

Accountability & Transparency Review Team (ATRT) Report

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Accountability & Transparency Review Mandate

- Evaluate ICANN's execution of commitments to **“maintain and improve robust mechanisms for public input, accountability, and transparency so as to ensure that the outcomes of its decision-making will reflect the public interest and be accountable to all stakeholders”** and **“continually assess and improve specific aspects that support these objectives”**



ATRT Report

- Final report delivered 31 Dec. 2010
- Posted for 45 days of public comment
- AoC commits Board to take action by 30 June 2011
- Board consideration, staff planning and implementation work ongoing



27 ATRT Recommendations focused on:

- Improving the Board (and Nominating Committee processes)
- Government Advisory Committee
- Public input and policy development
- Review mechanisms for Board decisions



Actions to date - Board:

- Affirmed utility of Report in advancing ICANN's accountability & transparency
- Asked for Staff & community follow-up, including implementation plans, budgets
- Board Cmts, Board-GAC JWG addressing assigned recommendations & implementation; Board Finance Cmt considering FY2012 ATRT funding



Board action scheduled Friday

Actions to date - Staff:

- Conducted assessment, provided initial implementation plans for 27 recommendations
- Implemented several operational recommendations within Staff's purview
- Advised Board to accept Recommendations (& review of Board compensation), move forward with implementation plans and budgets, in coordination w/ Board Cmts, JWG and community



Implementation Activities

- “Board Governance, Performance & Composition” recommendations – several already implemented –
 - Extensive Board meeting information regularly posted: agendas, Board briefing materials, expanded Board minutes, rationale statements for Board resolutions, resolutions, variety of documents posted in six U.N. languages
 - NomCom has taken steps to comply with Board composition efforts: modified outreach efforts, consulted with Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees, held public consultations on skill set requirements and process improvements at the March ICANN meeting
- “Governmental Advisory Committee’s Role, Effectiveness and Interaction with Board” recommendations – in early stages –
 - Implementation plans and budgets provided; awaiting guidance from Board-GAC Joint Working Group & GAC



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- “Public Input & Public Policy Processes” recommendations – work underway –
 - Translated ICANN Bylaws, ICANN Language Services Policy & Procedures (guidelines for translation, interpretation, and other language-related services) to be posted this month
 - New streamlined draft design for ICANN Public Comment Webpages to be posted this month; new processes to report on forums will start this month
 - Draft stratification list for public forum to be issued for community consultation next month
 - Process to collect & publish annual list of “Upcoming Public Comments for 2011” developed with SO/AC input and will be published this month



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- “Review Mechanism(s) for Board Decisions ” recommendations – work underway –
 - Initial improvements to Reconsideration Request web page to be issued shortly, including the addition of status indicators for all Requests, and information on Board action arising out of the committee recommendations
- Overarching recommendations –
 - Staff developing proposed metrics for each ATRT recommendation, additional benchmarks & metrics related to transparency/accountability
 - Regular public reporting ongoing
- Community consultation will be needed – comment requests coming on range of proposed implementation actions

Keeping public updated on ATRT action:
see “Accountability & Transparency”
quick link on ICANN homepage
<http://www.icann.org/en/accountability/overview-en.htm>



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Thank you. Questions?

