

ASO AC Teleconference
Wednesday, 3 December 2025
12:00 PM UTC
Minutes

| Attendees | Observers | Apologies |
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| AFRINIC Saul Stein (Saul S.) APNIC Nicole Chan (Nicole C.) Di Ma (Di M.) Maemura Akinori (Akinori M.) ARIN Nick Nugent (Nick N.) – Vice Chair Amy Potter (Amy P.) Kevin Blumberg (Kevin B.) LACNIC Ricardo Patara (Ricardo P.) Esteban Lescano (Esteban L.) – Vice Chair Jorge Villa (Jorge V.) RIPE NCC Constanze Buerger (Constanze B.) Hervé Clément (Hervé C.) – Chair Andrei Robachevsky (Andrei R.) Secretariat Germán Valdez (Germán V.) Laureana Pavón (Laureana P.) – Minutes | AFRINIC Madhvi Gokool APNIC Bhadrika Panchal Devesh Tyagi ARIN Micheal Abejuela Joe Westover Nancy Carter Eddie Diego Alyssa Quinn LACNIC María Gayo RIPE NCC Angela Dall’Ara Athina Fragkouli ICANN Org Ozan Sahin (Ozan S.) Andrew McConachie ICANN Board Alan Barrett Community Chris Quesada Oscar Robles Deborah Iall | - |

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New and Updated Action Items

Action Item 251203-1: Hervé C. to send the timeline as approved to the NRO EC to confirm their support for two f2f meetings of the ASO AC in 2026 for the purpose of finalizing the RIR Governance Document.

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Minutes

0. Welcome

Hervé C. welcomed everyone and started the call at 12:00 UTC, noting that he was happy to begin a meeting with an AFRINIC representative once again on the ASO AC.

1. Roll Call

Roll call was taken and all ASO AC members were present on the call. 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. Approval of Minutes

a) November 2025 Teleconference

Esteban L. moved to approve the minutes of the November 2025 ASO AC Teleconference with the edits suggested by Hervé C. via email. Akinori M. seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. Review Open Actions

Action Item 251101-1: Hervé C. to write to the EC to propose that the first f2f meeting of the ASO AC will be held in Mumbai (ICANN 85) and leave open the possibility of a second f2f meeting before the end of June 2026 if needed to complete the work on the ICP-2 review. **CLOSED**

Hervé C. explained that the EC is in principle supportive of the request for the ASO AC to hold two f2f meetings in 2026 to complete the work on the RIR Governance Document, but the ASO AC must submit a timeline before obtaining final approval.

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. **CLOSED**

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

5. ICP-2 Update

a) 2026 Timeline

Hervé C. shared a brief report from the Montevideo f2f meeting, a very productive meeting where the ASO AC reviewed all the community input received during the second round of consultations. We had the opportunity to review all community input.

Esteban L. agreed that it was very productive and we are progressing towards a new version of the governance document.

Saul S. asked about the best way for him to get up to speed as to where the AC is with the work on ICP-2.

Esteban L. replied that that Saul S. should feel free to ask the other AC members anything he needs to understand the process that has been done and the next steps in the updating of the governance document.

Andrei R. said they should spend some time on the 17th to get new members up to speed.

Hervé C. then gave the floor to the CCG to present the draft timeline for the remaining work on ICP-2.

Bhadrika P. spoke to the draft timeline for Q4 2025 – 2026.

Hervé C. confirmed that the latest deadline to publish the final version of the RIR Governance Document and its supporting documents is August 2026. It will be a very busy year. The EC has stressed the importance of completing this work in 2026.

Esteban L. added that we will use the ICANN 85 meeting in Mumbai to interact with the other communities and obtain their feedback on the process, which will be very important to socialize the final comments, a type of roadshow of our work and v2 of the doc.

Hervé C. agreed: we are not the owners of the document but the representatives of the community, who are the real owners.

Constance B. called a motion to adopt the timeline as displayed on screen, Esteban L. seconded the motion, no objections or abstentions were heard so the motion carried.

Action Item 251203-1: Hervé C. to send the timeline as approved to the NRO EC to confirm their support for two f2f meetings of the ASO AC in 2026 for the purpose of finalizing the RIR Governance Document.

6. 2025 Work Plan Activity Review

Hervé C. shared that Andrei R. and Constance C. had volunteered to draft the 2025 Work Plan Activity Review.

Constance B. noted that she and Andrei R. need one or two days and will be ready to share it with the AC.

7. 2026 ASO AC Work Plan

Hervé C. noted that Esteban L. and Andrei R. had volunteered to draft the 2026 ASO AC Work Plan.

Esteban L. shared that this is a work in progress and that he and Andrei R. will schedule to finalize the Work Plan now that the time for finalizing the work on ICP-2 in 2026 has been approved.

8. Annual Transparency Review

Hervé C. observed that the volunteers for this task are Constance B, Andrei R, and himself. This is also a work in progress and will be completed and ready to be approved during the first 2026 meeting.

9. 2026 ASO AC Teleconference Schedule

German V. displayed on screen the proposed schedule.

After some discussion, the following was agreed:

- The January teleconference will be held on 14 January 2026 at 12:00 UTC, once we have elected the AC chair.
- The March teleconference date will be kept as a placeholder in case it is needed, even though it is so close to the f2f meeting.
- The October teleconference will be moved to October 14.

10. 2026 ASO AC Chair Election Schedule

German V. explained that he had sent out the call for nominations earlier in the week. He explained that there will be a one-week voting period, and that it's up to the AC to decide the date.

After some discussion, all agreed that the voting period would start on Monday 5 January and remain open for one week. This will give time for the chair to appoint the vice chairs before the next teleconference.

11. 2025 ASO AC Appointments Review

Hervé C. spoke to the appointments the ASO AC had made during 2025, including Review of Reviews CCG of which he and Akinori M. are part. Also, the NomCom representative and ICANN Board Seat 10.

He then shared that last month Ozan S. had presented a request for someone from the AC to be part of the Continuous Improvement Program. He said that he had share this request with the NRO EC and that the NRO EC will discuss this during the December teleconference to decide whether the ASO should participate.

12. ICANN 85 Meeting Prep

Hervé C. said that this topic needs to be discussed and decided today, as it is urgent to prepare our travel plans.

Ozan S. share that registration for ICANN85 is now open and that useful information on hotels and others are available on the event web page: <https://meetings.icann.org/en/meetings/icann85/>

He then shared the block schedule for ICANN 85, including sessions of interest for the ASO (https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1jZhbKTrn2CVX6t_XnVh8WcDOUutfz0b5o7ke5nTumEQ/edit?usp=sharing). He noted that session requests will be accepted after the holidays.

He also noted some potential joint meetings (GAC, AT-LARGE, RSSAC, GNSO BC, GNSO RySG, GNSO RrSG) and asked for guidance from the AC. He mentioned the How It Works session for the RIRs and/or joint meeting with IANA, ASO AC monthly meeting, request from the Review of Reviews CCG chair to meet with the chairs of the SOs and ACs, Prep Week.

Hervé C. said it might be necessary to book a room for the ASO AC to meet physically to work on the RIR Governance Document and that it would be important for ASO AC members to be on site to work from Saturday 7 March until Thursday 12 March.

Athina F. observed that timeline that was approved specified that there will be open sessions in Mumbai. She suggested asking ICANN for a bigger room to accommodate the people who wish to attend the public drafting session.

Esteban L. agreed and added that remote participation should also be available for open sessions. We need to find a balance between our private sessions and our open sessions, but for Mumbai another priority is to interact with the constituencies. We must be open to the full community and be the ambassadors for the process and of the document. It's important to send the invitations to meet with the constituencies so they will understand the process and the work that has been done.

Hervé C. agreed: write to the different constituencies to explain why we want to meet with them.

Andrei R. noted that perhaps one of the open sessions might be the presentation of the work on the RIR Governance Document so far, a global open session for the ICANN community (not so much a drafting session).

All agreed that this is a good idea: a public session for everyone who wants to attend and join our work. We won't have the final document, but we will have an issue list and other things we can share.

Constanze B. suggested that the ASO AC might discuss internally what the expected outcome of this session would be.

Ozan S. noted that they can definitely schedule the “big” meeting, but that he wouldn’t have much hope for a large audience during the ICANN meeting, as other groups will have their own meetings which means that their participation might be limited. Another option would be to have webinar during ICANN prep week (this might attract a larger audience). Also, a room for the ASO AC from Saturday to Thursday might be difficult to secure, but we can request sessions separately and this might work better. He will share the ICANN 85 schedule again with the group by mid December.

Andrei R. added that an open on-site meeting is important. It doesn’t need to be big, but accessible to anyone interested.

Esteban L. agreed: we need to give the community the opportunity to attend, even if they decide not to do so.

13. New ASO AC onboarding session

Hervé C. reminded everyone that the onboarding session for new ASO AC members is scheduled for 17 December.

14. Farewell leaving ASO AC members

Hervé C. thanked Di Ma and Nick N. for their participation on the ASO AC. He said he hopes to meet them soon at various events and that both are very welcome to observe our meetings.

All joined in thanking leaving ASO AC members.

Nick N. said that it’s been a privilege, that they had received a wonderful sendoff in Montevideo, and that he will continue to work on drafting of the document, so we will see each other.

Di Ma thanked all ASO AC members, noting that it had been a pleasure to work with them. He shared how impressed he was with their enthusiasm and commitment to this volunteer work. He takes away great memories and has learned a lot from everyone. He also expressed his hope that the community will continue to benefit from what he has learned during his time on the AC.

At this time, Hervé C. noted that Devesh Tyagi was present on the call and welcomed him.

15. AOB

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16. Closed Session

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17. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, Esteban L. moved to adjourn the meeting and Andrei R. seconded the motion. There being no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 13:16 UTC.