

ASO AC

Workplan 2026

Appointment of the ASO AC Chair and Vice Chairs - January

Following ASO AC Procedures – Appoint the ASO AC Chair. This should be completed prior to the commencement of the January teleconference.

At the January ASO AC meeting, the newly elected Chair shall appoint two ASO AC members to be Vice Chairs.

The Secretariat will update all appropriate mailing lists and notify the NRC EC, as well ICANN and RIR staff, as required.

Workplans and Review – December 2025-January 2026

At the December teleconference:

Call for an AC member to volunteer to prepare the Activity Review of the work that was accomplished during the current year. The draft should be circulated prior to the January meeting for comments and discussion.

Call for an AC member to volunteer to draft the ASO AC Work Plan for the following year. The draft should be circulated in January for consideration and adoption.

Call for an AC member to volunteer to draft the ASO AC Transparency Review. The ASO AC should also have a discussion on what improvements can be made with the transparency of the ASO AC in terms of meetings (full, subgroup/committees), mailing list, etc.

Adoption of the ASO AC Work Plan - January

In January, adopt the work plan for the year. The work plan should have been drafted by a volunteer selected at the end of the previous year.

ASO AC Meetings – All Year

At the January ASO AC meeting, confirm the proposed teleconference and in-person schedule for the year.

If an in-person meeting is to be held, create a schedule based on the forum. These could include information sessions specific to the ASO AC, ICANN board session, PTI session, Global Policy, procedural review, etc.

RIR Meetings – All Year

Provide updates to the RIR community, during RIR meetings, through ASO AC activity reports. The reports should be updated as required through the year.

Formation of the Policy Proposal Facilitator Teams (PPFT) – January

During the January teleconference confirm the PPFT members from each Region.

Review the process to track and define a “global policy”.

Review of ASO AC Material – January to March

At the beginning of the year review the lists of subscribers, update as required for the private lists. ASO AC members should review their personal profiles published on the ASO website.

The profile should include a brief biography including employment and volunteer affiliations.

Review the current ASO AC Operating Procedures and if changes are required, follow the existing procedures for updating the Operating Procedures. Determine if additional review of mailing lists, wiki, website, policies, subscription guidelines, etc. should be done.

Appointments – All Year

ICANN Board Selection

The terms of the ASO appointees for seats 9 and 10 do not end in 2026. This means that in 2026 there will be no Board selection.

Appoint to the ICANN NomCom

The term of the ASO NomCom appointee ends in 2027. This means that in 2026 there will be no NomCom appointment.

Appointment Review

At the end of an appointment term, or in November, if the term is ongoing, the ASO AC should review all the ASO AC appointments made to different ICANN committees and working groups.

The review should address if the appointment is still required and in scope.

Global Policy – All Year

Participate in RIR Global policy process and tracking of ongoing Global Policy Proposals (GPPs) (if any):

The PPFT will help the ASO AC determine if an RIR policy proposal can potentially be a GPP. If so, the PPFT will track the proposal through each region's PDP and produce a report for the ASO AC to help assess if the requirements are met.

End of Year – November

- Have a timeline for the Chair Appointment

End of Year - December

Prior to the end of the year the ASO AC should:

- Set the date and time for the January meeting
- Provide a draft meeting schedule for the following year

ICP 2 Review and RIR Governance Document Drafting Process - All Year

The revision of Internet Coordination Policy-2 (ICP-2) remains a major focus in. The goal is to finalize the “Governance Document for the Recognition, Operation, and Derecognition of Regional Internet Registries” (working title). Key milestones in this work are provided below:

Dates	Activity
January 2026	Analysis of the v2 consultation feedback. Consolidation of the key issues and drafting of amendments.
March 2026	ASO AC in-person meeting at ICANN 85. Onboarding of new members. Presentation of the ICP-2 review to ICANN Communities. Review and drafting sessions.
February-May 2026	Informative sessions on ICP-2 review with the RIR communities at the RIR meetings.
June 2026	Second ASO AC in-person meeting at ICANN 86. Final review and drafting sessions.
July-August 2026	Work on the final draft.
September-October 2026	Presentation of the final draft to the RIR communities at the RIR meetings.
November 2026	Preparations for the ICANN and NRO approval process.