Independent Review of the ICANN At-Large Community - Draft Report for Public Comment

Public Comment Input Template

The Executive Summary (Section 1, pages 4-6) offers a brief overview of ITEMS International's work. Please refer to the specific recommendations and relevant sections of the Draft Report for additional details and context about each recommendation.

The purpose of the Public Comment posting is to request community feedback on the Draft Report published by ITEMS International, the independent examiner. The Draft Report can be found at https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/atlarge-review-draft-report-31jan17-en.pdf .

The following template has been developed to facilitate input to this Public Comment. Use of the template is not required but is strongly encouraged to ensure that comments are appropriately captured and quantified. This template provides the opportunity for general input on the Draft Report as well as specific comments by section. Please note that there is no obligation to complete all of the sections - commenters may respond to as many or as few as they wish.

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Recommendation 1: At-Large Members from each region should be encouraged, and where possible funded, to participate in Internet governance / policy-related conferences / events (IGF, RIR ISOC) in their region, and to use these events as opportunities proactively to raise awareness among end-users about the At-Large and the opportunities to engage in ICANN-related activities.

INDICATE YOUR SUPPORT FOR RECOMMENDATION #1 BY SELECTING APPLICABLE OPINION:

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Recommendation 2: At-Large should be more judicious in selecting the amount of advice it seeks to offer, focussing upon quality rather than quantity.

INDICATE YOUR SUPPORT FOR RECOMMENDATION #2 BY SELECTING APPLICABLE OPINION:

Not Sure

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In terms of the principle of quality rather than quality, yes sure but I think it's not considered like that, hitting a number of advices or a quality level. I think it's about what At-Large feels it's accountable to to care about and to have a say to reflect the interests of end users as much as possible.

Recommendation 3: At-Large should encourage greater direct participation by At-Large Members (ALMs) in ICANN WGs by adopting our proposed Empowered Membership Model.

INDICATE YOUR SUPPORT FOR RECOMMENDATION #3 BY SELECTING APPLICABLE OPINION:

Support

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Recommendation 4: At-Large Support Staff should be more actively involved in ALM engagement in policy work for the ALAC, drafting position papers and other policy related work.

INDICATE YOUR SUPPORT FOR RECOMMENDATION #4 BY SELECTING APPLICABLE OPINION:

Not Sure

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Recommendation 5: At-Large should redouble efforts to contribute to meetings between ICANN Senior Staff and Executives, ISOC (and other international I* organisations) to engage in joint strategic planning for cooperative outreach.

INDICATE YOUR SUPPORT FOR RECOMMENDATION #5 BY SELECTING APPLICABLE OPINION:

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Recommendation 6: Selection of seat 15 on ICANN Board of Directors. Simplify the selection of the At-Large Director. Candidates to self-nominate. NomCom vets nominees to produce a slate of qualified candidates from which the successful candidate is chosen by random selection.

INDICATE YOUR SUPPORT FOR RECOMMENDATION #6 BY SELECTING APPLICABLE OPINION:

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Recommendation 7: At-Large should abandon existing internal Working Groups and discourage their creation in the future, as they are a distraction from the actual policy advice role of At-Large.

INDICATE YOUR SUPPORT FOR RECOMMENDATION #7 BY SELECTING APPLICABLE OPINION:

It depends

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Of course the existing internal WGs wouldn't be created pointlessly , so I don't see it's reasonable to abandon them unless they finished their work , but it's logical to modify the policy of creating new WGs if it's been noted by the At-Large leaders and staff that these groups had distracted the main goal of At-Large.

Recommendation 8: At-Large should use social media much more effectively to gather end user opinions (Twitter poll/Facebook polls, etc).

INDICATE YOUR SUPPORT FOR RECOMMENDATION #8 BY SELECTING APPLICABLE OPINION:

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Strongly support as the existence of At-Large in social media is quite poor specially for its At-Large purposes and type of audiences or targeted people (end users) .

Recommendation 9: At-Large should consider the appointment of a part time Web Community Manager position. This member of the support staff could either be recruited, or a member of the current staff could be specially trained.

INDICATE YOUR SUPPORT FOR RECOMMENDATION #9 BY SELECTING APPLICABLE OPINION:

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Recommendation 10: Consider the adoption and use of a Slack-like online communication platform. An instant messaging-cum-team workspace (FOSS) alternative to Skype/Wiki/ website/mailing list.

INDICATE YOUR SUPPORT FOR RECOMMENDATION #10 BY SELECTING APPLICABLE OPINION:

Not Sure

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The communication definitely needs to be improved but also needs to be within an integrated platform with the website or wiki space that offers customized services for the community members. But an additional separate platform just increases the distribution of the resources and less use and focus from the members, I guess. I would suggest more work on enhancing the website or wiki space so that each account can manage its interest and receive alerts and reminders of meetings related to the WGs s/he is a member or is interested in and with (To Do list) tab for the related policies that needs comment ,for example, and with a unified central DB for all the resources related to the WG and the important announcement sent on the mailing lists. Although the mailing lists still the main irreplaceable way for communication, they are normally destructing when a long discussion is running and community members may miss important notes, deadlines, or calls.

Recommendation 11: At-Large should replace 5-yearly global ATLAS meetings with an alternative model of annual regional At-Large Meetings.

INDICATE YOUR SUPPORT FOR RECOMMENDATION #11 BY SELECTING APPLICABLE OPINION:

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Of course it's preferable to be in close periods but there must be many challenges, so I think biannual meetings is also a good alternative.

Recommendation 12: As part of its strategy for regional outreach and engagement, At-Large should put a high priority on the organisation of regional events. The five RALOs should, as part of their annual outreach strategies, continue to partner with well-established regional events involved in the Internet Governance ecosystem. CROPP and other funding mechanisms should be provided to support the costs of organisation and participation of At-Large members.

INDICATE YOUR SUPPORT FOR RECOMMENDATION #12 BY SELECTING APPLICABLE OPINION:

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Recommendation 13: Working closely with ICANN's Regional Hubs and regional ISOC headquarters, At-Large should reinforce its global outreach and engagement strategy with a view to encouraging the organisation of Internet Governance Schools in connection with each At-Large regional gathering.

INDICATE YOUR SUPPORT FOR RECOMMENDATION #13 BY SELECTING APPLICABLE OPINION:

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Recommendation 14: In the interests of transparency, all At-Large travel funding should be published as a "one stop shop" contribution to the At-Large webpage.

INDICATE YOUR SUPPORT FOR RECOMMENDATION #14 BY SELECTING APPLICABLE OPINION:

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Recommendation 15: At-Large should be involved in the Cross-Community Working Group on new gTLD Auction Proceeds and initiate discussions with the ICANN Board of Directors with a view gaining access to these funds in support of the At-Large Community.

INDICATE YOUR SUPPORT FOR RECOMMENDATION #15 BY SELECTING APPLICABLE OPINION:

Not Sure

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Recommendation 16: Adopt a set of metrics that are consistent for the entire At-Large Community to measure the implementation and impact of the EMM and track the continuous improvement of the At-Large Community.

INDICATE YOUR SUPPORT FOR RECOMMENDATION #16 BY SELECTING APPLICABLE OPINION:

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Other Comments:

Are there any other comments or issues you would like to raise pertaining to the Independent Review of the At-Large Community Draft Report? If yes, please enter your comments here:

I think this review repositioned At-Large a little bit towards a preferred position as a gate and a passageway for end users to ICANN that can lead them then to GAC or NCSG, ...etc. I think this model is better because it diminish the mix between the objectives of some communities in ICANN like NCUC and I think also that At-Large should take care of all the outreach and the capacity building on behalf of all the ACs/SOs with liaison.

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EMM IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES

Implementation # 1: Adopt the Empowered Membership Model (EMM) as proposed to bring a greater number of end users directly into ICANN policy making processes, and or engaged in At-Large outreach activities (Section 11).

Implementation # 2: Engage more end users directly in ICANN Working Groups by adopting the Empowered Membership Model described in this document (See Section 11).

Implementation # 3: Adopt the Empowered Membership Model described in this document to engage more end users directly in ICANN work. (Section 11).

Implementation # 4: In the Empowered Membership Model individual users will be encouraged to participate in At-Large. Within this context there should be scope for further cooperation with the NCSG (Section 12).

Implementation # 5: Any individual from any region should be allowed to become an "At-Large Member" (ALM). The ALM is what the Empowered Membership Model identifies as the atomic element of the new At-Large model (Section 11).

Implementation # 6: Adopt the Empowered Membership Model which changes the function of RALOs so that they are primarily an outreach and mentoring mechanism for engaging new entrants (Section 11)

Implementation # 7: As part of the Empowered Membership Model, elected RALO representatives become ALAC Members who not only deliberate on advice to the Board but also serve as mentors to newcomers to At-Large. (Section 11)

Implementation # 8: The ALAC Members should have a maximum of (2) terms, each of a 2-year duration.(see Section 11).