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## **ASO Information Session**

**Presenting the Draft “RIR Governance Document”**

**ICANN 83 | 10 June 2025**

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# About the ASO AC

## ICANN ASO AC (Address Council)

What is it?	The Address Supporting Organization (ASO) was established by ICANN to advise on Internet number resource policy
How is it organized?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 15 members (3 from each RIR region)</li><li>• In each region - two are elected, one is appointed by the RIR</li></ul>
What does it do?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Advises the ICANN Board</li><li>• Oversees the Global Policy Development Process</li><li>• Appoints two members to the ICANN Board (seats 9 &amp; 10)</li><li>• Appoints one member to the ICANN Nominating Committee</li></ul>

## 2025 Address Council Members



Kevin Blumberg\*  
(ARIN)



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# **ICP-2 Review**

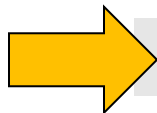
## **Background Information, Process and Timeline**

## What is ICP-2?

- Internet Coordination Policy 2
- Document that provides criteria for recognizing new RIRs
  - Examples
    - Sufficiently large proposed service region
    - Support of local numbering community
    - Technical capability
- <https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/new-rirs-criteria-2012-02-25-en>

## ICP-2 Timeline (New RIRs under ICP-2)

1992	RIPE NCC established
1993	APNIC established
1997	ARIN established
1998	ICANN established
2001	ICANN adopted ICP-2
2002	LACNIC established
2005	AfriNIC established



## Why revisit ICP-2?

- ICP-2 is nearly 25 years old
  - The Internet has changed over the last quarter century
  - The relationships between RIRs and ICANN and between each other have changed
- Need to more explicitly provide for
  - An RIR's ongoing responsibilities
  - Potential derecognition of an RIR that can no longer adequately provide for the needs of its numbering community

## ICP-2 Review Project

On 25 October 2023, the NRO EC\* asked the ASO AC to help with two tasks aimed at strengthening the RIR system:

- (1) **ICP-2 Implementation Procedures:** Review and advise the NRO EC on its draft procedures for validating and addressing ongoing RIR compliance with ICP-2 (“Implementation Procedures”)
- (2) **Strengthen ICP-2:** Revise ICP-2 to make the RIR system more accountable to the Internet community

\*Read more about the NRO EC at: <https://www.nro.net/about/executive-council/>

## ICP-2 Review Timeline

(Principles Document and Consultation)

8 Oct 2024

ASO AC published a proposed set of 24 “core principles” to be included in the next version of ICP-2 (“**Principles Document**”)

8 Oct – 6 Dec 2024

Public consultation on the ICP-2 Principles Doc

Dec 2024 – Feb 2025

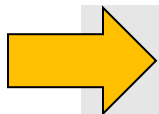
ASO AC reviewed community feedback on ICP-2 Principles Document received during public consultation

24 Feb 2025

ASO AC published ICP-2 Questionnaire Summary Report (“**ICP-2 Principles Consultation Report**”)

14 April 2025

ASO AC published draft “**RIR Governance Document**” and launched community consultations



# **Proposed Principles to Update ICP-2 (*completed*)**

## Core Principles and Consultation

The ASO AC drafted proposed principles that would form the basis of updating ICP-2. The principles were shared with the RIR and ICANN communities for feedback from 8 October to 6 December 2024.

**ICANN Public Comment:** 14 responses received

**RIR Questionnaire:** 298 responses received

The responses were analysed, and a summary report of the RIR Questionnaire was published in February 2025. Input from both processes was used to inform the drafting of the document.

# ICP-2 Principles Consultation Report



<https://www.nro.net/policy/internet-coordination-policy-2/icp-2-principles-questionnaire-report-and-data/>

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# **Introducing the Draft “RIR Governance Document”**

Governance Document for the Recognition, Maintenance, and  
Derecognition of Regional Internet Registries

# Draft “RIR Governance Document”



<https://www.nro.net/policy/internet-coordination-policy-2/rir-governance-document/>

The draft “RIR Governance Document” represents a comprehensive update to ICP-2, introducing detailed governance structures, operational requirements, and procedures for the full lifecycle management of RIRs, all developed through extensive community consultation. The draft document:

- Clarifies scope and lifecycle management
- Formalizes governance structures
- Strengthens operational requirements
- Clarifies roles, responsibilities, and procedures

## Clarified Scope and Lifecycle Management

**Original ICP-2 (2001):** Focused primarily on the criteria for the establishment of new RIRs.

**RIR Governance Document (2025):** Clarifies the scope to encompass the entire lifecycle of RIRs, including:

- **Recognition:** Criteria and processes for recognizing new RIRs.
- **Operation:** Ongoing obligations and requirements for RIRs to maintain recognition.
- **Derecognition:** Establishes procedures for the potential derecognition of RIRs that fail to meet specified criteria.

## Formalization of Governance Structures

**Original ICP-2:** Outlined principles such as neutrality, impartiality, and bottom-up policy development but lacked detailed governance structures.

**RIR Governance Document:** Introduces more detailed governance requirements, including:

- **Member-Controlled Governance:** Majority of an RIR's governing body must be elected by its members.
- **Corporate Governance:** Requires RIRs to adhere to good corporate governance procedures.
- **Anti-Capture Measures:** Requires RIRs to implement controls to prevent any single entity or group from gaining undue influence over an RIR.

## Strengthened Operational Requirements

**Original ICP-2:** Emphasized technical capabilities and the provision of registration services.

**RIR Governance Document:** Expands operational expectations to include:

- **Audit Obligations:** RIRs must undergo regular audits by external and independent auditors to ensure compliance.
- **Transparency:** Requires comprehensive public documentation of governance, activities, and finances.
- **Continuity Planning:** Mandates procedures and redundancies to ensure service continuity, including the ability for another RIR to assume services if necessary.

## Clarification of Roles, Responsibilities, and Procedures

**Original ICP-2:** Provided general guidelines while only implying the roles of various organizations.

**RIR Governance Document:** Clearly delineates responsibilities:

- **RIRs:** Must initially approve any proposal to recognize or derecognize an RIR.
- **ICANN:** Exercises final authority to approve or reject proposals, following consultation with RIRs.
- **Procedures:** Specifies procedures and approval thresholds for proposals.

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# **Consultation**

14 April 2025 - 27 May 2025

## ICANN Public Comment Closed on 27 May 2025

The proposed “Governance Document for the Recognition, Maintenance, and Derecognition of Regional Internet Registries (RIRs)” (“the RIR Governance Document”) sets forth the

- Rules and criteria for recognizing new RIRs
- Operating obligations and requirements of RIRs
- Rules and criteria for derecognizing RIRs

If adopted by ICANN and the RIRs, the RIR Governance Document would supersede and replace the [Internet Coordination Policy 2 \(ICP-2\)](#).

<https://www.icann.org/en/public-comment/proceeding/governance-document-for-the-recognition-maintenance-and-derecognition-of-rirs-14-04-2025/submissions>

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# Clarifications

## Additional Clarifications and Comments

- Does any part of the draft text require further clarification?
- Is there a topic that your group did not reach consensus on when submitting your comment?
- How can we improve the next round of comments?

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# **Community Engagements Planned**

## ASO AC at ICANN 83

Sunday, 8 June

- ASO and ICANN Board, 09:00-10:30

Monday, 9 June

- ASO and At-Large, 10:45-12:15, South Hall 3C
- ASO and RSSAC, 13:45-15:00, South Hall 1

Tuesday, 10 June

- APAC Space, 09:00-10:15, North Hall
- ASO and ISPCP, 13:45-15:00, Terrace 2B
- ASO Information Session, 15:30-17:00, Terrace 2A

Wednesday, 11 June

- Africa Space, 09:00-10:15, South Hall 3 A/B
- ASO and GAC, 11:30-12:15, Forum Hall

## ICP-2 Timeline

### The Draft “RIR Governance Document” Consultation

14 April 2025

- Draft “**RIR RIR Governance Document**” published
- RIR consultations in each region and ICANN Public Comment proceeding launched

27 May 2025

Public consultation closes

9-12 June 2025

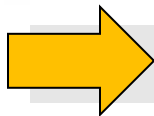
ASO AC will review feedback received

End August /  
September 2025

- The revised “RIR Governance” document will be published
- The next round of consultations will open

Q4 2025

- Final review and revision of updated document
- Begin NRO and ICANN approval and adoption process



## Proposed Timeline

- To publish the amended document by end August - early September
- Have a comment period that spans all RIR Meetings in the second half of the year and ICANN 84
- To work more closely with ICANN stakeholder communities during the preparations for ICANN 84 to ensure that you can work together during the meeting
- Close the public comment shortly after the ICANN 84

## Next Steps

- Working through feedback received from ICANN and RIR consultations during ICANN 83
  - The ICANN report has been published: <https://itp.cdn.icann.org/en/files/public-comment/summary-report-governance-document-recognition-maintenance-derecognition-rirs-06-06-2025-en.pdf>
- Further consultation on amended draft - we will publish the exact timelines once finalised
- Continue outreach with all stakeholders

# Questions?