget implications, potential liabilities and the steps planned to mitigate them, and proposed ICANN Bylaw changes that was submitted to the Structural Improvements Committee in May 2010;
- The creation of [ALAC/At-Large Improvements Workspace](#) which includes an [At-Large Improvements Status Log](#), and individual wiki pages for each of the thirteen At-Large recommendations; and
- The allocation of specific implementation tasks to individual ALAC and Regional Work Team, ALAC committees, and relevant ICANN staff.

The below ALAC/At-Large Improvements Status table summarizes the progress to date, estimated completion timetable and potential sources of specific costs for each ALAC/At-Large Improvements recommendation.

Recommendation	Status (% completed)				Estimated completion	Expected sources of At-Large costs
	25%	50%	75%	100%		
1: ICANN bylaws	[Green bar]				Sep-Dec 2010	None expected at present
2: Board member	[Blue bar]				Dec 2010	None expected at present
3: ALS-RALO-ALAC structure	[Green bar]				Sep-Dec 2010	None expected at present
4: ALS education/engagement	[Green bar]				Sep-Dec 2010	Initial development of materials
5: Strategic/operational plans	[Pink bar]				Sep-Dec 2010	Possible extra day at meeting
6: Cost models	[Blue bar]				Jun-Sep 2010	None expected at present
7: Communication tools	[Green bar]				Sep-Dec 2010	Trial of communication tools
8: Public comment period	[Green bar]				Sep-Dec 2010	Trial of language services
9: Translation processes	[Green bar]				Sep-Dec 2010	Trial of language services
10: Home of individual users	[Blue bar]				Sep-Dec 2010	Trial activities as community rep
11: Board statement re Rec 10	[Green bar]				Sep-Dec 2010	None expected at present
12: Input from consumer reps	[Blue bar]				Jun-Dec 2010	Initial development of materials
13: Policy advice mechanisms	[Pink bar]				Jan-Mar 2011	None expected at present

A comprehensive list of the thirteen At-Large/ALAC Improvement recommendations, tasks and deliverables completed to date is set out in the [Simplified At-Large Improvements Outline](#).

In the months immediately following ICANN's 38th Meeting, the At-Large Community will commence its next steps toward implementing those At-Large Improvement tasks considered to be medium-term priorities. These priorities were determined by the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) and Regional Leaders during ICANN's 36th Meeting in Seoul in October 2009.

The implementation of these priorities will be carried out by the members of the ALAC, specifically the ALAC Executive Committee, regional ALS representatives and relevant ICANN staff.

A Note of Thanks

The members of the ALAC and Regional leaders would like to extend their sincere thanks, appreciation, and recognition to the ICANN staff that support us, Heidi Ullrich, Matthias Langenegger, Seth Greene, and Gisella Gruber-White for providing 24/7 support to all parts of the At-Large Community. We would also like to thank the members of ICANN staff that provided exceptional briefings and engaged in stimulating discussion with us during the 38th ICANN meeting. Finally, we wish to thank the ICANN Meetings staff that have worked tirelessly to ensure that our meeting rooms and accommodation were as convenient as possible during our stay in Brussels.