Multistakeholder Advice Development

The Policy Development Support Team facilitates bottom-up, consensus-driven processes for advice on global gTLD, ccTLD, and IP address policies.

**At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)**

ALAC expresses the interests of individual Internet end users as part of policy development and in advice to the ICANN Board.

**ALAC Advice Development Process**

1. **IDENTIFY THE ISSUE**
   - Any At-Large community member can bring up emerging issues to ALAC.

2. **SCOPE THE ISSUE**
   - ALAC discusses issues to determine impact on individual users and scope. ALAC determines key elements of its position.

3. **PARTICIPATION**
   - ALAC designates issue shepherds to participate in policy development. Issue shepherds lead drafting of ALAC responses.

4. **ADVICE**
   - ALAC reviews and calls for consensus or votes on final statement.
   - If ratified, ALAC sends advice to ICANN Board.

Learn more about the ALAC [alac.icann.org](http://alac.icann.org)

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**Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC)**

GAC advises ICANN Board on public policy issues, particularly in areas where ICANN policies interact with national laws and international agreements.

**GAC Advice Development Process**

1. **IDENTIFY THE ISSUE**
   - Any GAC member or observer may raise issues for discussion. ICANN Board may also seek GAC advice.

2. **COLLECT MEMBER VIEWS**
   - GAC chair solicits input from GAC members, observers, or working groups.

3. **ACHIEVE CONSENSUS**
   - GAC chair summarizes comments with aim of reaching GAC consensus.

4. **DRAFT ADVICE**
   - GAC members, observers, or working groups contribute to draft advice.
   - GAC reviews advice.

5. **ISSUE ADVICE**
   - If consensus is reached, GAC chair issues communication or other formal written statement to ICANN Board.

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**Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC)**

RSSAC advises ICANN Board and community on matters relating to the operation, administration, security, and integrity of the Internet’s Root Server System.

**RSSAC Advice Development Process**

1. **IDENTIFY THE ISSUE**
   - Any RSSAC or RSSAC Caucus member may propose work item, including requests from ICANN Board, then submits statement of work for RSSAC to consider.

2. **SCOPE THE ISSUE**
   - RSSAC reviews statement of work. If approved, RSSAC creates a work party of either RSSAC or RSSAC Caucus members.

3. **DEVELOP ADVICE**
   - Work party writes draft document, which its leader sends for review until no further comments are received.
   - If RSSAC Caucus has not been involved, RSSAC work party leader may send draft document for its review.

4. **RATIFY ADVICE**
   - RSSAC votes on draft document.

5. **PREVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS**
   - RSSAC may share content with those it might affect.
   - RSSAC may post draft document for Public Comment.

6. **PUBLISH ADVICE**
   - RSSAC publishes approved document.
   - RSSAC tracks and reviews effects of its recommendations.

Learn more about the RSSAC [rssac.icann.org](http://rssac.icann.org)

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**Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)**

SSAC advises ICANN Board and community on issues relating to the security and integrity of the Internet’s naming and address allocation systems.

**SSAC Advice Development Process**

1. **IDENTIFY THE ISSUE**
   - SSAC members, ICANN Board, SOs/ACs, or ICANN org may request SSAC to review issue.

2. **STUDY THE ISSUE**
   - If SSAC agrees to review issue, work party begins draft document.

3. **PRELIMINARY REVIEW**
   - Work party may share draft document with those it might affect.
   - Work party sends revisions to SSAC.
   - SSAC may post draft document for Public Comment.

4. **PREVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS**
   - SSAC reaches consensus on final document.
   - SSAC chair may share final document with relevant parties in ICANN community or ICANN legal.

5. **PUBLISH ADVICE**
   - SSAC publishes approved document.
   - SSAC tracks and reviews effects of its recommendations.

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