

IANA Stewardship Transition Coordination Group Process Timeline

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The IANA Stewardship Transition Coordination Group (ICG) has developed a Request for Proposals (RFP) that seeks complete formal responses from the “operational communities” of IANA (i.e., those with direct operational or service relationships with the IANA functions operator, in connection with names, numbers, or protocol parameters) by 15 Jan 2015. In order to avoid losing time, the ICG will start work on assembling the Draft Response as soon as it receives the first draft responses to the RFP. This document shows the steps that will be taken by the ICG and the Internet community to produce the response for NTIA. This timeline is designed for the transition to take place before the expiration of the IANA Functions Contract on 30 Sep 2015.

The ICG is acutely aware of the challenges presented this transition timeline, and it recognizes that the whole Internet community has a role in the development and review of the response for NTIA. While this timeline is aggressive, every attempt has been made to be flexible and allow all communities to participate effectively.

Step 0: Request for Communities to produce proposals – 8 Sep 2014 to 20 Oct 2014

The ICG is aware that many communities have already begun this work using their own processes. Please provide any requests for clarification by 24 Sep 2014; the ICG will respond to these requests by 20 Oct 2014.

Step 1: Communities Develop Proposals – 8 Sep 2014 to 15 Jan 2015

Communities develop their proposal text. Use of open and transparent processes is strongly encouraged to allow all interested parties to provide input and continuously review progress. The proposal should be sent as soon as it is stable.

Step 2: ICG Develops Draft Response – 15 Jan 2015 to 13 Mar 2015

The ICG will assemble the proposals from the communities, publishing a draft response and, if necessary, a companion analysis document. The ICG will seek review and comments from all communities, the global Internet community, IANA, and NTIA.

In preparation for this step, the ICG will follow discussions in the communities and provide clarifications as the work progresses. As the proposals mature, the ICG will also provide feedback about completeness of the proposals.

Begin testing (Step 4) for any parts of the proposals that are ready. However, the NTIA approval of DNS Root Zone updates will still require NTIA approval, perhaps in parallel to the proposed process for these updates.

Step 3: Review of the Draft Response – 13 Mar 2015 to 15 May 2015

Communities review the strawman proposal, resolving any identified gaps and update their responses based on received comments. Comments from IANA and NTIA are strongly desired.

Step 4: Testing – 13 Mar 2015 to 17 Jul 2015 and beyond

Undertake a test plan and demonstrate that the system can run as proposed. Keep it running in this manner. Until NTIA approves the final response, the NTIA must approve DNS Root Zone updates, perhaps in parallel to the proposed process for these updates.

Step 5: ICG Develops Final Response – 15 May 2015 to 19 Jun 2015

The ICG produces the final proposal.

Step 6: Final Response Review – 19 Jun 2015 to 17 Jul 2015

Final community review of the response is requested. Comments from NTIA are strongly desired.

Step 7: Proposal Delivery – 17 Jul 2015 to 31 Jul 2015

Confirm the community has consensus on the response content. Confirm that testing has shown the proposed system is working. If no concerns are found, the ICG posts the final proposal on its public web site and transmits it to the ICANN Board. The Board sends the final proposal to NTIA without making any changes within 14 days of receiving the proposal from the ICG and makes public any communications it sends to NTIA together with the proposal

Step 8: NTIA Approval – 31 Jul 2015 to 30 Sep 2015

The NTIA receives and reviews the response. The NTIA has not provided any guidance concerning the amount of time that is needed for approval.