ASO AC Teleconference Wednesday, 5 November 2025 12:00 PM UTC Minutes

Attendees	Observers	Apologies
APNIC	AFRINIC	-
Nicole Chan (Nicole C.)	Madhvi Gokool	
Di Ma (Di M.)		
Maemura Akinori (Akinori M.)	APNIC	
	Jeremy Harrison	
ARIN	Bhadrika Panchal	
Nick Nugent (Nick N.) – Vice		
Chair	ARIN	
Amy Potter (Amy P.)	Micheal Abejuela	
Kevin Blumberg (Kevin B.)	Hollis Kara	
	Joe Westover	
LACNIC	Nancy Carter	
Ricardo Patara (Ricardo P.)		
Esteban Lescano (Esteban L.) –	LACNIC	
Vice Chair	María Gayo	
Jorge Villa (Jorge V.)	nacho	
RIPE NCC	RIPE NCC	
Constanze Buerger (Constanze	Angela Dall'Ara	
B.)	Ulka Athale	
Hervé Clément (Hervé C.) –	Sander Steffann	
Chair		
Andrei Robachevsky (Andrei	ICANN Org	
R.)	Ozan Sahin (Ozan S.)	
	Andrew McConachie	
Secretariat		
Germán Valdez (Germán V.)	ICANN Board	
Laureana Pavón (Laureana P.)	Alan Barrett	
– Minutes	Christian Kaufmann (CK)	
	Community	
	Chris Quesada	

New and updated action items from this meeting:

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Action Item 251101-2: The Secretariat to set up a teleconference for Wednesday, 17 December at 12:00 UTC to welcome and onboard incoming members of the ASO AC.

Action Item 240605-3: Hervé C. to prepare a new monthly report on the ICP-2 review and send it to the NRO EC for feedback. Hervé will then send the final version of this report to the EC prior to the next NRO EC meeting.

Agenda

- 0. Welcome
- 1. Roll Call
- 2. Agenda Review
- 3. Review Open Actions
- 4. Approval Minutes October 2025
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 - b) Montevideo f2f Meeting Preparation
- 6. 2026 ASO AC f2f Meeting (s)
- 7. ICANN Continuous Improvement Program
- 8. 2026 ASO AC Chair Election Update
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 - b) 2025 Work Plan Activity Review
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- 10.- Reports
 - a) AIS
 - b) LACNIC 44
 - c) RIPE 91
 - d) ICANN 84
- 11. AOB
- 12. Closed Session (if required)
- 13. Adjourn

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Minutes

0. Welcome

Hervé C. welcomed everyone and started the call at 12:00 UTC.

1. Roll Call

Roll call was taken, and quorum was established.

2. Agenda Review

The draft agenda was displayed on screen and accepted as written. It was agreed that no closed session would be needed.

3. Review Open Actions

Action Item 251001-1: The Secretariat to send an email to the group with the schedule of ICANN and RIR meetings planned for the first half of 2026 so that the ASO AC can decide the location/date of their 2026 f2f meeting. **CLOSED**

Action Item 251001-2: Each member of the ASO AC to read through the policy proposals at APNIC and RIPE NCC on Revocation of Persistently Non-functional Delegated RPKI CAs, as well as any other materials we receive regarding other related proposals. **CLOSED**

Action Item 251001-2 was added to AOB.

Action Item 240605-3: Hervé C. to prepare a new monthly report on the ICP-2 review and send it to the NRO AC for feedback. Hervé will then send the final version of this report to the EC prior to the next NRO EC meeting. **ONGOING**

4. Approval Minutes October 2025

Esteban L. called a motion to approve the minutes of the October 2025 ASO AC teleconference, Constanze B. seconded, no opposition was heard so the motion carried.

5. ICP-2

a) Process Update

Hervé C. explained that the consultations in the RIR regions and ICANN are ongoing and will close in two days. Then the AC will meet in Montevideo to analyze the output, draft another report and decide the next steps. Perhaps another consultation will be needed.

Nick N. said that the meeting in Montevideo will be crucial for analyzing the community feedback on v2 of the RIR Governance Document. He believes that the CCG will do their best to predigest these comments, so the AC's work in Montevideo will be to review those inputs and figure out how to respond to them.

Ulka A. confirmed that the CCG has already started compiling all the comments into a Google Sheet. Once the consultation closes, the CCG will start working on classifying those comments based on the article that they refer to, if they refer to a specific section. The CCG is also compiling a spreadsheet with the raw data for anyone who wants to read through it.

Andrew M. observed that he is planning to prepare something similar for the feedback received by ICANN. The full report will not be ready by the Montevideo meeting, but he plans to prepare something so that the AC can use as input.

Hervé C. thanked Ulka A. and the CCG for their work. All thanked Ulka A. for her crucial work.

Hervé C. observed that the way the ASO AC had worked to process the community feedback after the first round of consultations had been very beneficial and suggested working in a similar manner this time.

All agreed to replicate the way the ASO AC had worked in Prague, which was very useful.

b) Montevideo f2f Meeting Preparation

Laureana P. provided an update on the logistics for the meeting, which will take place 12-14 November on site in Montevideo. Daily sessions will be held from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Remote participation will be provided for ASO AC members who are unable to attend in person.

6. 2026 ASO AC f2f Meeting (s)

Hervé C. shared that the idea is to see when and where would be the best location for the ASO AC to have our next meeting. After considering the needs to onboard new members and perhaps additional work on ICP-2, Mumbai might be a good location (ICANN 85). After we decide, Hervé C. will present the proposal to the EC.

Esteban L. agreed that the best option is to meet in Mumbai (the first ICANN meeting of 2026) and perhaps leave a space for a second meeting at another venue if needed (RIR or ICANN meeting).

Kevin B. said that procedures specify the first ICANN meeting as the default meeting place. From a timing perspective, in the next two weeks we will know if there is something that might impact this option or if we can go ahead and meet in Mumbai.

Esteban L. noted that it's important to define the location for the AC's first f2f meeting for budgeting purposes.

After some further discussion, the following action item was decided:

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7. ICANN Continuous Improvement Program

Hervé C. gave the floor to Ozan S, who shared and spoke to a slide deck on ICANN's Continuous Improvement Program (CIP).

Ozan S. explained what CIP is and its origin; its timeline; principles, criteria, and indicators; execution; and implementation of the CIP cycle. He also shared the link to the CIP Framework (https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/cip-framework-02jul25-en.pdf) and asked for the ASO AC to consider how to implement the CIP framework for the ASO.

Hervé C. noted that the ASO has two people working on the Review of Reviews CCWG to think about these things. Also, this request is not for the ASO AC but for the ASO globally, in coordination with the NRO EC.

Ozan S. then answered some questions about the expected timeline for the SOs and other groups to come up with the indicators and the work that some AC members are already doing on the Review of Reviews CCWG:

- The outputs of the CIP cycle would provide input to the broader effort of the CCWG.

- This will be the first time for this iterative process for ICANN SOs and ACs. After the first iteration, we'll provide outputs to this broader group and to the holistic review process.
- Re timeline, the three phases (assessment and prioritization; improvements; reporting) are expected to be completed within three years, but it is up to each SO and AC to decide how long each phase will take (suggestion: one year per phase).

Kevin B. shared his opinion that the ASO AC should not be touching this until we have direct feedback and recommendations from the EC. He likes the new system, but before committing to anything, the ASO AC should wait for direction from the EC.

Hervé C. agreed and will discuss this with the EC.

Alan Barrett also agreed with Kevin B. and said that ICANN should ask the ASO (as a whole), not the ASO AC (part of the ASO) about things that are not explicitly within ASO AC scope.

Akinori M. shared that he and Hervé C. are part of the Review of Reviews Cross-Community Working Group, which has been working on making the principles clear.

Alan Barrett explained that the purpose of the Review of Review CCWG to which Hervé C. and Akinori M. have been appointed is essentially to reimagine the way ICANN does reviews, to take a step back and think about the purpose of the reviews, what we are trying to do and possibly redefine the process. We don't know what the result will be, but it will probably be very different to what is specified now in the bylaws. This group is open to observers.

Akinori M. added that a really fundamental discussion is happening within the Review of Reviews CCWG about the purpose (what is ICANN, what is its supreme goal, and so on). This work is very attractive to him, as he believes that we need to think about what ICANN is. It's very good timing for us to review these things, it's a very enjoyable process and he and Hervé C. will continue to report on the work of the CCWG.

8. 2026 ASO AC Chair Election Update

German V. provided an update about the next ASO AC Chair election process, as the call for nominations will be issued before the December ASO AC teleconference.

- Following the ASO procedures, we are planning to open the call for nomination on 1st December.
- Any member of the Address Council may nominate any other member for the position.
- Self-nominations are allowed.
- Nominations must be seconded by another member.
- A nominated candidate must accept the nomination by posting to the Internal Mailing List no later than 31 December at 24:00 UTC.

During the ASO AC December meeting, the Address Council will establish the day and time of the election.

9. Call for Volunteers

Hervé C. called for volunteers to work on three different tasks. After some discussion, the following volunteers came forward.

- a) Annual Transparency Review: Constance B, Andrei R, Herve C.
- b) 2025 Work Plan Activity Review: Andrei R.
- c) 2026 Work Plan: Esteban L, Andrei R.

It was also decided that if anyone else wishes to volunteer they can do so via email within the next week.

10.- Reports

a) AIS

Andrei R. shared that there had been panel on the AFRINIC situation, governance, and ICP-2. Akinori M. and Herve C. were present and answered multiple questions. Also, another session specifically dedicated to ICP-2 with good engagement with the community, as well as some feedback on the mailing list (several recurring themes we see in other regions). In his opinion, it was a very important meeting, as AFRINIC is not currently at the table working on this.

Akinori M. added that he is happy that AFRINIC now has a board of directors and will appoint a representative to the ASO AC. Community elected members will take more time, but we are now on the road to having three AFRINIC members on the ASO AC.

Hervé C. shared his perception that the African community was thankful for the members of the AC for visiting physically on site. And he also looks forward to having someone from AFRINIC join the ASO AC. He then asked Madhvi G. if there was anything she wanted to add.

Madhvi G. replied that she hopes to receive more comments on the RIR Governance Document before the consultation closes.

b) LACNIC 44

Ricardo P. observed that he had already sent a report about LACNIC 44 to the mailing list, which he prepared along with Esteban L. and Jorge V:

- LACNIC44 took place in San Salvador, El Salvador on 6-10 October, in conjunction with the Latin American Network Operators Group LACNOG.
- As usual, there were tutorials related to IPv6, secure routing, peering and policy development.
- The meeting had more than 700 attendees in person and around 450 participating remotely.
- Presentations focused on network operation, IPv6, security, IA, datacenters, DNS, and other topics, were presented during the LACNOG slots.
- Five policy proposals were presented at the Public Policy Forum, two of them related to IPv4 leasing and some related to resource allocation to individuals.
- The ASO AC presented a general report and overview of the council during the Policy Forum and held an information session about the ICP-2 review process. Several questions were raised at the end of the informative session.
- The next LACNIC meeting (LACNIC45) will take place in the city of Guadalajara, Mexico, om 11-15 May 2026.

Esteban L. added that this was the first LACNIC meeting to be held in El Salvador and was part of LACNIC's plan to go to countries that have never hosted LACNIC events.

c) RIPE 91

Hervé C. shared that Constanze B. has been reelected to the ASO AC and congratulated her.

Constanze B. said she is thankful for her reelection and will give her best to support the community.

She then provided an update on RIPE 91:

- The RIPE meeting was exhausting and interesting.
- First, we prepared a BoF where there were many questions about ICP-2 and intensive community engagement.
- After this session we prepared some output slides which we presented at a final session and also joined the address policy meeting where we also talked about ICP-2.

Andrei R. agreed that it had been a very intense meeting with great engagement. He noted that the BoF report will be integrated in the feedback as usual.

ARIN meeting

Amy P. reported the following:

- ARIN had held its meeting in conjunction with NANOG last week and there were some good discussions.
- The ASO AC representatives gave their presentation on ICP-2, received some good feedback, some questions, similar to what we've seen in other regions.
- ARIN is in our election cycle and voting is ongoing, so next week we'll find out who will be joining us from the ARIN region.

Kevin B. added that an hour had been given to the ASO update, four times longer that usual. Given that this was a compacted meeting, it was good to see that ICP-2 was one of the major talking points.

d) ICANN 84

Hervé C. invited Nick N. to start the report from ICANN 84.

Nick N said he, Esteban L, and Hervé C. had met with a number of constituencies; they presented to the GAC and didn't get as much engagement as we did last time, which shows that we are moving in the right direction. They also presented to the ICANN board, ISPCP, and ALAC.

Hervé C. and Esteban L agreed that it was a very productive meeting, that their interactions with the other constituencies were very important for our process, and that they received some relevant comments which we will discuss in Montevideo.

Ozan S. reminded everyone that all recordings from ICANN84 public sessions are available on the ICANN84 schedule: https://icann84.sched.com/

Finally, CK and Allan Barret provided an update on their work on the ICANN Board and Hervé C. thanked both for their work.

11. AOB

Hervé C. said that he would like to organize a meeting with volunteers to welcome the new members of the NRO NC. He asked that German V. set up a call on Wednesday 17 December at 12:00 UTC. All members of the AC are invited to participate in this meeting.

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Re Action Item 251001-2 (Each member of the ASO AC to read through the policy proposals at APNIC and RIPE NCC on Revocation of Persistently Non-functional Delegated RPKI CAs, as well as any other materials we receive regarding other related proposals), it was decided to close this action item for the moment.

12. Closed Session (if required)

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13. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, Akinori M. moved to adjourn the meeting and Esteban L. seconded the motion. There being no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 13:43 UTC.