ASO AC Transparency Review 2020

RIR Policy Updates:

Due to the COVID19, all 2020 ICANN events were virtual, and ASO-AC didn't participate in any of the events as we have in the past only organised detailed public session to update the ICANN community attending the event in person or virtually.

Even in the absence of any in-person event, It is important that ASO-AC keep the ICANN community informed of the policy discussion happening at the RIRs. Doing a separate session is not required unless there is a major change in the policy and require wider information sharing. An updated ASO-AC slide deck covering the policy updates from all regions can help those community members interested in RIR policies. This can be shared in advance with the ICANN policy team to be uploaded to ICANN event page.

ICANN Board Joint Meeting:

Once again due to all virtual meetings during 2020, ASO-AC, NRO-EC and ICANN Board had no formal meeting. As there was no outstanding issue from the last ASO review to be implemented by AC which we updated to the Board at the last face-to-face meeting during ICANN 66, AC didn't find any other issue to discuss with the Board, NRO-EC had the similar opinion.

For upcoming virtual meetings, a formal message should be shared with NRO-EC to inform if AC has anything to discuss with the Board prior to the meeting and inform the ICANN Policy team, by default there should be no meeting requirement from AC side. This is only applicable to virtual meetings.

ICANN Board Election Process Review

ASO-AC follows the operating procedure for the appointment of ICANN Board Seat 9 and Seat 10. Last year, a collective decision was made to review the Election Process and make changes where required as this hasn't been done in more than a decade. Unfortunately, due to the cancelation of in-person meetings, AC couldn't work on this and was further delayed till we are able to meet again in-person.

Even though it is hard to meet the productivity of in-person meeting, but this work is important and can be divided into multiple smaller tasks to start the discussion in 2021, as we are not likely to meet in-person during 2021 ICANN or RIR events as well.

Please refer to ASO-AC Transparency Review 2019 for all details related "ICANN Board Election Process Review"

Global Policy Procedure Review

Last Global Policy discussion revealed that we need to review our operating procedures along with the ICANN-ASO MoU. This was also agreed by ASO-AC members during the ICANN66 informal meeting and the plan was to start the review process from ICANN67 in-person.

The purpose of the comprehensive review of GPDP is to take an in depth look at the existing procedure as defined in ASO-AC Operating Procedures to:

- 1. Determine if the current GPDP as defined in the operating procedure is in line with the ICANN-ASO MoU (Attachment A).
- 2. Determine whether the GPDP is serving the purpose to facilitate the Global Policy for numbers community.
- 3. Determine if changes are required to improve the effectiveness or clarity of the GPDP as defined in the operating procedures.

This comprehensive review require some additional time commitment and due to the challenges of AC members in various timezones, it was decided to postpone this review until we are able to meet in person.