

Accountability and Transparency Review Team (ATRT)
Conference Call – Tuesday, 14 September 2010 – 04:00 UTC
Preliminary Report

RT Selectors and Members

(PDT) Peter Dengate Thrush
(LS) Lawrence Strickling
(FC) Fabio Colasanti
(WA) Warren Adelman
(WC) Willie Currie
(BC) Brian Cute, Chair
(CD) Chris Disspain
(EIA) Erick Iriarte Ahon
(OM) Olivier Muron
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Assistants invited by RT Members

(FA) Fiona Alexander
(FG) Feng Guo
(JB) James Bladel

Berkman Representatives

(CN) Caroline Nolan
(UG) Urs Gasser

Supporting Staff

(AJ) Alice Jansen

The Accountability and Transparency Review Team (ATRT) undertook the following:

a) Working Groups' templates

The ATRT reiterated that the template produced by WG2 - <http://icann.org/en/reviews/affirmation/wg2-summary-05sep10-en.pdf> constitutes a solid structure and an example to follow.

b) Fact-checking

In light of time constraints, the ATRT Chair urged working groups to identify the required fact-checking in order to draw conclusions and recommendations in a timely fashion.

The Chair underlined the necessity to verify that public input raised by the community has been fully addressed and that the relevant bylaws, processes and ICANN undertakings are included in the respective reports. Once this process completed, working groups ought to compare with the tracking matrix provided by Denise Michel so as to ensure that no existing process is currently dealing with the pinpointed issues.

Working groups' respective universe of issues needs to be identified for the next ATRT call. Members will be expected to report on the status of their fact-checking, their document research, outreach and interviews.

c) (WC) to step down from the Working Group 2

Due to his new functions, Member and Chair of the WG2 – (WC) – will need to step down.

d) Update on WGs' progress

WG1 submitted an enquiry to ensure that all transparency material is being covered. It also signaled that it was currently conducting preliminary work on the formulation of its questions.

The Chair of the WG2 reported that the WG was about to start the fact-checking phase.

(BC) took the initiative to put together a document for the WG3 and submitted it to the Review Team Members for their consideration. (BC) will check with WG3 on the owner of this draft period.

The WG4 reported its intention review the Berkman comment on WG4 and to incorporate the RFI responses into their report.

e) Berkman Questionnaires

The Berkman consultants provided staff with an updated draft of their questionnaires and a list of potential interviewees and received comments and suggestions regarding some of the proposed interviewees.

The consultants indicated that feedback from staff regarding the most relevant staffers was still pending and that they have already sent several reminders to ensure receiving the nominations as soon as possible. They also reported that their internal deadline for questionnaires was set for September 25 so as to provide them with sufficient time for data processing.

The Review Team requires that Berkman's input be delivered on September 30 so that the ATRT may begin to draft its recommendations.