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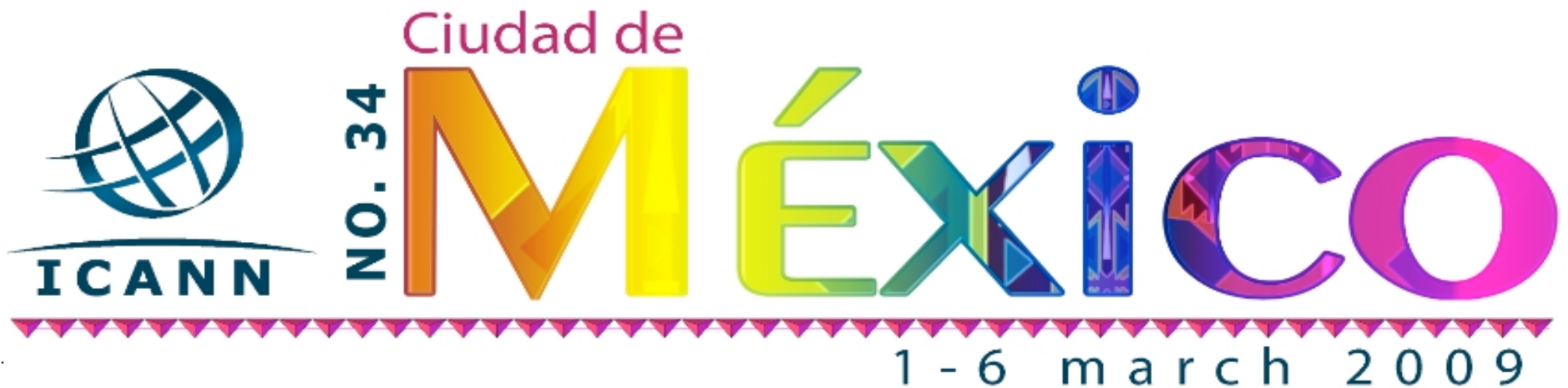
Today's Meeting Agenda

- Welcome and setting the scene

- Joining the dots....

  links with other aspects of ICANN

- ALAC Review WG Report – Key Points Summary

- Observations of the WG process

- Importance of outreach

- Next steps

- Questions and discussion

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Setting the scene

- Review of ALAC part of ICANN's program of continuous improvement

- Required under ICANN's Bylaws

- Objectives of Review to determine:

(i) whether that organization has a continuing purpose in the ICANN structure, and

(ii) if so, whether any change in structure or operations is desirable to improve its effectiveness."

Timeline (1)

- January 2008 - ICANN Board appoints:

- Westlake Consulting to undertake independent review

- ALAC Review WG to help ensure that the evaluator's final report (independent review) contains the data and information needed, and (primarily) to advise on whether any change is needed for At-Large having considered the Independent Reviewer's final report, Board input, and comments from stakeholders and the public.

Timeline (2)

- July 2008 – Westlake Consulting publishes final report after consultation at Paris ICANN Meeting and consideration of Public Comments

- October 2008 – ALAC Review WG publishes "Mid Term Consultation Report" for discussion with community at Cairo ICANN Meeting and Public Comments.

- February 2009 – ALAC Review WG Draft Final Report published for discussion with the community at Mexico ICANN Meeting and Public Comments.

Joining the dots….
links with other aspects of ICANN

ALAC Review WG Report
Key Points Summary (1)

- The ALAC has a continuing purpose in the ICANN structure. This continuing purpose has four key elements:

    - providing advice on policy;

    - providing input into ICANN operations and structure;

    - part of ICANN's accountability mechanisms

    - an organising mechanism for some of ICANN's outreach

- The section of the ICANN Bylaws that deals with ALAC should be changed to reflect this purpose.

ALAC Review WG Report
Key Points Summary (2)

Organisation

- At Large should be given two voting seats on the ICANN Board

- The ALAC-RALO-ALS structure should remain in place for now

ALAC Review WG Report
Key Points Summary (3)

Effectiveness and participation

- Educating and engaging the ALSs should be an immediate priority; compliance should be a longer term goal

- ALAC should develop strategic and operational plans (including performance criteria and cost information) as part of ICANN's planning process

- More effort needs to be put into developing accurate cost models for At Large activity

- ALAC should be encouraged to make its own choice of tools for collaborative work

- The public comment period should be kept at 30 days except in special circumstances, in which case ALAC may request an extension to 45 days

- ICANN should strengthen its translation and interpretation processes

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Key Points Summary (4)

Relationship with other ICANN entities

- The ALAC is the primary organisational home for the voice and concerns of the individual Internet user in ICANN processes, although individual users may choose to participate in many other ways in the ICANN process.

- ICANN should develop a mechanism for allowing the voice of those recognised bodies who represent consumer interests to be heard at critical points in key decisions and to provide input into policy processes.

- As the provision of advice on policy is part of ALAC's purpose, ALAC should strive to provide policy advice on any issues that affect individual Internet users. Processes for providing advice on policy should be strengthened within ALAC for the development of policy advice, within SOs for requesting input from ALAC on policy issues and from SOs, ACs and the Board to provide feedback on how ALAC advice has been used.

Observations on the WG process

- The report is a unanimous view of the WG. The WG believes that these recommendations will instigate further improvements in the ALAC.

- We have tried to listen to everyone who wanted to speak.

- The WG believes these recommendations should be implemented as soon as possible.

  - We should not make implementation dependent on other reviews.

- The WG has created the opportunity for further improvement. ALAC needs to take responsibility for moving forward with these changes – and with further improvements in the future. **And ALAC must ask itself: "How can ALAC help bring about improvements in the larger ICANN?"**

The importance of outreach

- Outreach from ALAC is important – new groups, new types of users, new cultures

- ALAC will need resources (including staff support) to do this

- Implementation of the WG recommendations needs to include the views of a wide community

Next Steps

- ## Within ICANN

  - ALAC Review Working Group Report on ALAC Improvements to be finalised following the end of the public comment period. Ongoing "outreach" and consultation by WG during this period.

  - the Final Report will be issued and submitted to the Structural Improvements Committee for consideration and submission to the Board for decision.

- ## For At Large

  - Please study report and submit comments

  - http://www.icann.org/en/public-comment/#alac-review

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Questions and Discussion