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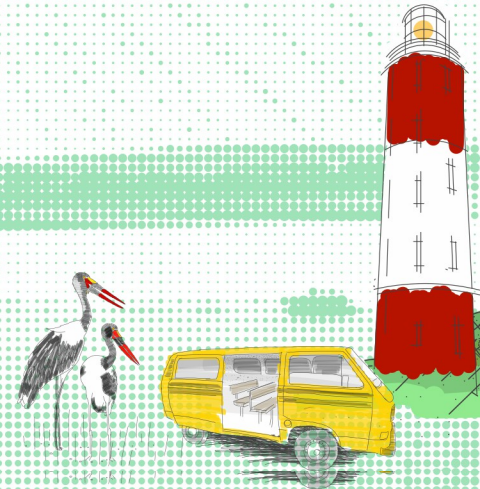
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ASO Review Information Session

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Background





Why?

Section 4.4 of the ICANN bylaws:

- *The Board shall cause a periodic review of the performance and operation of each Supporting Organization by an entity or entities independent of the organization under review.*



How?

Section 8 of the ASO MoU with ICANN:

- *With reference to the provisions of Article 4 of the ICANN Bylaws, the NRO shall provide its own review mechanisms*



Objectives

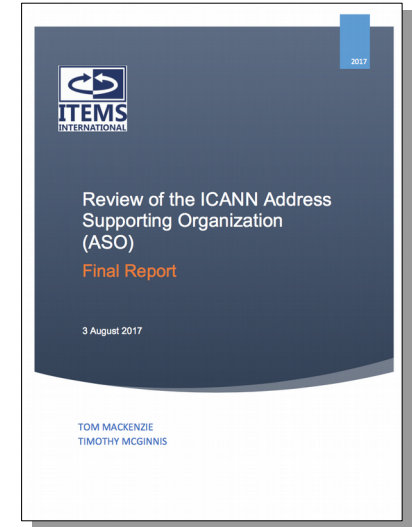
1. To determine whether the ASO has a continuing purpose in the ICANN structure.
2. If so, whether any change in structure or operations is desirable to improve its effectiveness.
3. Whether the ASO is accountable to its constituencies and stakeholder groups.



ASO Review Update

- First Review Completed in 2012
- Second Review Completed in 2017

What Next?



2017	2018
RIR Meetings - Consultations during: LACNIC, APNIC, ARIN, AFRINIC, RIPE	RIR Meetings - Consultations (TBC) ICANN and RIRs - Updates to ICANN Bylaws and ASO-MoU?

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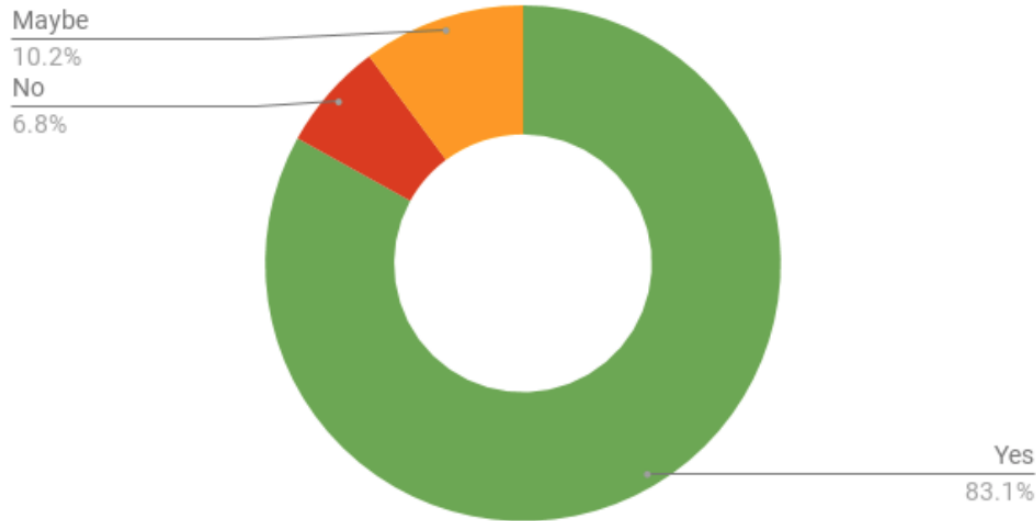


ASO Review Methodology

- F2F interviews and online survey during 2 ICANN meetings and 5 RIR meetings
- Responses from all regions and multiple stakeholder groups

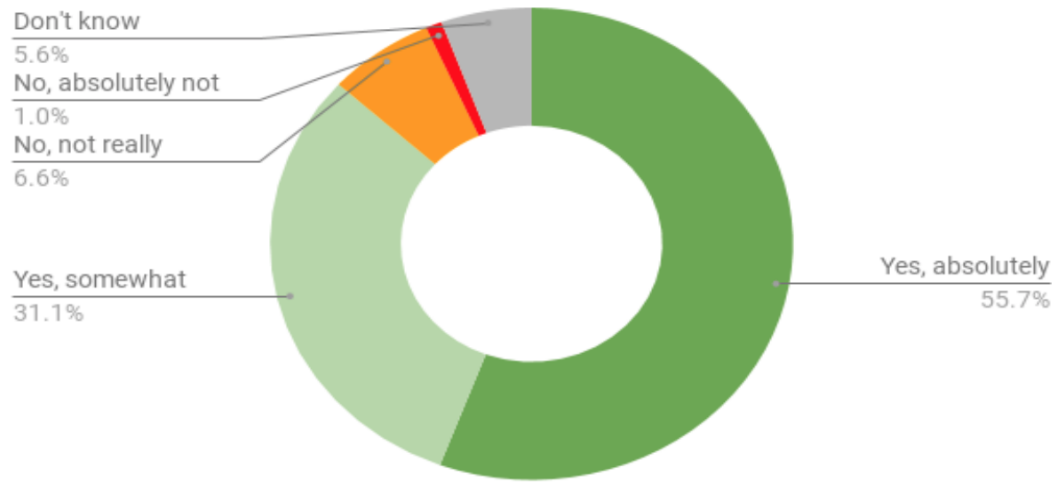
ASO Review – Survey

Does the ASO have a continuing purpose in the ICANN Structure?



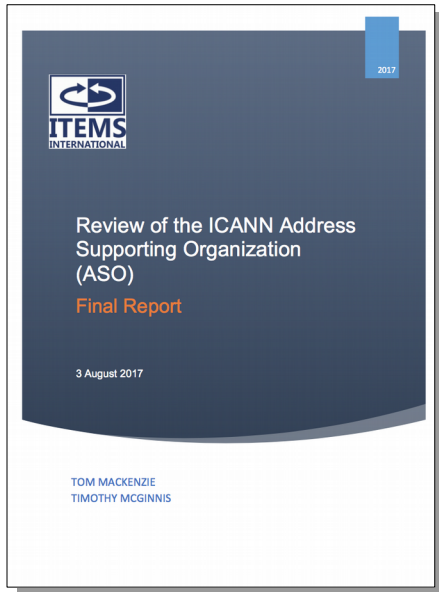
ASO Review – Survey

Does the ASO operate in a manner that is accountable to the Number community?



ASO Review – Findings

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1. The ASO is one of the lesser-known Supporting Organisations within ICANN; yet it is one of the better-organised and efficient parts of the ICANN system.
2. There is considerable misunderstanding about scope and separate roles of the ASO-AC and the NRO-EC.
3. The ASO MoU has stood the test of time. However, certain aspects of the ASO MoU need to be updated.

ASO Review – Recommendations 1 - 17

	For NRO	For ICANN	For ICANN & NRO	For ASO-AC
Review Mechanism	Clarify review process	Clarify that NRO conducts ASO review		
Global Policy Process	Single authoritative description			Clarification of processes
ASO-MoU			Update the ASO-MoU	
Other	Website updates			Term limits for Chairs, other



Recommendation #18

Recommendation # 18 : The NRO should initiate a public consultation, involving the five RIR communities, to determine the future structure of the ASO.

The NRO has not formally started that process, but AFRINIC may discuss it anyway.



Roles of ASO-AC and NRO-EC

- Different viewpoints
 - “The ASO as comprised of 15 member Address Council (AC) with oversight provided by the NRO-EC” (Review report § 5.2.1)
 - ASO as a 20 member bicameral body: 15 ASO-AC + 5 NRO-EC
 - The NRO is the ASO, in the ICANN context (ASO MoU)



Role within ICANN

- ASO MoU deals with global PDP,
 - Advice to ICANN about Number Resources,
 - Appointments to ICANN Board,
 - Appointments to other ICANN bodies
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- New ICANN Empowered Community brings more responsibilities



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