



# ALAC review: what's next ?

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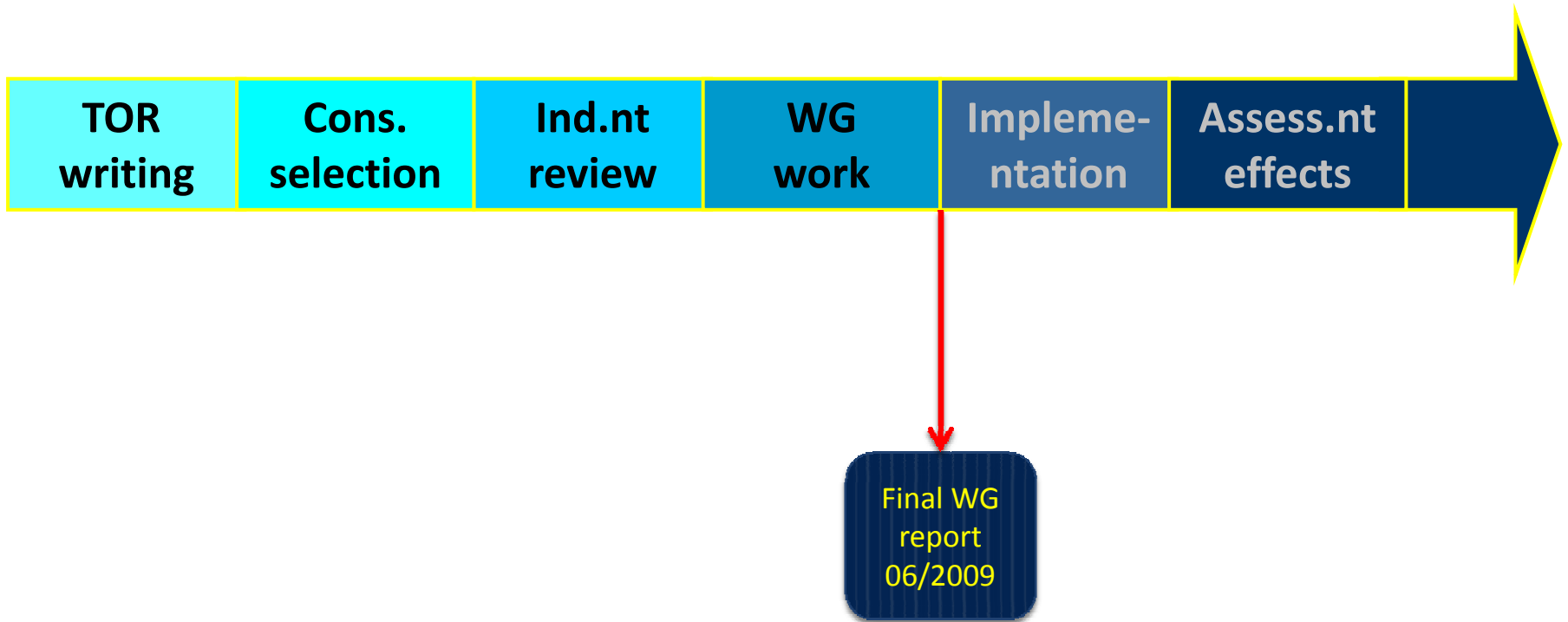
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# Where we are



Extract: Henry Waxman, Opening Statement  
Congress Hearing: Oversight of ICANN, 4 June 2009

“As we review ICANN's capabilities and resources in relation to the effective and efficient operation of the Domain Name System, we must not lose sight of how this organization affects 1.5 billion Internet users worldwide. It is not just the registries, registrars, e-commerce providers, or government entities that have a stake in ICANN. Every person who relies on the Internet for work, entertainment, study, or simply to manage a hectic schedule, should care about this issue.”

# WG conclusions

- ALAC has a continuing purpose
  - ✓ 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
- At Large should be allocated two voting seats on the ICANN Board
- The ALAC-RALO-ALS structure should remain in place for now

(General)

Organisation

# WG conclusions

- Immediate priority: educating and engaging the ALSs. Longer term goal: compliance
- ALAC to develop strategic and operational plans as part of ICANN's planning process
- Development accurate cost models for At Large
- ALAC to make its own choice of tools for collaborative work

Effectiveness and participation

# WG conclusions

- Public comment period: 30 days; in special circumstances ALAC may request an extension to 45 days
- ICANN should strengthen translation and interpretation processes
- ALAC as representative body for At Large is the primary organisational home for the voice and concerns of the individual Internet user in ICANN processes. Opportunities for individual users to participate in many other ways in the ICANN process

Effectiveness and participation

Relationship with other ICANN entities

# WG conclusions

- Request for a Board statement recognising At Large as primary organisational home for individual Internet users, and clarifying relationship between ALAC and the GNSO User House
- ICANN to develop a mechanism for hearing the voice of consumer organisations at critical points in key decisions and to provide input into policy processes

Relationship with  
other ICANN entities

# WG conclusions

- ALAC should strive to provide policy advice on any issues affecting 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.

Relationship with  
other ICANN entities



# Next steps

- SIC approved WG report
- SIC to pass to Board for approval and action
- Recommendation on Voting Directors to be addressed within the frame of Board and NomCom review.
- Board review WG → requested to formulate alternative scenarios , for public comments and Board decision

# Pending Board approval...



1. ALAC has a continuing purpose (...)
2. Voting seats in the Board
3. ALAC-RALO-ALS in place
4. Educating /engaging the ALSs
5. Developing strategic and operational plans
6. Cost models
7. Choice of tools
8. 30 days public comments (45 exception)
9. Strengthen translation and interpretation
10. ALAC primary organisational home (...)
11. Board resolution (...)
12. Hear consumers' voice
13. Policy advice role and rules

Needed  
actions

Involved  
actors

Predecessors