



# Accountability & Transparency Review Team (ATRTR)

*Draft Proposed  
Recommendations*



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# Board Governance, Performance & Composition

1. ICANN should establish [...] formal mechanisms for identifying the collective skill set required by the ICANN Board [...].
2. Recognising the work of the Board Governance Committee on Board training and skills building, the Board should reinforce and review on a regular basis, [...] the training and skills building programmes.
3. Subject to the caveat that all deliberations and decisions about candidates must remain confidential, (as soon as possible but no later than the 2012 selection process,) increase the transparency of the Nominating Committee's deliberations and decision-making process [...]

# Board Governance, Performance & Composition

4. Building on the work already done, continue to expedite reforms to Board meetings and work practices.
5. [...] expeditiously implement the compensation scheme for Board Directors.
6. Clarify, [...] which issues are considered at Board level in order to improve visibility among stakeholders of the work the Board undertakes in steering ICANN's activities.
7. Develop complementary mechanisms for consultation with SOs and ACs on policy issues that will be addressed at Board level.

# Board Governance, Performance & Composition

8. Promptly publish all appropriate materials related to decision-making processes – [...]. The redaction of materials should be kept to a minimum, [...].
9. Produce and publish a document, [...] that clearly defines the limited set of circumstances where materials may be redacted and that articulates the risks (if any) associated with publication of materials. [...]
10. Publish a detailed explanation at the conclusion of each decision-making process [...].

# Role & Effectiveness of the GAC & its interaction with the Board

11. The Board and the GAC, [...] need to clarify what constitutes GAC “advice” under the Bylaws and the Board needs to exercise more discipline in asking for GAC advice on public policy issues.
12. ICANN should, [...] establish a more formal, documented process [...].
13. The Board and the GAC need to work together to have the GAC advice provided and considered on a more timely basis. [...]

# Role & Effectiveness of the GAC & its interaction with the Board

14. The Board, working with the GAC, needs to develop and implement a process to engage the GAC earlier in the policy development process.
15. The Board and the GAC should jointly develop and implement actions to ensure that the GAC is fully informed as to the policy agenda at ICANN and that ICANN policy staff is aware of and sensitive to GAC concerns. [...]
16. The Board should endeavor to increase the level of support and commitment of governments to the GAC process.

# Public Input Processes & PDP

17. The Board should, [...] direct the adoption of public Notice and Comment processes that are stratified [...] and prioritized.
18. Public notice and comment processes should provide for both distinct “Comment” cycle and a “Reply Comment” comment cycle that allows Community respondents to address and rebut arguments raised in opposing parties’ Comments.
19. Timelines for public Notice and Comment should be reviewed and adjusted [...] to provide adequate opportunity for meaningful and timely comment. Comment and Reply Comment periods should be of a fixed duration.



# Public Input Processes & PDP

20. [...] The Board should, in publishing decisions [...] adopt the practice of articulating the basis for its decision and identify the public comment that was persuasive in reaching its decision.
21. The Board should ensure that access to and documentation within the PDP processes and the public input processes are, to the maximum extent feasible, provided in multi-lingual manner.
22. The Board should publish its decisions in a multi-lingual manner to the maximum extent feasible.

# Public Input Processes & PDP

23. [...] The ATRT recommends that the Board consider adopting a template or checklist that can accompany documentation for Board decisions that certifies what inputs have been accounted for and are included for consideration by the Board.
24. The Board should ensure that forecasted ICANN work programs should be published and regularly updated to facilitate public input and effective and timely policy development.

# Review mechanism(s) for Board Decisions

25. [...]The ICANN Board should implement Recommendation 2.7 of the 2009 Improving Institutional Confidence Implementation [...].
26. The operations of the Office of Ombudsman should be assessed and, to the extent they are not, should be brought into compliance with the relevant aspects of internationally recognized standards for an Ombudsman function [...].
27. [...] the standard for Reconsideration requests should be clarified with respect to how it is applied and whether the standard covers all appropriate grounds for using the Reconsideration mechanism.

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28. [...] the Board [...] should adopt a standard timeline and format for Reconsideration Requests and Board reconsideration outcomes that clearly identifies the status of deliberations [...]
29. The Committee of Independent Experts should also look at the mechanisms in Recommendation 2.8 and [...] 2.9 of the IIC.
30. ICANN should establish a regular schedule of internal review (distinct from the AoC review [...]) to ensure that transparency and accountability performance is maintained [...].

# Draft Proposed Recommendation for Public Comment

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# Q & A

## Open floor



Thank You

