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Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC)	RSSAC029	https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/rssac-029-28oct17-en.pdf	RSSAC029: Report from the RSSAC October 2017 Workshop	10/24/2017	This is the RSSAC report from the RSSAC October 2017 Workshop. The document provides a high-level summary of the outcomes from the fifth RSSAC workshop held hosted by the University of Maryland in early October.	Phase 1 Receive & Acknowledge	ICANN has received this advice item and will initiate the board advice process.
Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC)	RSSAC000v3	https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/rssac-000-op-procedures-23oct17-en.pdf	RSSAC000v3: RSSAC Operational Procedures	10/23/2017	These are the Operational Procedures of the Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC). The Operational Procedures document how the RSSAC will carry out its work, with the rationale for processes where it seems helpful. In case of conflict with the ICANN Bylaws, the ICANN Bylaws take precedence.	Phase 1 Receive & Acknowledge	ICANN has received this advice item and will initiate the board advice process.
Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)	SAC098	https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/sac-098-en.pdf	SAC098: The Security, Stability and Resiliency of the DNS Review (SSR2)	10/4/2017	The SSAC sent a letter (https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/correspondence/diaz-to-atallah-03oct17-en.pdf) to the ICANN Board on 3 October 2017, regarding the Security, Stability and Resiliency of the DNS Review (SSR2) and submitted advice to the Board on 4 October 2017 on the same topic. The SSAC has serious concerns that the SSR2 effort may fail bringing a consequential loss of credibility in the accountability processes of ICANN and its community. The SSAC believes that the existing composition, structure, and processes of the SSR2 Review Team lack the necessary effectiveness to achieve the desired results. SSAC recommendation: The ICANN Board of Directors and the ICANN community should take immediate action to temporarily halt the SSR2 review and produce a detailed plan before resuming work.	Phase 2 Understand Request	The ICANN organization understands the recommendation in SAC098 to mean that the ICANN Board and the ICANN Community should take immediate action to temporarily halt the SSR2 review and produce a detailed plan before resuming the review. This understanding was sent to the SSAC on 19 October 2017 for review.
Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC)	RSSAC028	https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/rssac-028-03aug17-en.pdf	RSSAC028: Technical Analysis of the Naming Scheme Used For Individual Root Servers R-1	8/3/2017	Recommendation 1: No changes should be made to the current naming scheme used in the root server system until more studies have been conducted. Based on the investigation conducted by the RSSAC Caucus Root Server Naming Work Party, the near-term recommendation is that no changes should be made to the current root server system naming scheme. The work party concluded that there may be a benefit to later moving to one of the schemes listed in Section 5, based on the risk analysis explained in Section 6. However, it was recognised that more in-depth research is required to understand node re-delegation attacks, the costs and benefits of signing the A and AAAA records for the root servers, and the effects of increasing the priming query response size.	Phase 2 Understand Request	ICANN has received this advice item and it is currently under review

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Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC)	RSSAC028	https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/rssac-028-03aug17-en.pdf	RSSAC028: Technical Analysis of the Naming Scheme Used For Individual Root Servers R-3	8/3/2017	Recommendation 3: Conduct a study to understand the feasibility and impact of node re-delegation attacks. Further study is required to understand whether the current infrastructure is susceptible to various cache poisoning attack scenarios, including the cited node re-delegation attack. If the infrastructure is determined to be susceptible, the study needs to say what the effects of such attacks might be. Understanding these risks is necessary to assess the risk of changing the current root naming infrastructure. Any study conducted in this area should also be accompanied with proof-of-concept code so that it can be observed and further studied by the RSSAC Caucus and other researchers.	Phase 2 Understand Request	ICANN has received this advice item and it is currently under review

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Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC)	RSSAC028	https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/rssac-028-03aug17-en.pdf	RSSAC028: Technical Analysis of the Naming Scheme Used For Individual Root Servers R-5	8/3/2017	Speculative Recommendation (Recommendation 5): The fundamental recommendation of the RSSAC is to not change the current root server system naming scheme until the studies listed in section 7.2 can be completed. However, during the preparation of this document, the RSSAC Caucus Root Server Naming Work Party also made some observations that could be considered as recommendations based on particular outcomes in the further studies, and based on the risk analysis in Section 6. If node re-delegation attacks pose a serious risk that needs to be mitigated, the following seem reasonable to consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The root server addresses should be signed with DNSSEC to enable a resolver to authenticate resource records within the priming response. The root server addresses should be signed in a way that reduces the potential for operational breakage. • Because the root server IP address information and the root zone are closely correlated, both sets of information should continue to be hosted on the same servers. This can be done using delegation or including the root server names in the root zone. All information necessary to validate the root-servers' A/AAAA RRsets and the root zone should be hosted on the root servers. • Among the various options considered in this document, moving the root server names to the root zone (5.3), or adding a new TLD under the root zone (5.4) are both viable options that would result in signing the root server addresses. Additional studies are needed to determine which of these options, if any, would be more favorable than the other in practice. 	Phase 2 Understand Request	ICANN has received this advice item and it is currently under review

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At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)	AL-ALAC-ST-0717-01-01-EN	https://atlarge.icann.org/advice_statements/9983	Revised ICANN Procedure for Handling WHOIS Conflicts with Privacy Law: Process and Next Steps	7/12/2017	This is the ALAC Statement on the Revised ICANN Procedure for Handling WHOIS Conflicts with Privacy Law: Process and Next Steps. The At-Large Advisory Committee wishes to respond to the public consultation. Although At-Large members participated in the WHOIS-IAG during 2016, we do not believe that the comments of our members as well of others looking for a truly implementable solution were adequately taken into consideration by the IAG and the ICANN staff in the final draft now under public consultation.	Phase 5 Close Request	The ICANN organization understands this the ALAC Statement on the Revised ICANN Procedure for Handling WHOIS Conflicts with Privacy Law: Process and Next Steps. The respective public comment period closed on 7 July 2017 (https://www.icann.org/public-comments/whois-privacy-law-2017-05-03-en). This statement was included in the report of public comments, which was published on 28 July 2017 (https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-whois-privacy-law-28jul17-en.pdf). There is no action for the ICANN Board.
At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)	AL-ALAC-ST-0617-01-01-EN	https://atlarge.icann.org/advice_statements/9985	ALAC Statement on the Draft Framework of Interpretation for Human Rights	6/21/2017	As the primary organizational home within ICANN for the voice and concerns of the individual Internet user, the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) treats respecting Human Rights a very important topic. The ALAC therefore commends the Subgroup's participants and rapporteur on the work done regarding the interpretation and future implementation of the Human Rights' Core Value that is now part of ICANN's bylaws. Some of its members have provided earlier input, and the ALAC is very pleased to see the high-quality draft FoI that has been submitted by the Subgroup. The ALAC hereby wants to state publicly that, when looking at the draft FoI, it has no concerns when it comes to the interests of Internet end-users. Obviously the ALAC will have to review and decide whether to formally approve the final version of the FoI for Human Rights when it is delivered.	Phase 5 Close Request	The ICANN organization understands this is the ALAC Statement on the Draft Framework of Interpretation for Human Rights. The respective public comment period closed on 16 June 2017. This statement will be included in the report of public comments, which will be published on 16 August 2017 (https://www.icann.org/public-comments/foi-hr-2017-05-05-en). There is no action for the ICANN Board.
Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)	SAC097	https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/sac-097-en.pdf	SAC097: SSAC Advisory Regarding the Centralized Zone Data Service (CZDS) and Registry Operator Monthly Activity Reports, R-1	6/12/2017	The SSAC recommends that the ICANN Board suggest to ICANN Staff to consider revising the CZDS system to address the problem of subscriptions terminating automatically by default, for example by allowing subscriptions to automatically renew by default. This could include an option allowing a registry operator to depart from the default on a per-subscriber basis, thereby forcing the chosen subscriber to reapply at the end of the current term. The CZDS should continue to provide registry operators the ability to explicitly terminate a problematic subscriber's access at any time.	Phase 3 Evaluate & Consider	ICANN received SSAC's approval of understanding and is in the process of evaluating the advice. The ICANN organization understands SAC097 Recommendation 1 to mean that the ICANN organization should consider revising the Central Zone Data Service (CZDS) system to address the problem of subscriptions terminating automatically by default. The ICANN organization understands that the SSAC recommends instead that the CZDS have automatic renewal as the default. The ICANN organization also understands Recommendation 1 to mean that the CZDS system could include an option allowing a registry operator to depart from the default on a per-subscriber basis, thereby forcing the chosen subscriber to reapply at the end of the current term. The ICANN organization also understands Recommendation 1 to mean that the CZDS should continue to provide registry operators the ability to explicitly terminate a problematic subscriber's access at any time. This understanding was confirmed by the SSAC on 18 August 2017.
Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)	SAC097	https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/sac-097-en.pdf	SAC097: SSAC Advisory Regarding the Centralized Zone Data Service (CZDS) and Registry Operator Monthly Activity Reports, R-3	6/12/2017	The SSAC recommends that the ICANN Board suggest to ICANN Staff to seek ways to reduce the number of zone file access complaints, and seek ways to resolve complaints in a timely fashion.	Phase 3 Evaluate & Consider	ICANN received SSAC's approval of understanding and is in the process of evaluating the advice. The ICANN organization understands SAC097 Recommendation 3 to mean that the ICANN organization should seek ways to reduce the number of zone file access complaints and resolve complaints in a timely fashion. This understanding was confirmed by the SSAC on 18 August 2017.
Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)	SAC097	https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/sac-097-en.pdf	SAC097: SSAC Advisory Regarding the Centralized Zone Data Service (CZDS) and Registry Operator Monthly Activity Reports, R-2	6/12/2017	The SSAC recommends that the ICANN Board suggest to ICANN Staff to ensure that in subsequent rounds of new gTLDs, the CZDS subscription agreement conform to the changes executed as a result of implementing Recommendation 1.	Phase 3 Evaluate & Consider	ICANN received SSAC's approval of understanding and is in the process of evaluating the advice. The ICANN organization understands SAC097 Recommendation 2 to mean that the ICANN organization should ensure that, in subsequent rounds of new gTLDs, the CZDS subscription agreement conforms to the changes executed as a result of implementing Recommendation 1. This understanding was confirmed by the SSAC on 18 August 2017.

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At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)	AL-ALAC-ST-0517-06-01-EN	https://atlarge.icann.org/advice_statements/9977	ALAC Statement on the Recommendations to Improve SO/AC Accountability	6/1/2017	This is the ALAC Statement on the Recommendations to Improve SO/AC Accountability. The ALAC supports the general direction of the recommendations, but does offer the following specific comments. 1. The "best practices", one by one, each make sense. However, together the ALAC has concerns about the impact on groups remembering that these are all volunteers with often relatively minimal staff support. Accountability is important, but a fully accountable group that does nothing other than be accountable has no value within ICANN. 2. The ALAC supported the original position of the SOAC-Accountability Working Group to not pursue the accountability roundtable. That was overruled by the CCWG. As currently proposed there is a high likelihood that it will become a meaningless exercise taking up valuable time at ICANN meetings with little benefit. That notwithstanding, if the decision is made that it should be kept, further thought needs to be given to exactly what it will do and what its aims are. 3. The ALAC does not support the explicit incorporation of AC/SO best practices reviews into the ATRT scope. The periodic organizational reviews are a more appropriate opportunity to do such reviews. If a future ATRT chooses to do such a review, it is already wholly within its scope and prerogative.	Phase 5 Close Request	The ICANN organization understands that this is the ALAC Statement on the Recommendations to Improve SO/AC Accountability. The respective public comment period closed on 26 May 2017. A Report of Public Comments will be published on 14 July 2017 and this comment will be included in that consideration (https://www.icann.org/public-comments/soac-accountability-2017-04-14-en). There is no action for the ICANN Board.
At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)	AL-ALAC-ST-0517-07-00-EN	https://atlarge.icann.org/advice_statements/9979	ALAC Statement on the Proposed Renewal of .NET Registry Agreement	5/30/2017	The ALAC does not have any comment to make on the changes to the content of the contract overall as we believe that much of it has been predetermined by agreement. However, the increasing cost of .NET domains is a concern as it would make them unaffordable and thus an accessibility issue for end-users, especially for those in already underserved regions. The proposed \$10 increase is also out of scope of an ICANN Registry Agreement. A query was raised as to whether or how .NET funds are returned to serve the Internet community in line with the redistribution of .org funds into the community by the Internet Society, to support Internet development.	Phase 5 Close Request	The ICANN organization understands that this is the ALAC Statement on the Proposed Renewal of .NET Registry Agreement. The respective public comment period closed on 30 May 2017. A Report of Public Comments was published on 13 June 2017 and this comment was included in that consideration (https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-net-renewal-13jun17-en.pdf). There is no action for the ICANN Board.
Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)	SAC095	https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/sac-095-en.pdf	SAC095: SSAC Advisory on the Use of Emoji in Domain Names R-2	5/25/2017	Because the risks identified in this Advisory cannot be adequately mitigated without significant changes to Unicode or IDNA (or both), the SSAC strongly discourages the registration of any domain name that includes emoji in any of its labels. The SSAC also advises registrants of domain names with emoji that such domains may not function consistently or may not be universally accessible as expected.	Phase 3 Evaluate & Consider	ICANN received SSAC's approval of understanding and is in the process of evaluating the advice. The ICANN Organization understands recommendation 2 of SAC095 to mean that the SSAC strongly discourages the registration of any domain name that includes emoji in any of its labels. The ICANN Organization also understands recommendation 2 to mean that the SSAC advises registrants of domain names with emoji that such domains may not function consistently or may not be universally accessible as expected. This understanding was confirmed by the SSAC on 18 August 2017.

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At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)	AL-ALAC-ST-0517-04-01-EN	https://atlarge.icann.org/advice_statements/9967	ALAC Statement on the GNSO Community Comment 2 (CC2) on New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process	5/23/2017	[Public Comment Statement] The At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) reviewed and provided its statement on the Community Comment 2 (CC2) questionnaire developed by the GNSO's Policy Development Process Working Group that is evaluating what changes or additions need to be made to existing new gTLD policy recommendations. The statement is organized by Work Track [1 - 4] Questions. Work Track 1 Brief: ALAC sees few benefits to further new gTLD expansion. It believes there may be some benefits to an RSP programme. Support for new gTLD round contingent on improved Applicant Support Programme. Guidebook should be improved from lessons learned. Work Track 2 Brief: ALAC largely supports proposals of Track 2. Support for Registry Agreement for level playing field and understanding of requirements for all gTLDs. Support for inclusion of commitments made by applicants to be enforceable via Registry Agreement. Guidebook should include all restrictions on names and of strings. Work Track 3 Brief: ALAC notes string confusion, singular/plural, community applications and objections and independent objector need to be reviewed. Support for preferential pricing. CPE is reasonable process if properly implemented Work Track 4 Brief: Support for single character IDN TLDs but consideration of additional safeguards. Universal Acceptance is important to promotion of equal and consistent domain name acceptance.	Phase 5 Close Request	The ICANN organization understands this is the ALAC Statement on the GNSO Community Comment 2 (CC2) on New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process. The respective public comment period closed on 22 May 2017. The Working Group will review and integrate public comments received in developing its recommendations for inclusion in its Initial Report. (https://www.icann.org/public-comments/cc2-new-gtld-subsequent-procedures-2017-03-22-en). There is no action for the ICANN Board.
At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)	AL-ALAC-ST-0517-05-00-EN	https://atlarge.icann.org/advice_statements/9973	ALAC Statement on the Deferral of Country Code Names Supporting Organization Review	5/19/2017	This is the ALAC Statement on the Deferral of Country Code Names Supporting Organization Review. The ALAC supports the ccNSO request to defer their review. ICANN is overwhelmed with reviews of all kinds at the moment. If the ccNSO believes that a deferral will be beneficial to their use of volunteer resources and will result in a better outcome of the review when it is performed, this is a win-win situation.	Phase 5 Close Request	The ICANN organization understands this is the ALAC Statement on the Deferral of Country Code Names Supporting Organization Review. The respective public comment period closed on 19 May 2017. A Report of Public Comments will be published on 02 June 2017 and this comment will be included in that consideration (https://www.icann.org/public-comments/ccnso-review-deferral-2017-04-06-en). There is no action for the ICANN Board. This understanding was sent to the ALAC on 23 May 2017.
At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)	AL-ALAC-ST-0517-03-00-EN	https://atlarge.icann.org/advice_statements/9959	ALAC Statement on the Competition, Consumer Trust and Consumer Choice Review Team Draft Report of Recommendations for New gTLDs	5/18/2017	This is the ALAC Statement on the Competition, Consumer Trust and Consumer Choice Review Team Draft Report of Recommendations for New gTLDs. The ALAC appreciates the considerable amount of effort that has clearly gone into the Competition, Consumer Trust and Consumer Choice Review Team (CCT-RT)'s analysis and Draft Report (the report). It provides important information on outcomes of the first round of new gTLDs. The ALAC comments on the report are focussed on the interests of end users of the Internet. Specifically, while increased competition may be considered as an important outcome of the new TLDs, the ALAC is focussed on whether the introduction of new gTLDs has resulted in increased consumer trust and increased consumer choice.	Phase 5 Close Request	The ICANN organization understands this is the ALAC Statement on the Competition, Consumer Trust and Consumer Choice Review Team Draft Report of Recommendations for New gTLDs. The respective public comment period closed on 19 May 2017. A Report of Public Comments will be published on 19 June 2017 and this comment will be included in that consideration (https://www.icann.org/public-comments/cct-rt-draft-report-2017-03-07-en). There is no action for the ICANN Board. This understanding was sent to the ALAC on 23 May 2017.

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At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)	ALAC Chair ST 28 Apr 2017	https://atlarge.icann.org/advice_statements/9981	ALAC Chair Statement on the ICANN's Draft FY18 Operating Plan and Budget, and Five-Year Operating Plan Update	4/28/2017	[Public Comment Statement] In addition to the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) statement regarding the draft FY18 Operating Plan & Budget Public Comment, the ALAC Chair submitted additional comments outside the document, AL-ALAC-ST-0417-03-00-EN, on behalf of the ALAC. -ALAC requests an additional travel slot for its Liaison to the GAC and that additional travel support slots to ICANN meetings be allocated to At-Large active contributors. The ALAC submission of AL-ALAC-ST-0417-03-00-EN: https://atlarge.icann.org/advice_statements/9961	Phase 5 Close Request	The ICANN organization understands the ALAC Chair submitted additional comments on behalf of the ALAC in response on the ICANN's Draft FY18 Operating Plan and Budget, and Five-Year Operating Plan Update for Public Comment. The respective public comment period closed 28 April 2017 and this comment will be considered in its Report of Public Comments. This understanding was sent to the ALAC for review on 05 May 2017.
At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)	AL-ALAC-ST-0417-03-00-EN	https://atlarge.icann.org/advice_statements/9961	ALAC Statement on the ICANN's Draft FY18 Operating Plan and Budget, and Five-Year Operating Plan Update	4/28/2017	[Public Comment Statement] -The At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) reviewed the draft FY18 Operating Plan & Budget and is satisfied with the ALAC and RALO Development Sessions, Cross Regional Outreach Pilot Program, and Captioning Pilot Project in the ICANN core budget. -It supports the request to extend budget for Work Street 2 in FY18 to help CCWG complete mandate -It is disappointed Document Development Pilot Project is not included in the FY18 budget - Additional comments on monthly costs for Root Zone Maintainer Agreement is not explained as well as labels for specific expenses related to IT decisions In addition, the ALAC Chair submitted additional comments outside the document, https://atlarge.icann.org/advice_statements/9981	Phase 5 Close Request	The ICANN organization understands this is the ALAC's response on the ICANN's Draft FY18 Operating Plan and Budget, and Five-Year Operating Plan Update for Public Comment. The respective public comment period closed 28 April 2017 and this comment will be considered in its Report of Public Comments. This understanding was sent to the ALAC for review on 05 May 2017.
At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)	AL-ALAC-ST-0517-01-00-EN	https://atlarge.icann.org/advice_statements/9965	ALAC Statement on the Draft 2016 African Domain Name System Market Study	4/26/2017	This is the ALAC's Statement on the Draft 2016 African Domain Name System Market Study. The ALAC welcome the AFRICAN DNS study under ICANN strategy for Africa. It is key to understand the domain name industry issues in the region.	Phase 5 Close Request	The ICANN organization understands this is the ALAC Statement on the Draft 2016 African Domain Name System Market Study. The respective public comment period closed on 7 May 2017. A Report of Public Comments will be published on 19 May 2017 and this comment will be included in that consideration (https://www.icann.org/public-comments/africa-dns-market-study-2017-03-11-en). There is no action for the ICANN Board.

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At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)	AL-ALAC-ST-0417-02-00	https://atlarge.icann.org/advice_statements/9953	ALAC Statement on the Interim Paper Cross-Community Working Group on Use of Names of Countries and Territories as Top Level Domains	4/26/2017	[Public Comment Statement] This is the ALAC's Statement on the Interim Paper Cross-Community Working Group on Use of Names of Countries and Territories as Top Level Domains. The ALAC appreciates the difficulties experienced by the Cross-Community Working on the Use of Names of Countries and Territories as Top Level Domains (CWG-UCTN) in attempting to fulfil its objective to "develop a consistent and uniform definitional framework that could be applicable across the respective SOs and ACs". We make the following comments with regards to the recommendations posed in the CWG-UCTN report. The ALAC supports Recommendations 1, 2 and 4. With regard to Recommendation 3, the ALAC supports option 3(c). Any work going forward must be both inclusive and will require a process which accommodates both the ccNSO Policy Development Process (PDP) as well as the GNSO PDP governed by the ICANN Bylaws Appendix A coupled with the GNSO PDP Manual. Whether this will include a CWG or some other form of group(s) will need to be decided jointly by the ccNSO and the GNSO prior to work proceeding.	Phase 5 Close Request	The ICANN organization understands this is the ALAC's statement on the Interim Paper Cross-Community Working Group on Use of Names of Countries and Territories as Top Level Domains Public Comment. The respective public comment period closed 21 April 2017 and this comment will be considered in its Report of Public Comments. This understanding was sent to the ALAC for review on 05 May 2017.
At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)	AL-ALAC-ST-0417-01-00-EN	https://atlarge.icann.org/advice_statements/9951	ALAC Statement on the Recommendations to Improve ICANN's Transparency	4/25/2017	[Public Comment Statement] This is the ALAC's statement on the Recommendations from the Community Working Group on Enhancing ICANN Accountability (CCWG-Accountability) Work Stream 2 Subgroup on ICANN Transparency. ALAC and At-Large Members participated in the CCWG-Accountability Work Stream 2 Subgroup on ICANN Transparency and the ALAC supports the recommendations in their entirety. The ALAC also provided three additional comments for consideration.	Phase 5 Close Request	The ICANN organization understands this is the ALAC's statement on the Recommendations to Improve ICANN's Transparency Public Comment. The respective public comment period closed 10 April 2017 and this comment will be considered in its Report of Public Comments. This understanding was sent to the ALAC for review on 05 May 2017.
At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)	AL-ALAC-ST-0317-01-01-EN	https://atlarge.icann.org/advice_statements/9949	ALAC Response to: The Independent Review of the ICANN At-Large Community Draft Report for Public Comment	3/31/2017	[Public Comment Statement] This paper sets out the ALAC response to the various recommendations proposed by the ITEMS Review of the At-Large Community. Those recommendations include steps ITEMS has proposed to implement their proposed Empowered Membership Model (EMM).	Phase 5 Close Request	The ICANN organization understands this is the ALAC's response on the Independent Review of the ICANN ALAC Draft Report for Public Comment. The respective public comment period closed on 24 March 2017, and this comment was included in that consideration. A Report of Public Comments was published on 10 April 2017 (https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-atlarge-review-draft-report-10apr17-en.pdf). There is no action for the ICANN Board. This understanding was sent to the ALAC for review on 12 April 2017.
Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)	SAC092	https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/sac-092-en.pdf	SAC092: SSAC Input to the Cross Community Working Group on Accountability Work Stream 2, Human Rights	3/12/2017	The Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC), as a chartering organization of The Cross Community Working Group On Enhancing ICANN Accountability (CCWGAccountability), wishes to ensure that discussions concerning Human Rights are scoped within the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers? (ICANN) remit during discussions on the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) Stewardship Transition. ICANN's remit is limited to coordinating the allocation and assignment of Domain names, Internet Protocol(IP) addresses, Autonomous System (AS) numbers, and protocol port and parameter numbers	Phase 5 Close Request	The ICANN Organization understands that SAC092 is intended as a comment for discussion by the Cross-Community Working Group on Enhancing ICANN Accountability Workstream 2, Human Rights. There is no action for the ICANN Board.

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At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)	AL-ALAC-ST-0117-02-01-EN	https://atlarge.icann.org/advice_statements/9933	ALAC Statement on the Identifier Technology Health Indicators: Definition	1/20/2017	[Public Comment Statement] ALAC's input to ICANN on the description of five diseases that could affect the health of the name part of the system of unique Internet identifiers. The initiative to define and measure indicators of the technological health of all ICANN-coordinated identifiers (Identifier Technology Health Indicators - ITHI) should not be confused with the other current "health" project that focuses on the condition of the gTLD marketplace. Nevertheless, there is a relationship between the two. The ALAC would recommend simplifying and "de-Latinizing" the document. We fully support the basic approach rooted in SAC077, as applied to the ITHI.	Phase 5 Close Request	The ICANN organization understands AL-ALAC-ST-0117-02-01-EN is ALAC's statement on the Identifier Technology Health Indicators. The respective public comment period closed on 23 January 2017 and this comment was included in that consideration. A Report of Public Comments was released on 15 Feb 2017 (https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-ithi-definition-16feb17-en.pdf) and there is no action for the ICANN Board. This understanding was sent to the ALAC for review on 27 February 2017.
At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)	AL-ALAC-ST-0117-01-00-EN	https://atlarge.icann.org/advice_statements/9931	ALAC Statement on the Updated Supplementary Procedures for Independent Review Process (IRP)	1/10/2017	[Public Comment Statement] 1. The ALAC recognizes the continued effort to maintain an up-to-date set of rules and procedures applicable to the ICANN's day to day operations in a bottom-up, multi-stakeholder, consensus driven process. 2. The ALAC appreciates that details have been carefully addressed to avoid any clashing situations between the IRP Supplementary Procedures being updated and those proposed as new IRP Supplementary Procedures. 3. The ALAC specifically recognizes the effort put in drafting an updated set of IRP Supplementary Procedures that address the delicate balance between due process and expedited resolution times that will help provide, both, certainty and celerity to applicants in IRP processes. 4. The ALAC recommends that as we gain experience with these new procedures, there is ongoing monitoring to ensure continued improvement.	Phase 5 Close Request	The ICANN organization understands AL-ALAC-ST-0117-01-00-EN is ALAC's Statement on the Updated Supplementary Procedures for Independent Review Process (IRP). The respective public comment period closed on 1 February 2017 and this comment was included in that consideration. A Report of Public Comments is due on 29 March 2017 (https://www.icann.org/public-comments/irp-supp-procedures-2016-11-28-en) and there is no action for the ICANN Board. This understanding was sent to the ALAC for review on 27 February 2017.
At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)	AL-ALAC-ST-1216-04-00-EN	https://atlarge.icann.org/advice_statements/9919	ALAC Statement on the Proposed ICANN Community Anti-Harassment Policy	12/23/2016	[Public Comment Statement] The At-Large Community welcomes the drafting of a comprehensive Anti-Harassment Policy. On the whole, the document is well written, although there are several instances where the extensive listing of details could be counter-productive, as it makes the list look like an exhaustive list. As a result, this could be interpreted that anything not on the list, is actually acceptable... Overall, our community would prefer that ICANN acknowledges the diversity of our global community and the acceptance or otherwise of what are socially accepted norms within different cultures. With the growth of crosscommunity interaction within ICANN, ICANN should encourage a greater awareness of regional and cultural diversity across its communities, but to also emphasise that it is quite OK for individuals to say what they deem as acceptable behaviour or not. The other main concern is that this policy could be misused as a weapon against someone. This policy is best produced by professional HR persons who are familiar with the language and legal implications.	Phase 5 Close Request	The ICANN organization understands AL-ALAC-ST-1216-04-00-EN is ALAC's Statement on the Proposed ICANN Community Anti-Harassment Policy. The respective public comment period closed on 12 January 2017 and this comment was included in that consideration. A Report of Public Comments was released on 26 January 2017 (https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-anti-harassment-policy-26jan17-en.pdf) and there is no action for the ICANN Board. This understanding was sent to the ALAC for review on 27 February 2017.

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Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)	SAC090	https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/sac-090-en.pdf	SAC090: SSAC Advisory on the Stability of the Domain Namespace, R-2	12/22/2016	Recommendation 2: The SSAC recommends that the scope of the work presented in Recommendation 1 include at least the following issues and questions: 1) In the Applicant Guidebook for the most recent round of new generic Top Level Domain (gTLD) applications, ICANN cited or created several lists of strings that could not be applied-for new gTLD names, such as the ?reserved names? listed in Section 2.2.1.2.1, the ?ineligible strings? listed in Section 2.2.1.2.3, the two-character ISO 3166 codes proscribed by reference in Section 2.2.1.3.2 Part III, and the geographic names proscribed by reference in Section 2.2.1.4. More recently, the IETF has placed a small number of potential gTLD strings into a Special-Use Domain Names Registry. As described in RFC 6761, a string that is placed into this registry is expected to be processed in a defined ?special? way that is different from the normal process of DNS resolution. Should ICANN formalize in policy the status of the names on these lists? If so: i) How should ICANN respond to changes that other parties may make to lists that are recognized by ICANN but are outside the scope of ICANN?s direct influence? ii) How should ICANN respond to a change in a recognized list that occurs during a round of new gTLD applications? 2) The IETF is an example of a group outside of ICANN that maintains a list of ?special use? names. What should ICANN?s response be to groups outside of ICANN that assert standing for their list of special names? 3) Some names that are not on any formal list are regularly presented to the global DNS for resolution as TLDs. These so-called ?private use? names are independently selected by individuals and organizations that intend for them to be resolved only within a defined private context. As such they are harmlessly discarded by the global DNS?until they collide with a delegated use of the same name as a new ICANN-recognized gTLD.	Phase 3 Evaluate & Consider	ICANN received SSAC's approval of understanding and is in the process of evaluating the advice. Updated 8 May 2017: The ICANN organization understands SAC090 Recommendation 2 to mean that the scope of work presented in Recommendation 1 should answer the following questions: 1) Should ICANN formalize in policy the status of names on lists such as the Reserved Names list in AGB Section 2.2.1.2.1, the Ineligible Strings list in AGB Section 2.2.1.2.3, the two-character ISO 3166 codes referenced in AGB Section 2.2.1.3.2 Part III, and the Geographic Names list referenced in AGB Section 2.2.1.4, as well as the IETF's Special-Use Domain Registry? 1a) If so, how should ICANN respond to changes made to these lists by organizations outside of ICANN's direct influence? 1b) If so, how should ICANN respond to a change in a list that occurs during a round of new gTLD applications? 2) How should ICANN respond to groups outside of ICANN that assert standing of their special names lists? 3) Should ICANN formalize in policy the status of private use names, which are names independently selected by individuals and organizations that intend for them to be resolved only within a private context? 3a) If so, how should ICANN deal with private use names like .home, .corp, and .mail? 3b) If so, how should ICANN respond to future collisions between private use names and new gTLDs?
Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)	SAC090	https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/sac-090-en.pdf	SAC090: SSAC Advisory on the Stability of the Domain Namespace, R-1	12/22/2016	Recommendation 1: The SSAC recommends that the ICANN Board of Directors take appropriate steps to establish definitive and unambiguous criteria for determining whether or not a syntactically valid domain name label could be a top-level domain name in the global DNS.	Phase 3 Evaluate & Consider	ICANN received SSAC's approval of understanding and is in the process of evaluating the advice. The ICANN organization understands SAC090 Recommendation 1 to mean that the ICANN Board should take the appropriate action to ensure criteria are established for determining if a syntactically valid domain label could be a top-level domain in the global DNS.
Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)	SAC090	https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/sac-090-en.pdf	SAC090: SSAC Advisory on the Stability of the Domain Namespace, R-3	12/22/2016	Recommendation 3: Pursuant to its finding that lack of adequate coordination among the activities of different groups contributes to domain namespace instability, the SSAC recommends that the ICANN Board of Directors establish effective means of collaboration on these issues with relevant groups outside of ICANN, including the IETF.	Phase 3 Evaluate & Consider	Updated 8 May 2017: The ICANN organization understands SAC090 Recommendation 3 to mean that, based on SSAC's finding that a lack of adequate coordination among activities of different groups has contributed to domain space instability, the ICANN Board should take the appropriate action to establish an effective means of collaboration with relevant groups outside of ICANN, including the IETF. ICANN has confirmed its understanding of the advice with the SSAC and is currently evaluating the actionable items contained in the advice.
Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)	SAC090	https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/sac-090-en.pdf	SAC090: SSAC Advisory on the Stability of the Domain Namespace, R-4	12/22/2016	Recommendation 4: The SSAC recommends that ICANN complete this work before making any decision to add new TLD names to the global DNS.	Phase 3 Evaluate & Consider	ICANN received SSAC's approval of understanding and is in the process of evaluating the advice. The ICANN organization understands SAC090 Recommendation 4 to mean that ICANN should carry out the recommended actions in SAC090 before adding any new TLD names to the global DNS. This understanding was sent to the SSAC on 6 June 2017.

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At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)	AL-ALAC-ST-1216-02-01-EN	https://atlarge.icann.org/advice_statements/9909	ALAC Statement on the Draft PTI FY18 Operating Plan and Budget	12/22/2016	[Public Comment Statement] The overall budget estimates are reasonable increment figures of PTI FY17 budget, and there are no major changes on the FY18 budget when compared to the FY17 budget. Although the overall travel and meetings budget line items have increased by 42.3% from \$0.4 million to \$0.6 million, we think that the sub-item ?community engagement? which is proposed as \$0.1 million could be increased to ensure PTI can engage with its customers and non-customers stakeholders communities. Some examples of such community engagement could be the participation in major Internet and ICT regional forums and the publication of PTI materials in multiple languages (e.g UN languages). It would be useful in the future to provide a detailed breakdown of the ICANN support functions provided to the PTI. For example, it will be useful to know the figures allocated for PTI?s Communications activities which are conducted by ICANN support functions. The total proposed figure for ICANN provided professional services to PTI is \$0.3 million. We think ICANN communications could provide more support to PTI on its outreach and awareness efforts which are required.	Phase 5 Close Request	The ICANN organization understands AL-ALAC-ST-1216-02-01-EN is ALAC's Statement on the Draft PTI FY18 Operating Plan and Budget. The respective public comment period closed on 10 December 2016 and this comment was included in that consideration. A Report of Public Comments was released on 23 January 2017 (https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-draft-pti-fy18-op-plan-budget-23jan17-en.pdf) and there is no action for the ICANN Board. This understanding was sent to the ALAC for review on 27 February 2017.
At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)	AL-ALAC-ST-1216-03-00-EN	https://atlarge.icann.org/advice_statements/9913	ALAC Statement on the Continuous Data-Driven Analysis of Root Server System Stability Draft Report	12/22/2016	[Public Comment Statement] We concur with the report?s recommendations including gradual delegation of new gTLDs, continuous monitoring of the impact of new gTLDs, and continuous monitoring of the identified risk parameters as well as its recommendations regarding areas of potential risk. Additionally, special note should be taken of the report?s warning about the impact on stability of removing new gTLDs from the root. This may be an area of future research. Finally, the report notes that the report was unable to identify causes for a number of related phenomena such as the growth in the total number of queries that are sent to the root, specifically in the growth of the invalid queries which we believe should pose a concern. While acknowledging the complexity of the DNS root system, nevertheless these problems merit further research including but not limited to referral to SSAC and RSSAC as appropriate. We would recommend to explore possible provisioning of a dedicated space on the ICANN website that tracks the performance status/health of the root going forward.	Phase 5 Close Request	The ICANN organization understands AL-ALAC-ST-1216-03-00-EN is ALAC's Statement on the PContinuous Data-Driven Analysis of Root Server System Stability Draft Report. The respective public comment period closed on 15 January 2017 and this comment was included in that consideration. A Report of Public Comments was released on 9 February 2017 (https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-cdar-draft-09feb17-en.pdf) and there is no action for the ICANN Board. This understanding was sent to the ALAC for review on 27 February 2017.
At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)	AL-ALAC-ST-1216-01-01-EN	https://atlarge.icann.org/advice_statements/9901	ALAC Statement on the Phase II Assessment of the Competitive Effects Associated with the New gTLD Program	12/6/2016	[Public Comment Statement] The outcomes of Assessment are, at best, equivocal. While there has been some expansion in registry numbers and new market entrants, only 15% of the new domains have the characteristics of primary registration. From an end user perspective, most of the resultant new registrations are speculative, defensive, unused or parked ? adding little of value to end users. And from an industry, there is no clear evidence of lower prices or more choice. Based on this Assessment, there is little evidence of benefit to end users with the introduction of new gTLDs.	Phase 5 Close Request	The ICANN organization understands AL-ALAC-ST-1216-01-01-EN is ALAC's Statement on the Phase II Assessment of the Competitive Effects Associated with the New gTLD Program. The respective public comment period closed on 5 December 2016 and this comment was included in that consideration. A Report of Public Comments was released on 21 December 2016 (https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-competitive-effects-assessment-21dec16-en.pdf) and there is no action for the ICANN Board. This understanding was sent to the ALAC for review on 27 February 2017.

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At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)	AL-ALAC-ST-1116-01-01-EN	https://atlarge.icann.org/advice_statements/9915	ALAC Statement on the Middle East and Adjoining Countries 2016-2019 Strategy	11/22/2016	[Public Comment Statement] The ALAC recommends that concrete steps be taken for ICANN to implement a concerted outreach campaign to each government in the region, with bilateral discussions to convince governments of ICANN's willingness to work in partnership. This should be carefully timed and coordinated to precede efforts involving other stakeholders. Additionally, we suggest a greater emphasis on academia in the region. Cultivating credentialed local expertise is an important step towards building trust with governments which rely on them for advice on technical issues. Faculty at universities enjoy a level of trust and are frequently called upon to support policymakers' decisions.	Phase 5 Close Request	The ICANN organization understands AL-ALAC-ST-1116-01-01-EN is ALAC's Statement on the Middle East and Adjoining Countries 2016-2019 Strategy. The respective public comment period closed on 17 November 2016 and this comment was included in that consideration. A Report of Public Comments was released on 25 November 2016 (https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-meac-strategy-25nov16-en.pdf) and there is no action for the ICANN Board. This understanding was sent to the ALAC for review on 27 February 2017.
At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)	ATLAS II Report	https://atlarge.icann.org/advice_statements/9917	The ATLAS II Recommendations Implementation Report	11/7/2016	Endorsed by the ALAC by consensus, this ATLAS II Recommendation Implementation Report is the final deliverable of the Taskforce, which serves as a conclusion to the two-year endeavors post ATLAS II. The completion of the ATLAS II Recommendation implementation and the submission of this Report does not imply the end of their relevance. Quite the contrary, ATLAS II Recommendations have been deeply ingrained in the mission of the AtLarge Community and incorporated in its ongoing activities to further the aforementioned goals in the Declaration. There is also a growing recognition that ICANN is behooved to move in the direction pointed by the ATLAS II output. Such recognition has been reflected in ICANN Staff departments' efforts and commitments in collaborating with the At-Large Community, fulfilling the requirements in the Recommendations, and ensuring that they have a lasting impact.	Phase 5 Close Request	The ICANN organization understands this ATLAS II Report is ALAC's Implementation Report. The report was provided to the ICANN Board on 7 November 2016, at ICANN57 (https://icann572016.sched.com/event/8cym). There is no further action required of the Board. This understanding was sent to the ALAC for review on 27 February 2017.
At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)	AL-ALAC-ST-0916-01-01-EN	https://atlarge.icann.org/advice_statements/9867	ALAC Statement on the gTLD Marketplace Health Index (Beta)	9/10/2016	[Public Comment Statement] The ALAC welcomes the publication of this first set of gTLD Marketplace Health Index. This is a natural progression based on the work of ICANN Community into Competition, Consumer Trust and Consumer Confidence in new gTLDs. The ALAC proposes a number of additions/improvements. Competition: All in all, consumers (registrants) are the factors that move the market ? the ones who pay ? so we should find ways to get more insight on their needs and behaviours. This should be taken into account for future developments. Marketplace Stability: The metric presented are very useful. However, as seen in the "Competition" section, it is not just how many new players do we have (registries and registrars) but the market share of each one, for different TLDs or families of TLDs. And symmetrically, the count of the number of TLDs should include their market share too. In addition, statistics per country/region would be welcome in Figure 19. Trust/Accuracy of WHOIS Records: Rather than as a pie chart, a line/bar graphic showing the ongoing accuracy on a quarter by quarter basis would be more helpful. Furthermore, it would be interesting to see WHOIS accuracy trends on a per top level domain basis. A line/bar graph, rather than a pie chart, would be more helpful for the percentage of UDRP and URS Decisions against gTLD Registrants. Furthermore, it would be interesting to note why registrars are, voluntarily or involuntarily, deaccredited. Was that due to high ICANN fees, noncompliance/legal issues, technical incompetence, lack of interest, etc? The ALAC absolutely supports the further proposals of metrics on page 14 and 15 of the report.	Phase 5 Close Request	The ICANN organization understands AL-ALAC-ST-0916-01-01-EN is ALAC's Statement on the gTLD Marketplace Health Index (Beta). The respective public comment period closed on 9 September 2016 and this comment was included in that consideration. A Report of Public Comments was released on 23 September 2016 (https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-gtld-marketplace-health-beta-23sep16-en.pdf) and there is no action for the ICANN Board. This understanding was sent to the ALAC for review on 27 February 2017.

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At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)	ALAC Policy Issue Report	https://atlarge.icann.org/advice_statements/9895	At-Large Community Policy Issues - Why End Users Should Care	9/10/2016	The purpose of this document is twofold. Firstly, it outlines the key policy issues of the At-Large community. Secondly, it sets out why end users should care about the specific policy issues. Issues: - WHOIS/Registration Directory Services - IANA Functions & Stewardship Transition - Contracted Party Agreements - IDNs - New gTLDs - Public Interest - Internet Governance - ICANN Policy Processes - Accountability & Transparency - ICANN Operations/Finances - Reviews at ICANN - Engagement & Outreach	Phase 5 Close Request	The ICANN organization understands the ALAC Policy Issue Report is ALAC's report on the At-Large Community Policy Issues. The report was provided to Rinalia Abdul Rahim on 10 September 2016 (https://community.icann.org/display/ALACPOLICYDEV/At-Large+At-Large+Community+Policy+Issues+-+Why+End+Users+Should+Care+Workspace). There is no further action required of the Board. This understanding was sent to the ALAC for review on 27 February 2017.
Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)	SAC084	https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/sac-084-en.pdf	SAC084: SSAC Comments on Guidelines for the Extended Process Similarity Review Panel for the IDN ccTLD Fast Track Process	8/31/2016	SSAC Comments on Guidelines for the Extended Process Similarity Review Panel for the IDN ccTLD Fast Track Process	Phase 3 Evaluate & Consider	ICANN received SSAC's approval of understanding and is in the process of evaluating the advice. The ICANN organization understands SAC084 is the SSAC's comment on the the Guidelines for the Extended Process Similarity Review Panel (EPSRP) for the IDN ccTLD Fast Track Process and focuses and recommends that the ICANN Board NOT accept the proposed guidelines, as they represent a threat to the security and stability of the DNS. The SSAC recommends that the Board should request a review of the EPSRP to determine why the proposed guidelines do not respect the principles of conservatism, inclusion and stability.
At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)	AL-ALAC-ST-0816-01-00-EN	https://atlarge.icann.org/advice_statements/9869	ALAC Statement on the Proposed Guidelines for the Second String Similarity Review Process	8/24/2016	[Public Comment Statement] The ALAC strongly supports the Working Group's specified observations on the process around confusing similarity of IDN ccTLDs. Specifically, the ALAC is in agreement with the Working Group's suggested way forward?. The ALAC congratulates the EPSRP Working Group for making significant, positive impact on the overall ICANN policy for the selection of IDN ccTLD strings. The ALAC believes that the proposed guidelines will help promote linguistic diversity, mitigate the risk of user confusion, and preserve and ensure the security, stability, and interoperability of the DNS.	Phase 5 Close Request	The ICANN organization understands AL-ALAC-ST-0816-01-00-EN is ALAC's Statement on the Proposed Guidelines for the Second String Similarity Review Process. The respective public comment period closed on 31 July 2016 and this comment was included in that consideration. A Report of Public Comments was released on 8 September 2016 (https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-proposed-epsrp-guidelines-08sep16-en.pdf) and there is no action for the ICANN Board. This understanding was sent to the ALAC for review on 27 February 2017.
At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)	AL-ALAC-ST-0716-02-01-EN	https://atlarge.icann.org/advice_statements/9829	ALAC Statement on the ICANN Fellowship Program Application Process Review	8/6/2016	[Public Comment Statement] This is the ALAC's Statement on the ICANN Fellowship Program Application Process Review. The ALAC appreciates the opportunity to comment on the ICANN Fellowship Program Application Process Review. The ALAC believes that the Fellowship Program is one of the best methods for attracting and integrating dedicated younger generation participants into the ICANN Community. The At-Large Community, in particular, has greatly benefited from the contributions of Fellowship alumni.	Phase 5 Close Request	The ICANN organization understands AL-ALAC-ST-0716-02-01-EN is ALAC's Statement on the ICANN Fellowship Program Application Process Review. The respective public comment period closed on 29 July 2016 and this comment was included in that consideration. A Report of Public Comments was released on 29 August 2016 (https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-fellowship-application-process-26aug16-en.pdf) and there is no action for the ICANN Board. This understanding was sent to the ALAC on 5 May 2017.
At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)	AL-ALAC-ST-0716-01-01-EN	https://atlarge.icann.org/advice_statements/9815	ALAC Statement on the Proposed Amendments to Base New gTLD Registry Agreement	6/30/2016	[Public Comment Statement] This is the ALAC's statement on the Proposed Amendments to the Base New gTLD Registry Agreement.	Phase 5 Close Request	The ICANN organization understands AL-ALAC-ST-0716-01-01-EN is ALAC's Statement on the Proposed Amendments to the Base New gTLD Registry Agreement. The respective public comment period closed on 25 June 2016 and this comment was included in that consideration. A Report of Public Comments was released on 9 July 2016 (https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-expected-standards-revisions-11jul16-en.pdf) and there is no action for the ICANN Board. This understanding was sent to the ALAC on 5 May 2017.

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At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)	AL-ALAC-ST-0616-01-00-EN	https://atlarge.icann.org/advice_statements/9817	ALAC Statement on the Request for Input - Next-Generation RDS to replace WHOIS PDP	6/10/2016	[Public Comment Statement] Without taking away from the importance of the documents, we suggest that the Working Group focus on more critical documents, including: - The latest WHOIS Policy Review Team Final Report 2012 - SAC Reports 054, 055 and 058: - 2013 RAA and 2014 New gTLD Registry Agreement - Relevant RFCs - The latest documents from the EU on data protection, particularly the latest Directive/Regulation - The EWG Final Report, together with additional statements by EWG members The WG must, at a minimum and by Full Consensus, address the following question: - Should the domain name ecosystem capture, collect and curate personal data elements for a valid domain name registration transaction? - Should ICANN compel the capture, collection and the curation of certain specific personal data elements of the domain name registration transaction? Specifically, the Working Group should identify all data that ICANN requires to be collected. This data, together with other data, can potentially be of concern to individual users. With the increasing use of data analytics, a great deal of information about people can be gained by analysing data from a variety of sources in combination with other data.	Phase 5 Close Request	The ICANN organization understands AL-ALAC-ST-0616-01-00-EN is ALAC's Statement on the Request for Input - Next-Generation RDS to replace WHOIS PDP. The input was provided to the GNSO on 10 June 2016 for consideration (https://community.icann.org/display/gTLDRDS/Outreach+request+%231+-+input+received). There is no action for the ICANN Board. This understanding was sent to the ALAC for review on 27 February 2017.
At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)	ALAC Statement New Bylaws	https://atlarge.icann.org/advice_statements/9797	ALAC Statement on the Draft New ICANN Bylaws	5/21/2016	[Public Comment Statement] This is the ALAC statement on the Draft New ICANN Bylaws.	Phase 5 Close Request	The ICANN organization understands this is ALAC's statement on the Draft New ICANN Bylaws. The respective public comment period closed 21 May 2016 and this comment was included in that consideration. A Report of Public Comments was issued 25 May 2016 (https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-draft-new-bylaws-25may16-en.pdf), and there is no action for the ICANN Board. This understanding was sent to the ALAC for review on 27 February 2017.
At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)	Multi-Year F2F Meetings	https://atlarge.icann.org/advice_statements/9799	Proposal for Multi-Year Planning of At-Large Face-to-Face meetings	4/30/2016	[Public Comment Statement] Although the funding process has evolved as has general ICANN budgeting, the GAs have been funded through the Community Special Budget Request Process, and the Summits through special requests to the Board Finance Committee. The pattern of GAs and Summits is now well established and there is a general appreciation of their benefits among the ICANN Community. The ALAC is proposing that ICANN integrate these meetings into its normal planning and budgeting processes and do so in such a way as to allow these meetings to be scheduled and planned over multiple years, much as ICANN meetings themselves are planned ahead of time.	Phase 5 Close Request	The ICANN organization understands this is ALAC's Proposal for Multi-Year Planning of At-Large Face-to-Face meetings. The respective public comment period closed on 30 April 2016 and this comment was included in that consideration. A Report of Public Comments was released on 6 June 2016 (https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-op-budget-fy17-five-year-06jun16-en.pdf) and there is no action for the ICANN Board. This understanding was sent to the ALAC for review on 27 February 2017.
At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)	AL-ALAC-ST-0416-03-01-EN	https://atlarge.icann.org/advice_statements/9787	ALAC Statement on the Draft ICANN FY17 Operating Plan & Budget and Five-Year Operating Plan Update	4/30/2016	[Public Comment Statement] The At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) reviewed the draft FY17 Operating Plan & Budget, and found it generally well done, with more clarity compared to the ones in previous years. We especially appreciate the planning process that has evolved year over year. We do hope that for the upcoming years, there will be more interaction with the community at all steps of the operating plan and budget development. That being said, the ALAC has identified a number of areas that need further clarification.	Phase 5 Close Request	The ICANN organization understands AL-ALAC-ST-0416-03-01-EN is ALAC's Statement on the Draft ICANN FY17 Operating Plan & Budget and Five-Year Operating Plan Update. The respective public comment period closed on 30 April 2016 and this comment was included in that consideration. A Report of Public Comments was released on 6 June 2016 (https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-op-budget-fy17-five-year-06jun16-en.pdf) and there is no action for the ICANN Board. This understanding was sent to the ALAC for review on 27 February 2017.

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Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)	SAC074	https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/sac-074-en.pdf	SAC074: SSAC Advisory on Registrant Protection: Best Practices for Preserving Security and Stability in the Credential Management Lifecycle - Item 1	4/25/2016	Item 1: The ICANN Compliance Department should publish data about the security breaches that registrars have reported in accordance with the 2013 RAA.	Phase 3 Evaluate & Consider	ICANN received SSAC's approval of understanding and is in the process of evaluating the advice. Updated 2 Aug 2017: Our understanding of this advice is that ICANN should provide regularly updated data about security breaches reported in accordance with the 2013 Registrar Accreditation Agreement (RAA), paragraph 3.20. This data should include statistics about the number of security breaches, the number of registrars affected, the aggregate number of registrants affected, and the high-level causes of the breaches.
Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)	SAC074	https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/sac-074-en.pdf	SAC074: SSAC Advisory on Registrant Protection: Best Practices for Preserving Security and Stability in the Credential Management Lifecycle - Item 3	4/25/2016	Item 3: Future RAA deliberations should encourage stronger authentication practices, specifically the use of multi-factor authentication.	Phase 3 Evaluate & Consider	ICANN received SSAC's approval of understanding and is in the process of evaluating the advice. Our understanding of this advice is that for future versions of the Registrar Accreditation Agreement (RAA), ICANN should advocate that registrars are committed to stronger authentication practices than those which they are committed to in the 2013 RAA, specifically the use of multi-factor authentication.
Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)	SAC074	https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/sac-074-en.pdf	SAC074: SSAC Advisory on Registrant Protection: Best Practices for Preserving Security and Stability in the Credential Management Lifecycle - Item 4	4/25/2016	Item 4: The ICANN Board should direct ICANN staff to facilitate global hands-on training programs for registrars and registries based on the best practices outlined in this document, with the goal to enable parties to learn practical operational practices for preserving security and stability of the credential management lifecycle. SSAC welcomes the opportunity to advise training staff in the creation of a curriculum.	Phase 3 Evaluate & Consider	ICANN received SSAC's approval of understanding and is in the process of evaluating the advice. Our understanding of this advice is that ICANN staff should facilitate training programs for registrars and registries relating to the credential management cycle. These trainings should focus on the best practices outlined on SAC074. We note the SSAC's offer to provide input to ICANN's development of the training curriculum.
Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)	SAC074	https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/sac-074-en.pdf	SAC074: SSAC Advisory on Registrant Protection: Best Practices for Preserving Security and Stability in the Credential Management Lifecycle - Item 2	4/25/2016	Item 2: A provision similar to 2013 RAA paragraph 3.20 should be incorporated into all future registry contracts, with similar statistics published.	Phase 3 Evaluate & Consider	ICANN received SSAC's approval of understanding and is in the process of evaluating the advice. ICANN staff's understanding of this advice is that a provision similar to paragraph 3.20 of the 2013 Registrar Accreditation Agreement (RAA) should be incorporated into all future gTLD Registry Agreements, with similar statistics published (e.g., about the number of breaches, the number of registrars affected, the aggregate number of registrants affected, and the high-level causes of the breaches).
At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)	AL-ALAC-ST-0416-02-00-EN	https://atlarge.icann.org/advice_statements/9769	ALAC Statement on the Final Report Recommendations of the Geographic Regions Review Working Group	4/23/2016	[Public Comment Statement] The At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) appreciates the excellent work done by the Geographic Regions Review Working Group. The improvement this final report brings is appreciated. The origin of the ICANN Geographic Regions was the need to ensure a geographic diversity within the ICANN Board. We strongly believe that the Geographic Regions review should address that very aspect to preserve and improve the geographic diversity in the ICANN Board composition. The ALAC agrees that the general principle of geographic diversity is valuable and should be preserved and that its application must be more rigorous, clear and consistent.	Phase 5 Close Request	The ICANN organization understands AL-ALAC-ST-0416-02-00-EN is ALAC's Statement on the Final Report Recommendations of the Geographic Regions Review Working Group. The respective public comment period closed on 24 April 2016 and this comment was included in that consideration. A Report of Public Comments was released on 13 May 2016 (https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-geo-regions-13may16-en.pdf) and there is no action for the ICANN Board. This understanding was sent to the ALAC for review on 27 February 2017.

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At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)	AL-ALAC-ST-0416-01-00-EN	https://atlarge.icann.org/advice_statements/9779	ALAC Statement on the Draft Framework of Principles for Cross Community Working Groups	4/16/2016	[Public Comment Statement] For many years, the ALAC has been a supporter of the need to remove barriers that result in silos within ICANN's communities. The ALAC has supported the creation of Cross Community Working Groups (interchangeably referenced as CCWGs or CWGs) for this very reason. Historically, the ALAC has taken part in many such initiatives: ? Cross Community Working Group on Morality and Public Order (Rec 6) ? Cross Community Working Group on Use of Country/Territory Names as TLDs ? Joint SO-AC New gTLD Applicant Support Working Group (IAS-WG) ? Joint DNS Security and Stability Working Group (DSSA-WG) ? Cross Community Working Group on Internet Governance ? Cross Community Working Group on IANA Stewardship Transition ? Cross Community Working Group on ICANN Accountability Having been a co-Chartering Organization of several of these Cross Community Working Groups, the ALAC is well aware of the diverse requirements and the current lack of unity regarding the chartering process and framework by which those groups operate. The Draft Framework of Principles for Cross Community Working Groups, as proposed by the ?CCWGPrinciples? is therefore welcomed to increase efficiency in the process of chartering these working groups and to reduce the potential for ambiguity and time lost in finding a consensus on internal processes. The ALAC must however call attention to a number of important points that warrant further discussions.	Phase 5 Close Request	The ICANN organization understands AL-ALAC-ST-0416-01-00-EN is ALAC's Statement on the Draft Framework of Principles for Cross Community Working Groups. The respective public comment period closed on 16 April 2016 and this comment was included in that consideration. A Report of Public Comments was released on 6 May 2016 (https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-ccwg-framework-principles-draft-06may16-en.pdf) and there is no action for the ICANN Board. This understanding was sent to the ALAC for review on 27 February 2017.
At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)	AL-ALAC-ST-0116-02-00-EN	https://atlarge.icann.org/advice_statements/9757	ALAC Statement on the Proposed Implementation of GNSO Thick Whois Consensus Policy Requiring Consistent Labeling and Display of RDDS (Whois) Output for All gTLDs Follow Updates	1/31/2016	[Public Comment Statement] The ALAC would like to register its extreme dismay and dissatisfaction with the current state of this project. Specifically: 1.The prime rational for the PDP and prime recommendation of the PDP was the move to a Thick Whois (now RDDS); 2.The Implementation Review Team acknowledges that this, now identified as ?Phase 3?, has an independent timeline from the other phases. 3.The current proposal includes no plan and no target date for this prime requirement, but rather has focused on ancillary PDP recommendations.	Phase 5 Close Request	The ICANN organization understands AL-ALAC-ST-0116-02-00-EN is ALAC's Statement on the Proposed Implementation of GNSO Thick Whois Consensus Policy Requiring Consistent Labeling and Display of RDDS (Whois) Output for All gTLDs Follow Updates. The respective public comment period closed on 18 March 2016 and this comment was included in that consideration. A Report of Public Comments was released on 25 April 2016 (https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-rdds-output-25apr16-en.pdf) and there is no action for the ICANN Board. This understanding was sent to the ALAC for review on 27 February 2017.

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At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)	AL-ALAC-ST-0116-01-00-EN	https://atlarge.icann.org/advice_statements/9755	ALAC Statement on the Registration Data Access Protocol (RDAP) Operational Profile for gTLD Registries and Registrars	1/23/2016	[Public Comment Statement] The SSAC in its 2011 report on Domain Name Whois Terminology and Structure (SAC 051) recommended the development of replacement protocol that would provide a uniform and standard framework for accessing Domain Name Registration Data (DNRD). That framework would define and implement verification methods, credential services and access control capabilities?. The Board accepted SSAC recommendations and established the Expert Working Group on gTLD Directory Services (EWG) to begin implementation of the recommendations. In its Final Report, the EWG recommended a paradigm shift whereby gTLD registration data is collected, validated and disclosed for permissible purposes only, with some data elements being accessible only to authenticated requestors that are then held accountable for appropriate use. Therefore, while existing ICANN policies do not now require differentiated access to DNDRD, it is clear from Board decisions and EWG recommendations that future ICANN policies will likely have that requirement. The Operational Profile of RDAP, therefore, should include an obligation on all gTLD registries and registrars that the basic functionality will support an authentication and authorisation framework. Specifically, the features to allow differentiated access must be required now, as part of this protocol ? even if at this stage all access seekers will be in one class - the public. In that way, when differentiated access requirements are imposed, protocol features will already be deployed to provide such access.	Phase 5 Close Request	The ICANN organization understands AL-ALAC-ST-0116-01-00-EN is ALAC's Statement on the Registration Data Access Protocol (RDAP) Operational Profile for gTLD Registries and Registrars. The respective public comment period closed on 18 March 2016 and this comment was included in that consideration. A Report of Public Comments was released on 25 April 2016 (https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-rdap-profile-25apr16-en.pdf) and there is no action for the ICANN Board. This understanding was sent to the ALAC for review on 27 February 2017.
At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)	AL-ALAC-ST-1215-04-00-EN	https://atlarge.icann.org/advice_statements/9747	ALAC Statement on the CCWG-Accountability - Draft Proposal on Work Stream 1 Recommendations	12/28/2015	[Public Comment Statement] Alan Greenberg's input on behalf of ALAC regarding the CCWG-Accountability - Draft Proposal on Work Stream 1 Recommendation.	Phase 5 Close Request	The ICANN organization understands AL-ALAC-ST-1215-04-00-EN is ALAC's Statement on the CCWG-Accountability - Draft Proposal on Work Stream 1 Recommendations. The respective public comment period closed on 21 December 2015 and this comment was included in that consideration. A Report of Public Comments was released on 8 January 2016 (https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-draft-ccwg-accountability-proposal-08jan16-en.pdf) and there is no action for the ICANN Board. This understanding was sent to the ALAC for review on 27 February 2017.
At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)	AL-ALAC-ST-1215-03-00-EN	https://atlarge.icann.org/advice_statements/9745	ALAC Statement on the gTLD Marketplace Health Index Proposal	12/21/2015	[Public Comment Statement] The ALAC is pleased to see the proposals for a Marketplace Health Index and has suggested further concepts that are vital to a healthy and diverse global gTLD marketplace. However, the ALAC notes that this Health Index is restricted to the market purchasing, sale and resale of domain names under the new gTLD extensions. The ALAC reminds ICANN that users of the DNS are not solely restricted to "Consumers" as "domain name buyers and sellers". Users of the DNS total the 3.6Bn people using the Internet. They vastly outnumber domain name registrants. As a result, the ALAC Advises ICANN that the gTLD Marketplace Health Index falls short of satisfying the need for a wider DNS Health Index that would produce a set of KPIs about Internet End Users, the stability of the Name System itself and its perception by Internet End Users. ICANN should not consider that the creation of a Marketplace Health Index completely satisfies the requirements laid out in the relevant sections of the Affirmation of Commitments. The gTLD Marketplace Health Index is a step in the right direction but does not go far enough.	Phase 5 Close Request	The ICANN organization understands AL-ALAC-ST-1215-03-00-EN is ALAC's Statement on the gTLD Marketplace Health Index Proposal. The respective public comment period closed on 22 January 2016 and this comment was included in that consideration. A Report of Public Comments was released on 5 February 2016 (https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-gtld-marketplace-health-05feb16-en.pdf) and there is no action for the ICANN Board. This understanding was sent to the ALAC for review on 27 February 2017.

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At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)	AL-ALAC-ST-1215-02-01-EN	https://atlarge.icann.org/advice_statements/9725	ALAC Statement on the New gTLD Program Implementation Review Draft Report	12/10/2015	[Public Comment Statement] The ALAC welcomes the opportunity to comment on the New gTLD Programme Implementation Review Draft Report. We recognise that the review has been a self-assessment by ICANN staff of their execution of the processes involved at each stage of the implementation of the New gTLD Programme. The review provides a pragmatic overview of lessons learned from the implementation process which will not only inform the formal Review Team's assessment of the implementation process but also provide solutions for creating improvements in the effectiveness and efficiency of this process based on staff assessment of this first round of implementation. Of concern to our community was the life-cycle of the application and evaluation process relating to this first batch of applications and that the remaining applications will still not be completed until the end of 2017 which is far beyond originally projected timeframes. Among the reasons for the delays include some effectiveness and efficiency issues relating to the time spent on some requirements of the application process that may not have been completely necessary for all applications as there was no contractual requirement attached. It was noted that some areas of the application may benefit from further community discussion based on staff lessons learned. We encourage the Review Team to support the recommendations made by staff, and at the same time give full consideration for more practical support to ensure that the remaining and future batches of applications are expedited as quickly and efficiently as possible.	Phase 5 Close Request	The ICANN organization understands AL-ALAC-ST-1215-02-01-EN is ALAC's Statement on the New gTLD Program Implementation Review Draft Report. The respective public comment period closed on 7 December 2015 and this comment was included in that consideration. A Report of Public Comments was released on 29 January 2016 (https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-new-gtld-draft-review-29jan16-en.pdf) and there is no action for the ICANN Board. This understanding was sent to the ALAC for review on 27 February 2017.
At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)	AL-ALAC-ST-1215-01-00-EN	https://atlarge.icann.org/advice_statements/9741	ALAC Statement on the Proposed implementation of GNSO Policy Development Process Recommendations on Inter-Registrar Transfer Policy (IRTP) Part D	12/7/2015	[Public Comment Statement] The ALAC supports the Report of the Implementation of the GNSO Policy Development Process Recommendations of the IRTP-D. However, in discussions in the original WG and the Implementation WG, the ALAC stressed the need for clear and accessible information on both the transfer process itself and the dispute resolution mechanisms for non-compliant transfers.	Phase 5 Close Request	The ICANN organization understands AL-ALAC-ST-1215-01-00-EN is ALAC's Statement on the Proposed implementation of GNSO Policy Development Process Recommendations on Inter-Registrar Transfer Policy (IRTP) Part D. The respective public comment period closed on 21 December 2015 and this comment was included in that consideration. A Report of Public Comments was released on 3 February 2016 (https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-irtp-d-implementation-03feb16-en.pdf) and there is no action for the ICANN Board. This understanding was sent to the ALAC for review on 27 February 2017.

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At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)	AL-ALAC-ST-1115-02-01-EN	https://atlarge.icann.org/advice_statements/9723	ALAC Statement on the Preliminary Issue Report on a GNSO Policy Development Process to Review All Rights Protection Mechanisms in All gTLDs	11/30/2015	[Public Comment Statement] 1. The ALAC recognizes the need to review Rights Protection Mechanisms (RPMs) as they relate to Intellectual Property rights and domain names; 2. The ALAC is concerned that these RPMs seem to be more focused on protecting the Intellectual Property rights of corporations, as they can easily afford the fees (see: http://www.wipo.int/amc/en/domains/fees/). The current structures of RPMs create serious barriers to access for end users, especially the ones from developing regions. 3. The cost of registering a trademark may already be a burden to many end users. The additional cost of protecting that trademark against unlawful or abusive registration in the DNS may render end users unable to access the RPMs. 4. The ALAC supports the suggested list of potential issues included in the Preliminary Issue Report, and the ALAC further recommends to add the following questions and remarks to the potential issues concerning Uniform Domain-Name Dispute Resolution (UDRP), Uniform Rapid Suspension System (URS), Trademark Clearinghouse (TMCH), Trademark Claims and Sunrise Period: a. Are there any barriers that can prevent an end user to access any or all RPMs? b. How can costs be lowered so end users can easily access RPMs? c. There should be a review on accessibility to TMCH for individuals, private trademark holders and trademark agents in developing countries. 5. The ALAC is concerned that, so far, the TMCH has not achieved its goal of protecting a large number of trademarks in the DNS. This concern is based on the fact that "Between March 2013 and May 2015, the Clearinghouse verified and accepted for inclusion 32,667 nationally or regionally registered trademarks, 42 trademarks protected by statute or treaty, and two court-validated trademarks." These numbers amount to a little over 10% of the 2015 Year-to-date registered trademarks only in the	Phase 5 Close Request	The ICANN organization understands AL-ALAC-ST-1115-02-01-EN is ALAC's Statement on the Preliminary Issue Report on a GNSO Policy Development Process to Review All Rights Protection Mechanisms in All gTLDs. The respective public comment period closed on 30 November 2015 and this comment was included in that consideration. A Report of Public Comments was released on 2 December 2015 (https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-rpm-prelim-issue-02dec15-en.pdf) and there is no action for the ICANN Board. This understanding was sent to the ALAC for review on 27 February 2017.
At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)	AL-ALAC-ST-1115-01-00-EN	http://tinyurl.com/alacr-dapadvice	ALAC Statement on the Planned Implementation of the New Registration Data Access Protocol (RDAP)	11/30/2015	The ALAC is very concerned that the planned implementation of the new Registration Data Access Protocol (RDAP) may not support enhanced privacy protections proposed by the Expert Working Group on gTLD Directory Services (EWG)... The ALAC is strongly arguing against "voluntary" adoption of the RDAP features that allow differentiated access to registration data. While those features are not now required under existing WHOIS policies, they will most likely be required under new RDS consensus policies as recommended by the EWG. On these facts, the ALAC strongly argues that the RDAP implementation profile must include the feature set that will support differentiated access. This will ensure that when the future policies, which follow the EWG recommendations, on differentiated access to data are finalized, the protocols will be in place to ensure that these may be readily switched on and implemented.	Phase 5 Close Request	The ICANN organization understands that this is ALAC's Statement on the Planned Implementation of the New Registration Data Access Protocol (RDAP). The statement was sent to the ICANN Board on 28 November 2015. The ALAC strongly argues that the RDAP implementation profile must include the feature set that will support differentiated access. The Board responded on 21 December 2015 that the Statement would be considered via the Public Comment process. The ALAC re-submitted its comment (https://forum.icann.org/lists/comments-rdap-profile-03dec15/pdfhcwKdtVLOY.pdf), which was included in the Report of Public Comments (https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-rdap-profile-25apr16-en.pdf). There is no further action required of the Board.

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At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)	AL-ALAC-ST-1015-03-00-EN	https://atlarge.icann.org/advice_statements/9733	ALAC Statement on the Use of Country and Territory Names as Top-Level Domains	10/22/2015	This is an input request from the ccNSO and GNSO Councils, they have chartered a Cross Community Working Group on the Use of Country and Territory Names as top-level domains (CWG-UCTN). Arguments for and against the reservation of 3-letter ccTLDs with the potential for creating much confusion amongst the user community, there was very strong agreement among the At-Large respondents that there is a need for a moratorium where a full evaluation should be made of the potential impacts of the current expansion of the existing new gTLD programme. It has also been recommended, in order to increase user confidence in navigating the enlarged domain space, that along with a time-framed moratorium, promotional and educational resources and activities related to the introduction of the new gTLDs be developed in areas (geographical, political, social, economic, etc) that were not served well in the first run.	Phase 5 Close Request	The ICANN organization understands AL-ALAC-ST-1015-03-00-EN is ALAC's statement on the Use of Country and Territory Names as Top-Level Domains. This statement is in response to an input request from the ccNSO and GNSO Councils, they have chartered a Cross Community Working Group on the Use of Country and Territory Names as top-level domains (CWG-UCTN). The progress of the CWG-UCTN can be followed within its Community Wiki (https://community.icann.org/display/CWGOUCNT/Output+and+Draft+Documents) and there is no action for the ICANN Board. This understanding was sent to the ALAC for review on 27 February 2017.
At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)	AL-ALAC-ST-1015-04-00-EN	https://atlarge.icann.org/advice_statements/9715	ALAC Statement on the Preliminary Issue Report on New gTLD Subsequent Procedures	10/22/2015	[Public Comment Statement] The ALAC congratulates Staff in the drafting of this Preliminary Issues Report. The ALAC submits the comments with regards to issues identified, section by section. In cases where a section is not mentioned, the ALAC endorses the Issues Report recommendation as presented. Report of Public Comments: https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-new-gtld-subsequent-procedures-04dec15-en.pdf	Phase 5 Close Request	The ICANN organization understands AL-ALAC-ST-1015-04-00-EN is ALAC's statement on the Preliminary Issue Report on New gTLD Subsequent Procedures. The respective public comment period closed on 30 Oct 2015 and this comment was included in that consideration. A Report of Public Comments was released on 07 Dec 2015 (https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-new-gtld-subsequent-procedures-04dec15-en.pdf) and there is no action for the ICANN Board. This understanding was sent to the ALAC for review on 27 February 2017.
At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)	AL-ALAC-ST-1015-01-01-EN	https://atlarge.icann.org/advice_statements/9711	ALAC Statement on the Proposal for Arabic Script Root Zone Label Generation Rules	10/16/2015	[Public Comment Statement] ALAC congratulates the Task Force on Arabic Script IDNs (TF-AIDN) in developing the Proposal for Arabic Script Root Zone Label Generation Rules (LGR). Appreciates proposal's focus on variant issues in Arabic to address user confusion. They encourages TF-AIDN to continue to make efforts in stimulating participation from the end user communities in supporting the IDN program. Report of Public Comments: https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-proposal-arabic-lgr-16oct15-en.pdf	Phase 5 Close Request	The ICANN organization understands AL-ALAC-ST-1015-01-01-EN is ALAC's statement on the Proposal for Arabic Script Root Zone Label Generation Rules. The respective public comment period closed on 06 Oct 2015 and this comment was included in that consideration. A Report of Public Comments was released on 20 Oct 2015 (https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-proposal-arabic-lgr-16oct15-en.pdf) and there is no action for the ICANN Board. This understanding was sent to the ALAC for review on 27 February 2017.
Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)	SAC073	https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/sac-073-en.pdf	SAC073: SSAC Comments on Root Zone Key Signing Key Rollover Plan	9/30/2015	In this Advisory the Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC) addresses the following topics: ? Terminology and definitions relating to DNSSEC key rollover in the root zone; ? Key management in the root zone; ? Motivations for root zone KSK rollover; ? Risks associated with root zone KSK rollover; ? Available mechanisms for root zone KSK rollover; ? Quantifying the risk of failed trust anchor update; and ? DNS response size considerations.	Phase 4 Implement	The ICANN organization understands that SAC073 duplicates the advice sent by the SSAC in SAC063, with one distinction, which is as follows: To help the broader community to have a higher level of confidence in the anticipated success of this planned activity, and for ICANN Board to discharge its responsibilities with respect to recommendations from the SSAC, the SSAC would like to see the final report respond directly to each of the recommendations in SAC 063, and note in each case how the recommendation has been appropriately addressed in the proposed design, or in those cases where the recommendation is not specifically addressed, the rationale for this design decision. On 24 June 2017, the ICANN Board accepted this advice and directed the ICANN organization to implement per the ICANN organization's recommendation (https://www.icann.org/resources/board-material/resolutions-2017-06-24-en#2.b). On October 11, 2017 the new KSK begins to sign the root zone key set (the actual rollover event). See: https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/ksk-rollover .

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At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)	AL-ALAC-ST-0915-04-01-EN	https://atlarge.icann.org/advice_statements/9700	ALAC Statement on Cross Community Working Group on Enhancing ICANN Accountability 2nd Draft Report (Work Stream 1)	9/17/2015	[Public Comment Statement] The ALAC is generally supportive of the overall proposal. Although the ALAC preference was to have less enforceability and a lighter-weight proposal than preferred by some other groups in ICANN, we believe that the overall direction now being taken is acceptable. Report of Public Comments: https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-ccwg-accountability-13oct15-en.pdf	Phase 5 Close Request	The ICANN organization understands AL-ALAC-ST-0915-04-01-EN is ALAC's statement on Cross Community Working Group on Enhancing ICANN Accountability 2nd Draft Report (Work Stream 1) . The respective public comment period closed on 12 Sep 2015 and this comment was included in that consideration. A Report of Public Comments was released on 13 Oct 2015 (https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-ccwg-accountability-13oct15-en.pdf) and there is no action for the ICANN Board. This understanding was sent to the ALAC for review on 27 February 2017.
At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)	AL-ALAC-ST-1015-02-00-EN	https://atlarge.icann.org/advice_statements/9719	ALAC Statement on the New gTLD Auction Proceeds Discussion Paper	9/15/2015	[Public Comment Statement] - We recommend that the drafting team is made up of at least 2 persons per chartering SO/AC and with representation from all SO/ACs that indicate an interest. - Any charter reported broadly: 1) affirms the principles of openness and transparency , 2) embraces the concept that the use be in tune with the ICANN Strategic Plan; and 3) must favour extending the global public interest in concrete ways and endowing the Affirmation of Commitments Report of Public Comments: https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-new-gtld-auction-proceeds-07dec15-en.pdf	Phase 5 Close Request	The ICANN organization understands AL-ALAC-ST-1015-02-00-EN is ALAC's statement on the New gTLD Auction Proceeds Discussion Paper . The respective public comment period closed on 08 Nov 2015 and this comment was included in that consideration. A Report of Public Comments was released on 07 Dec 2015 (https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-new-gtld-auction-proceeds-07dec15-en.pdf) and there is no action for the ICANN Board. This understanding was sent to the ALAC for review on 27 February 2017.
At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)	AL-ALAC-ST-0915-02-00-EN	https://atlarge.icann.org/advice_statements/9683	ALAC Statement on the Initial Report on Data & Metrics for Policy Making	9/9/2015	[Public Comment Statement] ALAC provide community input into the Initial Report from the GNSO's Working Group with regards to possible recommendations for the use of Data and Metrics for Policy Making. - The ALAC supports the possible need to employ an independent third party in order to address any concerns relating to the collection, anonymization and aggregation of data. - The ALAC supports the introduction of a "pilot" where working groups will be able to submit proposals or ideas whereby the collection and assessment of fact-based data and metrics can become the basis for the initial identification and analysis of issues and/or problems. - Support the view that any funding required to implement the pilot should be considered an investment in the improvement of the policy process rather than a cost against budget. - The ALAC supports the revision of the templates for the Issue Report, Charter and Final Report to update earlier WG guidelines and also the development of a decision tree. Report of Public Comments: https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-data-metrics-policy-making-08oct15-en.pdf	Phase 5 Close Request	The ICANN organization understands AL-ALAC-ST-0915-02-00-EN is ALAC's statement on the Initial Report on Data & Metrics for Policy Making. The respective public comment period closed on 07 Sep 2015 and this comment was included in that consideration. A Report of Public Comments was released on 09 Oct 2015 (https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-data-metrics-policy-making-08oct15-en.pdf) and there is no action for the ICANN Board. This understanding was sent to the ALAC for review on 27 February 2017.
At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)	AL-ALAC-ST-0915-03-00-EN	https://atlarge.icann.org/advice_statements/9729	ALAC Statement on the IANA Stewardship Transition Proposal	9/8/2015	[Public Comment Statement] ALAC response to IANA Stewardship Transition Proposal. Answers questions concerning the Proposal as a Whole, the NTIA Criteria, and the ICG Report and Executive Summary List of Public Comments: https://www.ianacg.org/calls-for-input/iana-stewardship-transition-proposal-public-archive-of-submitted-comments/ including ICANN Board Comment on the ICG Proposal: https://comments.ianacg.org/pdf/submission/submission121.pdf	Phase 5 Close Request	The ICANN organization understands AL-ALAC-ST-0915-03-00-EN is ALAC's statement on the IANA Stewardship Transition Proposal . The respective public comment period closed on 08 Sep 2015 and this comment was included in that consideration. A Proposal to Transition the Stewardship of the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) Functions from the U.S. Commerce Department's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) to the Global Multistakeholder Community was released on 29 Oct 2015 (https://www.ianacg.org/icg-files/documents/IANA-transition-proposal-v9.pdf). In addition, an ICG Summary Report on Comments Received during the Public Comment Period on the Combined Transition Proposal was released on 30 Nov 2015 (https://www.ianacg.org/icg-files/documents/Public-Comment-Summary-final.pdf) and there is no action for the ICANN Board. This understanding was sent to the ALAC for review on 27 February 2017.

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At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)	AL-ALAC-ST-0915-01-00-EN	https://atlarge.icann.org/advice_statements/9682	ALAC Statement on the Next-Generation gTLD Registration Directory Services to Replace WHOIS Preliminary Issue Report	9/6/2015	[Public Comment Statement] The ALAC strongly supports the research and recommendations in the Preliminary Issue Report. We are particularly impressed by the report's clear, coherent summary of the milestone policy development activities, studies, and implementation efforts pertaining to WHOIS. Report of Public Comment: https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-rds-pdp-07oct15-en.pdf	Phase 5 Close Request	The ICANN organization understands AL-ALAC-ST-0915-01-00-EN is ALAC's statement on the Next-Generation gTLD Registration Directory Services to Replace WHOIS Preliminary Issue Report. The respective public comment period closed on 06 Sep 2015 and this comment was included in that consideration. A Report of Public Comments was released on 07 Oct 2015 (https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-rds-pdp-07oct15-en.pdf) and there is no action for the ICANN Board. This understanding was sent to the ALAC for review on 27 February 2017.
Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC)	RSSAC003	http://research.google.com/pubs/pub43974.html	RSSAC003: RSSAC Report on Root Zone TTLS	8/21/2015	To address the DNSSEC problems identified in Section 6.4, the RSSAC recommends the Root Zone Management partners to increase the signature validity periods for signatures generated by both the KSK and the ZSK. KSK signature validity should be increased to at least 21 days. ZSK signature validity should be increased to at least 13 days.	Phase 4 Implement	On 15 September 2016, the Board adopted the RSSAC advice for the KSK signature validity in RSSAC 003, and directs ICANN's President and CEO, or his designee, to proceed with implementing the KSK recommendations in RSSAC 003 in collaboration with the root zone management partners (https://www.icann.org/resources/board-material/resolutions-2016-09-15-en#1.a). On 27 October 2016, the key signing ceremony conducted with the new signature validity periods in the Verisign Key Signing Request (https://www.iana.org/dnssec/ceremonies/27). The signature validity period for the KSK was updated to 21 days per the RSSAC advice. The ZSK signature validity period was updated to 13 days per the RSSAC advice. On 1 January 2017, the signatures of the new validity periods in both the KSK and ZSK appeared in the DNS root zone.
At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)	AL-ALAC-ST-0815-01-01-EN	https://atlarge.icann.org/advice_statements/9686	ALAC Statement on the Draft Report: Review of the Generic Names Supporting Organization	8/10/2015	[Public Comment Statement] ALAC response to on the Draft Report published by Westlake Governance, the independent examiner appointed by the Structural Improvements Committee of the ICANN Board for the review of the Generic Names Support Organization (GNSO). The statement outlines ALACs response to 36 proposed recommendations. Report of Public Comments: https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-gnso-review-draft-26aug15-en.pdf	Phase 5 Close Request	The ICANN organization understands AL-ALAC-ST-0815-01-01-EN is ALAC's statement on the Draft Report: Review of the Generic Names Supporting Organization . The respective public comment period closed on 31 Jul 2015 and this comment was included in that consideration. A Report of Public Comments was released on 27 Aug 2015 (https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-gnso-review-draft-26aug15-en.pdf) and there is no action for the ICANN Board. This understanding was sent to the ALAC for review on 27 February 2017.
At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)	AL-ALAC-ST-0715-02-01-EN	https://atlarge.icann.org/advice_statements/9689	ALAC Statement on the GNSO Privacy & Proxy Services Accreditation Issues Working Group Initial Report	7/16/2015	[Public Comment Statement] Response to the following questions of the Initial Report of the Privacy and Proxy Services Accreditation Issues Report: - When must contact requests to the customer be forwarded to the P/P customer? - Should or must the provider forward a further request(s), at whose costs and should there be a limit on the number of requests? - Should it be mandatory for accredited P/P service providers to comply with express requests from LEA in the provider's jurisdiction not to notify a customer? - Should there be mandatory publication for certain types of activity e.g. malware/viruses or violation of terms of service relating to illegal activity? - What (if any) should the remedies be for unwarranted Publication? - Should requestors be allowed to escalate every request to a 3rd party forum or should the WG develop standards and thresholds? Report of Public Comments: https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-ppsal-initial-11sep15-en.pdf	Phase 5 Close Request	The ICANN organization understands AL-ALAC-ST-0715-02-01-EN is ALAC's statement on the GNSO Privacy & Proxy Services Accreditation Issues Working Group Initial Report . The respective public comment period closed on 07 Jul 2015 and this comment was included in that consideration. A Report of Public Comments was released on 11 Sep 2015 (https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-ppsal-initial-11sep15-en.pdf) and there is no action for the ICANN Board. This understanding was sent to the ALAC for review on 27 February 2017.

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At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)	AL-ALAC-ST-0715-01-01-EN	https://atlarge.icann.org/advice_statements/9687	ALAC Statement on the Proposed Schedule and Process/Operational Improvements for AoC and Organizational Reviews	7/16/2015	[Public Comment Statement] ALAC Statement on the Proposed Schedule and Process/Operational Improvements for AoC and Organizational Reviews Report of Public Comments: https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-aoc-org-reviews-05aug15-en.pdf	Phase 5 Close Request	The ICANN organization understands AL-ALAC-ST-0715-01-01-EN is ALAC's statement on the Proposed Schedule and Process/Operational Improvements for AoC and Organizational Reviews. The respective public comment period closed on 08 Jul 2015 and this comment was included in that consideration. A Report of Public Comments was released on 13 Jul 2015 (https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-aoc-org-reviews-05aug15-en.pdf) and there is no action for the ICANN Board. This understanding was sent to the ALAC for review on 27 February 2017.
At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)	ALAC Motion 25 Jun 2015	https://atlarge.icann.org/advice_statements/9731	ALAC Motion to adopt the Final Transition Proposal of the Cross Community Working Group on Naming-Related Functions (CWG-Stewardship)	6/25/2015	ALAC Motion to adopt the Final Transition Proposal of the Cross Community Working Group on Naming-Related Functions (CWG-Stewardship). - Approves Final Proposal - PTI Board Members should attempt to address geo diversity - Success of PTI contingent on adequate funding - Affirms its commitment to continue to support the CWG-Stewardship	Phase 5 Close Request	The ICANN organization understands this is ALAC Motion to adopt the Final Transition Proposal of the Cross Community Working Group on Naming-Related Functions (CWG-Stewardship). A Response to the IANA Stewardship Transition Coordination Group Request for Proposals on the IANA Stewardship Transition from the Cross Community Working Group on Naming Related Functions (CWG-Stewardship) was released on 11 June 2015 (https://community.icann.org/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=53779816) and there is no further action for the ICANN Board. This understanding was sent to the ALAC for review on 27 February 2017.
At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)	AL-ALAC-ST-0615-01-00-EN	https://atlarge.icann.org/advice_statements/9621	ALAC Statement on the Cross Community Working Group on Enhancing ICANN Accountability (CCWG-Accountability) - Proposed Accountability Enhancements (Work Stream 1)	6/11/2015	[Public Comment Statement] In general the ALAC is supportive of the direction being taken by the CCWG and will provide guidance on a number of issues, some of which the CCWG is explicitly seeking, and others where the ALAC believes that reconsideration may be required. Report of Public Comments: https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-ccwg-accountability-draft-proposal-19aug15-en.pdf	Phase 5 Close Request	The ICANN organization understands AL-ALAC-ST-0615-01-00-EN is ALAC's statement on the Cross Community Working Group on Enhancing ICANN Accountability (CCWG-Accountability) - Proposed Accountability Enhancements (Work Stream 1). The respective public comment period closed on 12 Jun 2015 and this comment was included in that consideration. A Report of Public Comments was released on 19 Aug 2015 (https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-ccwg-accountability-draft-proposal-19aug15-en.pdf) and there is no action for the ICANN Board. This understanding was sent to the ALAC for review on 27 February 2017.
Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)	SAC070	https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/sac-070-en.pdf	SAC070: R-5 Advisory on the Use of Static TLD / Suffix Lists	5/28/2015	Recommendation 5: IANA should host a PSL containing information about the domains within the registries with which IANA has direct communication. Such a PSL would be authoritative for those domains. Such a list should include, at a minimum, all TLDs in the IANA root zone.	Phase 4 Implement	The ICANN organization understands recommendation 5 of SAC070 as directing IANA staff to host an authoritative PSL containing information about the domains within the registries with which IANA has direct communication. This list should at least include all TLDs in the root zone. On 24 June 2017, the ICANN Board accepted this advice and directed the ICANN organization to implement per the ICANN organization's recommendation (https://www.icann.org/resources/board-material/resolutions-2017-06-24-en#2.b).
Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)	SAC070	https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/sac-070-en.pdf	SAC070: R-3 Advisory on the Use of Static TLD / Suffix Lists	5/28/2015	Recommendation 3: To close the knowledge gap between registries and popular PSL maintainers, ICANN and the Mozilla Foundation should collaboratively create informational material that can be given to TLD registry operators about the Mozilla PSL.	Phase 4 Implement	The ICANN organization understands this recommendation to mean that ICANN, in concert with the Mozilla Foundation, prepare educational materials on the Mozilla PSL covering the meaning of the resource and the impact of the resource. On 24 June 2017, the ICANN Board accepted this advice and directed the ICANN organization to implement per the ICANN organization's recommendation (https://www.icann.org/resources/board-material/resolutions-2017-06-24-en#2.b).

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At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)	AL-ALAC-ST-0515-02-00-EN	https://atlarge.icann.org/advice_statements/6491	ALAC Statement on the 2nd Draft Proposal of the Cross Community Working Group to Develop an IANA Stewardship Transition Proposal on Naming Related Functions	5/22/2015	[Public Comment Statement] - As noted within the General Comments: The ALAC is generally supportive of the Draft Proposal. That being said, the ALAC does have a number of critical concerns that will need to be addressed to allow us to fully support the final CWG proposal. As detailed under the comment on section III.A.i.a, the ALAC would prefer an IANA wholly integrated into ICANN, but is willing to accept a compromise of a separate legal entity if the details of its organization and governance are satisfactory. - one very major concern that we believe must be addressed by the CWG, specifically the lack of multi-stakeholder oversight involvement and we will offer guidance as to how this might be addressed; - one area where the ALAC had not yet reached consensus, but we have some concerns over the current direction of the CWG, specifically the Board (or other controlling entity) of the Post-Transition IANA (PTI); and - a number of lesser concerns and requests for clarification. Report of Public Comments: https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-cwg-stewardship-draft-proposal-11jun15-en.pdf	Phase 5 Close Request	The ICANN organization understands AL-ALAC-ST-0515-02-00-EN is ALAC's statement on the 2nd Draft Proposal of the Cross Community Working Group to Develop an IANA Stewardship Transition Proposal on Naming Related Functions. The respective public comment period closed on 20 May 2015 and this comment was included in that consideration. A Report of Public Comments was released on 11 Jun 2015 (https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-cwg-stewardship-draft-proposal-11jun15-en.pdf) and there is no action for the ICANN Board. This understanding was sent to the ALAC for review on 27 February 2017.
At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)	AL-ALAC-ST-0515-01-01-EN	https://atlarge.icann.org/advice_statements/6501	ALAC Statement on the ICANN Draft FY16 Operating Plan & Budget	5/1/2015	[Public Comment Statement] - The ALAC is satisfied with the Budget proposal as a whole, but has one specific item of concern, related to the evolution of support for ICANN Policy Development. - Both the GNSO and the ALAC's activities are essentially funded under the ICANN Policy budget. Policy Development is a Core activity at ICANN. It is this Multistakeholder Policy Development that differentiates ICANN from any other organisation. The overall budget allocated to Policy Development and supporting the SO/ACs, including constituency travel support, is about 11.4 million US Dollars, which is surprisingly less than 10% of total budget for a Core Activity and Key differentiation factor. - The ALAC believes the growth of this budget to be too low. This concern translates directly to concerns about staffing levels. The budget indicates that 16 new staff hires are expected for FY16, yet, none of the hires seem to be in Policy Support. The ALAC forecasts a number of new PDPs, review processes, as well as a potential next round of gTLDs which will only serve to increase the demand on already busy Staff. Its Community of At-Large Structures will soon reach the 200 mark ? translating to a need for increased support of its increased activity. The ALAC is concerned that this need to increase FTEs supporting Policy both in the GNSO and in the ALAC is not currently reflected in the budget and may lead to Staff overwork, Community frustration, and a reduction in Community involvement that risks making long-term evolution of the Multistakeholder model unsustainable. Report of Public Comments: https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-op-budget-fy16-05jun15-en.pdf	Phase 5 Close Request	The ICANN organization understands AL-ALAC-ST-0515-01-01-EN is ALAC's statement on the ICANN Draft FY16 Operating Plan & Budget . The respective public comment period closed on 01 May 2015 and this comment was included in that consideration. A Report of Public Comments was released on 05 Jun 2015 (https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-op-budget-fy16-05jun15-en.pdf) and there is no action for the ICANN Board. This understanding was sent to the ALAC for review on 27 February 2017.

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At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)	AL-ALAC-ST-0315-03-00-EN	https://atlarge.icann.org/advice_statements/6511	ALAC Statement on the GNSO Policy & Implementation Initial Recommendations Report	3/17/2015	[Public Comment Statement] - General Comments: ALAC Generally supports the proposed principles - Working definitions (Section 3): No Comment - Policy & Implementation Principles (Section 4): Note concern when new or additional policy issues are introduced in the implementation process. Public Interest Issues should be referred back to Chartering Organisation. When policy issues involve public interest issues, involve all impacted stakeholder all impacted stakeholders. - Proposed Additional New GNSO Processes (Section 5): Generally supports the introduction of new processes that may be able to deal with some matters in a more appropriate way. Suggest stress testing to understand effect of changes and changes should be reviewed within reasonably short periods to ensure they achieved goal Report of Public Comments: https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-piwig-14apr15-en.pdf	Phase 5 Close Request	The ICANN organization understands AL-ALAC-ST-0315-03-00-EN is ALAC's statement on the GNSO Policy & Implementation Initial Recommendations Report. The respective public comment period closed on 17 Mar 2015 and this comment was included in that consideration. A Report of Public Comments was released on 15 Apr 2015 (https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-piwig-14apr15-en.pdf) and there is no action for the ICANN Board. This understanding was sent to the ALAC for review on 27 February 2017.
At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)	AL-ALAC-ST-0315-02-00-EN	https://atlarge.icann.org/advice_statements/6541	ALAC Statement on the IDN TLDs - LGR Procedure Implementation - Maximal Starting Repertoire Version 2	3/16/2015	[Public Comment Statement] - The ALAC notes that the inclusion of the six scripts added in MSR-2 is expected to benefit several million end-users of the Internet, particularly from Developing Countries. The ALAC also notes that while some of the GPs are seated and active, others have been less active or inactive. - It is important that the IDN program is harmonized (in terms of parameters such as technology dissemination, capacity building and outreach) with the UAI. The ALAC also recommends that the UAI be utilized to ensure better community participation for the IDN program. - MSR-2 is based on Unicode 7, but is limited to the Unicode 6.3 subset. Given the fact that Unicode 8.0 is scheduled for release in 2015, there may be questions from the community on the stability of the contents of MSR-2, particularly if the Generation Panels are to immediately commence their work based on MSR-2. The ALAC recommends that ICANN clarifies the likely impact, if any, of changes to the underlying Unicode standard on MSR-2. - Once MSR-2 becomes operational and provides the basis of LGR-1, and once IDNs start getting registered, it would not be possible to change the once-registered names (or add more PVALID codepoints to the MSR) without causing serious erosion of trust in the global Internet in general and IDNs in particular. The ALAC recommends extensive consultations with end-user and language communities to discuss the MSR-2 recommendations, as these have long-term ramifications. - The ALAC assures its support to the IDN team in stimulating participation of end-user communities. The ALAC would welcome joint activities that involve At-Large Structures in relevant geographies. Report of Public Comment: https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-lgr-procedure-08apr15-en.pdf	Phase 5 Close Request	The ICANN organization understands AL-ALAC-ST-0315-02-00-EN is ALAC's statement on the IDN TLDs - LGR Procedure Implementation - Maximal Starting Repertoire Version 2. The respective public comment period closed on 16 Mar 2015 and this comment was included in that consideration. A Report of Public Comments was released on 09 Apr 2015 (https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-lgr-procedure-08apr15-en.pdf) and there is no action for the ICANN Board. This understanding was sent to the ALAC for review on 27 February 2017.

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At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)	AL-ALAC-ST-0315-01-00-EN	https://atlarge.icann.org/advice_statements/6521	ALAC Statement on the Potential Change to Registrar Accreditation Insurance Requirement	3/12/2015	[Public Comment Statement] - The evolution of DNI programs should adhere to the following principles: Registrant and user rights and expectations must not be lowered in order to increase DNI penetration; education at all levels is key to increasing demand and local suppliers; requirements placed on registrars should be reasonable based on local cost-of-living and related financial constraints; the insurance required for registrars is a real concern for underserved regions; the second round of the new gTLD program should give preference, if not exclusivity, to applicants from underserved regions, with adequate outreach efforts. - In response to the five questions posted in the current Public Comment: 1) Registrant rights must be secured through the CGL insurance or any other mechanism(s); 2) No opinion; 3) If ICANN determines that a permanent fund reserved by ICANN and provided by the registrars based on their transaction volumes for covering any harm caused to registrants is a "best practice," registrants using registrars that do not follow the practice must NOT be disadvantaged; 4) If the CGL requirement is maintained, the \$500,000 limit should be lowered to an amount that the registrar can demonstrate that it would still provide registrants reasonable compensation to cover potential losses; 5) If ICANN decides to eliminate the CGL requirement, it should be applied to all registrars and another mechanism should be put in place to protect registrant and user rights. - The elimination of the CGL requirement could be the best way to support underserved regions to participate in the DNI. Registrant rights must be secured by another mechanism Report of Public Comments: https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-raa-insurance-03apr15-en.pdf	Phase 5 Close Request	The ICANN organization understands AL-ALAC-ST-0315-01-00-EN is ALAC's statement on the Potential Change to Registrar Accreditation Insurance Requirement. The respective public comment period closed on 13 Mar 2015 and this comment was included in that consideration. A Report of Public Comments was released on 03 Apr 2015 (https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-raa-insurance-03apr15-en.pdf) and there is no action for the ICANN Board. This understanding was sent to the ALAC for review on 27 February 2017.
At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)	AL-ALAC-ST-0115-02-00-EN	https://atlarge.icann.org/advice_statements/6531	ALAC Statement on Translation and Transliteration of Contact Information PDP Initial Report	1/30/2015	[Public Comment Statement] As proposed in the Preliminary Recommendation #1, transformation of contact information does not have to be mandatory. However, there should be a provision for it to be maintained in two forms: a mandatory 'canonical' form in the original language, and an optional 'transformed' form after transliteration/translation. The latter should be a close approximation to the original that can be parsed, understood and used by other communities. - All ICANN databases, forms and documents should provide for capturing, displaying, storing and maintaining both the forms. - Registrars should provide Registrants with the option of entering both forms while creating new entries or editing existing entries. - In the intermediate term, transformation & validation of contact information should be taken up through collaborative efforts of Registrars and the larger ICANN community. In order to minimize costs, such transformation should be done using a combination of automated tools, crowd-sourced community efforts where possible, and encouraging Registrants to enhance their own credibility by providing information in English as well. Report of Public Comments: https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-transliteration-contact-initial-19feb15-en.pdf	Phase 5 Close Request	The ICANN organization understands AL-ALAC-ST-0115-02-00-EN is ALAC's statement on Translation and Transliteration of Contact Information PDP Initial Report. The respective public comment/reply period closed on 01 Feb 2015 and this comment was included in that consideration. A Report of Public Comments was released on 20 Feb 2015 (https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-transliteration-contact-initial-19feb15-en.pdf) and there is no action for the ICANN Board. This understanding was sent to the ALAC for review on 27 February 2017.

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At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)	AL-ALAC-ST-0115-01-01-EN	https://atlarge.icann.org/advice_statements/6581	ALAC Statement on the ICANN Draft Five-Year Operating Plan (FY16-FY20)	1/12/2015	[Public Comment Statement] The ALAC proposes the following revision recommendations to the ICANN Draft Five-Year Operating Plan (FY16-FY20): - Include an assessment of the possible impact that the IANA stewardship transition may have in ICANN's operations. - Change the wording to reflect the vision that stakeholder engagement is to be encouraged by the wide ICANN community, not just by the staff. - Include SMART implementation metrics in strategic objectives or goals where fit. - Encourage underrepresented stakeholder groups to engage with ICANN at local, regional, and international levels and to establish metrics that reflect the scope of action. - Change the wording "most" to "all" in the sentence "Comprehensive regional engagement plans and strategies covering most ICANN regions" Report of Public Comments: https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-draft-five-year-ops-06feb15-en.pdf	Phase 5 Close Request	The ICANN organization understands AL-ALAC-ST-0115-01-01-EN is ALAC's statement on the ICANN Draft Five-Year Operating Plan (FY16-FY20). The respective public comment period closed on 04 Jan 2015 and this comment was included in that consideration. A Report of Public Comments was released on 07 Feb 2015 (https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-draft-five-year-ops-06feb15-en.pdf) and there is no action for the ICANN Board. This understanding was sent to the ALAC for review on 27 February 2017.
At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)	AL-ATLAS-02-DCL-01-01-EN	http://atlas.icann.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/ATLAS-II-Declaration-with-appendix-RC9.pdf	The 2nd At-Large Summit (ATLAS II) Final Declaration -- Future of Multi-Stakeholder Models (R-7)	6/26/2014	R-7. A periodic review of ICANN's MSM should be performed to ensure that the processes and the composition of ICANN's constituent parts adequately address the relevant decision-making requirements in the Corporation.	Phase 4 Implement	The Board in its 9 September 2014 resolution acknowledged the Final ATLAS II Declaration: https://www.icann.org/resources/board-material/resolutions-2014-09-09-en#3.e This specific advice item is on-hold pending the outcome of Work Stream 2. The issue has been raised to the Board Organizational Effectiveness Committee. See ALAC workspace for updates: https://community.icann.org/display/als2/ATLAS+II+Recommendation+7
At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)	AL-ATLAS-02-DCL-01-01-EN	http://atlas.icann.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/ATLAS-II-Declaration-with-appendix-RC9.pdf	The 2nd At-Large Summit (ATLAS II) Final Declaration -- At-Large Community Engagement in ICANN (R-37)	6/26/2014	R-37. Additional logistical support from ICANN is needed to improve the At-Large wiki.	Phase 4 Implement	The Board in its 9 September 2014 resolution acknowledges the Final ATLAS II Declaration: https://www.icann.org/resources/board-material/resolutions-2014-09-09-en#3.e ICANN Staff is currently working towards implementing this recommendation by adding staff resources. For more information, see the ALAC Workspace: https://community.icann.org/display/als2/ATLAS+II+Recommendation+37
At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)	AL-ATLAS-02-DCL-01-01-EN	http://atlas.icann.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/ATLAS-II-Declaration-with-appendix-RC9.pdf	The 2nd At-Large Summit (ATLAS II) Final Declaration -- At-Large Community Engagement in ICANN (R-30)	6/26/2014	R-30. For each Public Comment process, SOs and ACs should be adequately resourced to produce impact statements.	Phase 4 Implement	The Board in its 9 September 2014 resolution acknowledged the Final ATLAS II Declaration: https://www.icann.org/resources/board-material/resolutions-2014-09-09-en#3.e The ICANN organization has implemented this advice. The ICANN organization rolled out a Document Development Drafting Pilot Program in FY17. The goal of the Pilot Program is to produce summary documents that will provide the background of each particular Public Comment Proceeding (PCP); analysis of the issues involved in the PCP; and the potential impacts of the PCP on key stakeholder groups. ICANN has to-date released 5 primer documents, which can be found on the ICANN wiki: https://community.icann.org/display/DDDDPP/DDP+%28Document+Development+and+Drafting+Pilot+Program%29+Home .

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Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)	SAC065	https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/sac-065-en.pdf	SAC065: SSAC Advisory on DDoS Attacks Leveraging DNS Infrastructure - R-1	2/18/2014	Recommendation 1: ICANN should help facilitate an Internet-wide community effort to reduce the number of open resolvers and networks that allow network spoofing. This effort should involve measurement efforts and outreach and cooperation in relevant technical fora involving network operators worldwide, but will not have an operational component. ICANN should support this effort with adequate staffing and funding. Such a program should cover at least the following topics: a. Collect, create, and organize material that will assist in the implementation of recommendations 2-5 below. This would include: i. On an annual basis, publish and widely disseminate a report on the number and extent of open recursive DNS servers. ii. On an annual basis, publish and widely disseminate a report on the extent of networks that allow network spoofing. iii. Create and maintain an information portal with links to educational material, to be complemented by ICANN staff and community subject-matter expert contributions. iv. Inform how certain products (e.g., CPE devices) can play a significant role in DNS amplification attacks. v. Publish a regular (at least annual) advisory/report on the state-of-the-art-mechanisms to identify or otherwise prevent amplification and reflection attacks, and ensure that such an advisory/report is widely disseminated in the Internet community. vi. Provide an annual report on the work accomplished. b. Coordinate with the Internet community to popularize and support recommendations 2-5 below. This coordination should include exploration of whether operational requirements regarding open resolvers and the prevention of network spoofing can be incorporated into regulatory compliance frameworks and certification regimes.	Phase 4 Implement	The ICANN organization understands that SAC065 R-1 means that ICANN should help to facilitate an Internet-wide community effort to reduce the number of open resolvers and networks that allow network spoofing. This initiative, which should involve measurement efforts and outreach, should be supported by ICANN with appropriate staffing and funding to promote the recommendations made in SAC065 Recommendations 2-5. On 24 June 2017, the ICANN Board accepted this advice and directed the ICANN organization to implement per the ICANN organization's recommendation (https://www.icann.org/resources/board-material/resolutions-2017-06-24-en#2.b).
Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)	SAC064	https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/sac-064-en.pdf	SAC064: SSAC Advisory on DNS "Search List" Processing - R-3	2/13/2014	Recommendation 3: In the context of mitigating name collisions, ICANN should consider the following steps to address search list processing behavior. a. Commission additional research studies to further understand the cause of invalid queries to the root zone and the significance of search list processing as a contributor to those queries. b. Communicate to system administrators that search list behaviors currently implemented in some operating systems will cause collision with names provisioned under the newly delegated top-level domains. Such communication should complement the current ICANN effort in this area with findings and recommendations from this report.	Phase 4 Implement	The ICANN organization understands that SAC064 R-3 means that the SSAC recommends that in the context of mitigating name collisions, ICANN should consider the following steps to address search list processing behavior: a. ICANN should consider whether to commission additional studies to further understand the cause of invalid queries to the root zone and the significance of search list processing as a contributor to those queries. b. ICANN should communicate to system administrators that search list behaviors currently implemented in some operating systems will cause collision with names delegated as new gTLDs from the 2012 application round for the New gTLD Program. On 24 June 2017, the ICANN Board accepted this advice and directed the ICANN organization to implement per the ICANN organization's recommendation (https://www.icann.org/resources/board-material/resolutions-2017-06-24-en#2.b).

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Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)	SAC064	https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/sac-064-en.pdf	SAC064: SSAC Advisory on DNS "Search List" Processing - R-2	2/13/2014	Recommendation 2: The SSAC recommends ICANN staff to work with the DNS community and the IETF to encourage the standardization of search list processing behavior. Such an effort should begin with ICANN staff submitting an Internet-Draft to the IETF, and advocating for its standardization within the IETF process. The effort should update RFC 1535 and other applicable RFCs to address the Findings and Recommendations in this document.	Phase 4 Implement	The ICANN organization understands that SAC064 R-2 means that the SSAC recommends that ICANN organization work with the DNS community and the IETF to encourage the standardization of search list processing behavior, beginning with the submission of an Internet-Draft to the IETF and advocating for its standardization within the IETF process. Updates to RFC 1535 and other RFCs related to this topic should be included within the Internet-Draft. On 24 June 2017, the ICANN Board accepted this advice and directed the ICANN organization to implement per the ICANN organization's recommendation (https://www.icann.org/resources/board-material/resolutions-2017-06-24-en#2.b).
Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)	SAC062	http://www.icann.org/en/groups/ssac/documents/sac-062-en.pdf	SAC062: SSAC Advisory Concerning the Mitigation of Name Collision Risk	11/7/2013	Recommendation 1: ICANN should work with the wider Internet community, including at least the IAB and the IETF, to identify (1) what strings are appropriate to reserve for private namespace use and (2) what type of private namespace use is appropriate (i.e., at the TLD level only or at any additional lower level).	Phase 4 Implement	On 24 June 2017, the ICANN Board accepted this advice and directed the ICANN organization to implement per the ICANN organization's recommendation (https://www.icann.org/resources/board-material/resolutions-2017-06-24-en#2.b).
Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)	SAC063	www.icann.org/en/groups/ssac/documents/sac-063-en.pdf	SAC063: SSAC Advisory on DNSSEC Key Rollover in the Root Zone - Item 1	11/7/2013	Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) staff, in coordination with the other Root Zone Management Partners (United States Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), and Verisign), should immediately undertake a significant, worldwide communications effort to publicize the root zone KSK rollover motivation and process as widely as possible.	Phase 4 Implement	The communication plan is part of the overall KSK Rollover Project. On October 11, 2017 the new KSK begins to sign the root zone key set (the actual rollover event). See: https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/ksk-rollover .
Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)	SAC063	www.icann.org/en/groups/ssac/documents/sac-063-en.pdf	SAC063: SSAC Advisory on DNSSEC Key Rollover in the Root Zone - Item 2	11/7/2013	ICANN staff should lead, coordinate, or otherwise encourage the creation of a collaborative, representative testbed for the purpose of analyzing behaviors of various validating resolver implementations, their versions, and their network environments (e.g., middle boxes) that may affect or be affected by a root KSK rollover, such that potential problem areas can be identified, communicated, and addressed.	Phase 4 Implement	The test pas is part of the overall KSK Rollover Project. On October 11, 2017 the new KSK begins to sign the root zone key set (the actual rollover event). See: https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/ksk-rollover . On 24 June 2017, the ICANN Board accepted this advice and directed the ICANN organization to implement per the ICANN organization's recommendation (https://www.icann.org/resources/board-material/resolutions-2017-06-24-en#2.b).
Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)	SAC063	www.icann.org/en/groups/ssac/documents/sac-063-en.pdf	SAC063: SSAC Advisory on DNSSEC Key Rollover in the Root Zone - Item 5	11/7/2013	ICANN staff should lead, coordinate, or otherwise encourage the collection of as much information as possible about the impact of a KSK rollover to provide input to planning for future rollovers.	Phase 4 Implement	The communication plan is part of the overall KSK Rollover Project. On October 11, 2017 the new KSK begins to sign the root zone key set (the actual rollover event). See: https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/ksk-rollover . On 24 June 2017, the ICANN Board accepted this advice and directed the ICANN organization to implement per the ICANN organization's recommendation (https://www.icann.org/resources/board-material/resolutions-2017-06-24-en#2.b).
Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)	SAC061	https://www.icann.org/en/groups/ssac/documents/sac-061-en.pdf	SAC061: R-2 SSAC Comment on ICANN's Initial Report from the Expert Working Group on gTLD Directory Services	9/6/2013	The ICANN Board should ensure that a formal security risk assessment of the registration data policy be conducted as an input into the Policy Development Process.	Phase 3 Evaluate & Consider	ICANN received SSAC's approval of understanding and is in the process of evaluating the advice. The ICANN organization understands SAC061 Recommendation 2 to mean that the ICANN Board should ensure that a formal risk assessment is completed and available for the PDP working group to consider before the PDP is finalized and moved to implementation. This understanding was sent to the SSAC on 6 June 2017

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Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)	SAC060	http://www.icann.org/en/groups/ssac/documents/sac-060-en.pdf	SAC060: Active Variant TLDs (9 of 14)	7/23/2013	ICANN must ensure that Emergency Back-End Registry Operator (EBERO) providers support variant TLDs, and that parity exists for variant support in all relevant systems and functions associated with new TLD components.	Phase 4 Implement	Implementation of this specific advice item is underway and part of Project 7. Additionally, a public comment was opened on Guidelines for the Implementation of Internationalized Domain Names 4.0 on 3 March 2017. The public comment period closed on 2 May 2017, and an ICANN organization report is expected on 9 August 2017 (https://www.icann.org/public-comments/idn-guidelines-2017-03-03-en). All EBERO providers support variant TLDs; there is parity for variant support in all relevant systems and functions. Please see the following links for more information on both IDN Variants and EBERO, including the EBERO Agreement, which stipulates requirements regarding IDN variants: EBERO Resources: - Resource page: https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/ebero-2013-04-02-en IDN Resources: - https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/idn-2012-02-25-en - https://community.icann.org/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=56144675
Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)	SAC060	http://www.icann.org/en/groups/ssac/documents/sac-060-en.pdf	SAC060: Active Variant TLDs (8 of 14)	7/23/2013	A process should be developed to activate variants from allocatable variants in LGR.	Phase 4 Implement	ICANN agrees with this recommendation and the entire Project 7 of the IDN Variant TLD Program is dedicated to developing the processes to handle variant mechanisms, including the life cycle of a variant label. Implementation of this specific advice item is in progress and is part of project 7. Considerable work has been underway on IDNs and IDN variants. Including: IDN Implementation Guidelines: The public comment period on the Internationalized Domain Name (IDN) Implementation Guidelines Version 4.0 opened on 3 March 2017 and closed on 2 May 2017. An ICANN organization report is expected on 9 August 2017 (https://www.icann.org/public-comments/idn-guidelines-2017-03-03-en). Label Generation Rules for the Root Zone: The public comment period on Version 2 of the LGR Rules for the Root Zone opened on 6 June 2017 and closed on 24 July 2017. An ICANN organization report is expected on 11 August 2017 (https://www.icann.org/public-comments/rz-lgr-2-2017-06-06-en).
Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)	SAC060	http://www.icann.org/en/groups/ssac/documents/sac-060-en.pdf	SAC060: Active Variant TLDs (4 of 14)	7/23/2013	ICANN should coordinate and encourage adoption of these rules at the second and higher levels as a starting point by: - Updating the IDN Implementation Guidelines; - Maintaining and publishing a central repository of rules for second-level domain labels (2LDs) for all Top Level Domains (TLDs); and - Conducting specific training and outreach sessions	Phase 4 Implement	ICANN agrees with these recommendations. Implementation of this specific advice item is in progress, and there is an active working group that is working on the next version of IDN implementation guidelines as well as on second-level label generation rules (LGRs). The public comment period on the Internationalized Domain Name (IDN) Implementation Guidelines Version 4.0 opened on 3 March 2017 and closed on 2 May 2017. An ICANN organization report is expected on 9 August 2017 (https://www.icann.org/public-comments/idn-guidelines-2017-03-03-en).

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Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)	SAC060	http://www.icann.org/en/groups/ssac/documents/sac-060-en.pdf	SAC060: Active Variant TLDs (3 of 14)	7/23/2013	ICANN should concentrate foremost on the rules for the root zone (versus rules for TLD registry operators).	Phase 4 Implement	ICANN agrees with this recommendation, which is implemented by the IDN Label Generation Ruleset for the Root Zone (LGR) procedure. On 6 June 2017, a public comment period opened on Version 2 Label of the Label Generation Rules for the Root Zone (RZ-LGR-2). The period closed on 24 July 2017, and an ICANN organization report was published on 1 August 2017 (https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-rz-lgr-2-01aug17-en.pdf). Root Zone Label Generation Rules 2.0 (RZ-LGR-2) is now available, covering Arabic, Ethiopic, Georgian, Khmer, Lao and Thai scripts: https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/root-zone-lgr-2015-06-21-en .
Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)	SAC060	http://www.icann.org/en/groups/ssac/documents/sac-060-en.pdf	SAC060: Active Variant TLDs (2 of 14)	7/23/2013	ICANN must maintain a secure, stable, and objective process to resolve cases in which some members of the community (e.g., an applicant for a TLD) do not agree with the result of the Label Generation Rules (LGR) calculations.	Phase 4 Implement	Each release of the integrated IDN Label Generation Ruleset for the Root Zone (LGR) will be open to public comments prior to publication. In addition, the LGR process has been further detailed to allow for a script community to submit additional revisions of MSR and LGR, which can then be reviewed. Additionally, recently two public comment periods closed that dealt with LGR and IDN issues: Label Generation Rules for the Root Zone Version 2 (RZ-LGR-2): https://www.icann.org/public-comments/rz-lgr-2-2017-06-06-en IDN Implementation Guidelines (v4.0): https://www.icann.org/public-comments/idn-guidelines-2017-03-03-en
Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)	SAC059	http://www.icann.org/en/groups/ssac/documents/sac-059-en.pdf	SAC059: R-1 Interdisciplinary studies of security and stability implications from expanding the root zone	4/18/2013	The SSAC recommends those issues that previous public comment periods have suggested were inadequately explored as well as issues related to cross-functional interactions of the changes brought about by root zone growth should be examined.	Phase 4 Implement	Issues related to the expansion of the root zone have been/are being considered through other means, including Name Collision and DNSSEC roll over. Other reports on the expansion of the root zone include: - Scaling the Root Report on the Impact on the DNS Root System of Increasing the Size and Volatility of the Root Zone: https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/root-scaling-study-report-31aug09-en.pdf - Summary of the Impact of Root Zone Scaling: https://archive.icann.org/en/topics/new-gtlds/summary-of-impact-root-zone-scaling-06oct10-en.pdf - Impact on Root Server Operations and Provisioning Due to New gTLDs: http://newgtlds.icann.org/en/about/historical-documentation/root-scaling-27jun12-en.pdf - Continuous Data Driven Analysis of Root Server System Stability Study Plan (Public Comment): https://www.icann.org/public-comments/cdar-study-plan-2015-12-02-en ICANN continues to work to address the issues identified in SAC059.

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Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)	SAC059	http://www.icann.org/en/groups/ssac/documents/sac-059-en.pdf	SAC059: R-2 Interdisciplinary studies of security and stability implications from expanding the root zone	4/18/2013	The SSAC believes the use of experts with experience outside of the fields on which the previous studies relied would provide useful additional perspective regarding stubbornly unresolved concerns about the longer-term management of the expanded root zone and related systems.	Phase 4 Implement	Issues related to the expansion of the root zone have been/are being considered through other means, including Name Collision and DNSSEC roll over. Other reports on the expansion of the root zone include: - Scaling the Root Report on the Impact on the DNS Root System of Increasing the Size and Volatility of the Root Zone: https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/root-scaling-study-report-31aug09-en.pdf - Summary of the Impact of Root Zone Scaling: https://archive.icann.org/en/topics/new-gtlds/summary-of-impact-root-zone-scaling-06oct10-en.pdf - Impact on Root Server Operations and Provisioning Due to New gTLDs: http://newgtlds.icann.org/en/about/historical-documentation/root-scaling-27jun12-en.pdf - Continuous Data Driven Analysis of Root Server System Stability Study Plan (Public Comment): https://www.icann.org/public-comments/cdar-study-plan-2015-12-02-en ICANN continues to work to address the issues identified in SAC059.
Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)	SAC058	https://www.icann.org/en/groups/ssac/documents/sac-058-en.pdf	SAC058: R-3 SSAC Report on Domain Name Registration Data Validation	3/27/2013	The SSAC recommends that the ICANN community should seek to identify validation techniques that can be automated and to develop policies that incent the development and deployment of those techniques. The use of automated techniques may necessitate an initial investment but the long-term improvement in the quality and accuracy of registration data will be substantial.	Phase 3 Evaluate & Consider	ICANN received SSAC's approval of understanding and is in the process of evaluating the advice. The ICANN organization understands SAC058 Recommendation 3 to mean that the ICANN community should seek to identify validation techniques to be used by registrars and registries for validating registration data.
Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)	SAC051	https://www.icann.org/en/groups/ssac/documents/sac-050-en.pdf	SAC051: SSAC Report on WHOIS Terminology and Structure	6/14/2011	R-2 The ICANN community should evaluate and adopt a replacement domain name registration data access protocol that supports the query and display of Internationalized DNRD as well as addressing the relevant recommendations in SAC 003, SAC 027 and SAC 033.	Phase 4 Implement	Implementation of this specific advice item is ongoing. ICANN is determining how to implement the new protocol in the gTLD space. The Registries Stakeholder Group (RySG) has submitted proposals/correspondence to ICANN regarding the registration data access protocol (RDAP) implementation: Initial Proposal, May 2017: https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/correspondence/diaz-to-atallah-03may17-en.pdf ICANN's response, June 2017: https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/correspondence/atallah-to-diaz-16jun17-en.pdf Updated proposal, June 2017: https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/correspondence/diaz-to-atallah-22jun17-en.pdf
Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)	SAC047	http://www.icann.org/en/groups/ssac/documents/sac-047-en.pdf	SAC047: SSAC Comment on the ICANN gTLD Registry Transition Processes Model (2 of 7)	4/15/2011	The SSAC recommends that ICANN preserve operational data about ex-registries. ICANN should define a framework to share such data with the community. Availability of such data will ensure that the registration transition process can be studied and if needed, improved.	Phase 3 Evaluate & Consider	ICANN received SSAC's approval of understanding and is in the process of evaluating the advice. The ICANN organization understands SAC047 Recommendation 2 to mean that ICANN should preserve operational data about ex-registries and should define a framework to share such data with the community.
Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)	SAC046	http://www.icann.org/en/groups/ssac/documents/sac-046-en.pdf	SAC046: Report of the Security and Stability Advisory Committee on Root Scaling (4 of 5)	12/6/2010	Recommendation (4): ICANN should update its "Plan for Enhancing Internet Security, Stability, and Resiliency," to include actual measurement, monitoring, and datasharing capability of root zone performance, in cooperation with RSSAC and other root zone management participants to define the specific measurements, monitoring, and data sharing framework.	Phase 4 Implement	The plan will be updated to include actual measurement, monitoring, and datasharing capability of root zone performance, in cooperation with RSSAC and other root zone management participants to define the specific measurements, monitoring, and data sharing framework.
Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)	SAC045	http://www.icann.org/en/groups/ssac/documents/sac-045-en.pdf	SAC045: Invalid Top Level Domain Queries at the Root Level of the Domain Name System (6 of 6)	11/15/2010	The SSAC recommends that ICANN define circumstances where a previously delegated string may be re-used, or prohibit the practice.	Phase 4 Implement	This advice item requires further policy determination. ICANN will refer this advice to the GNSO for consideration.