

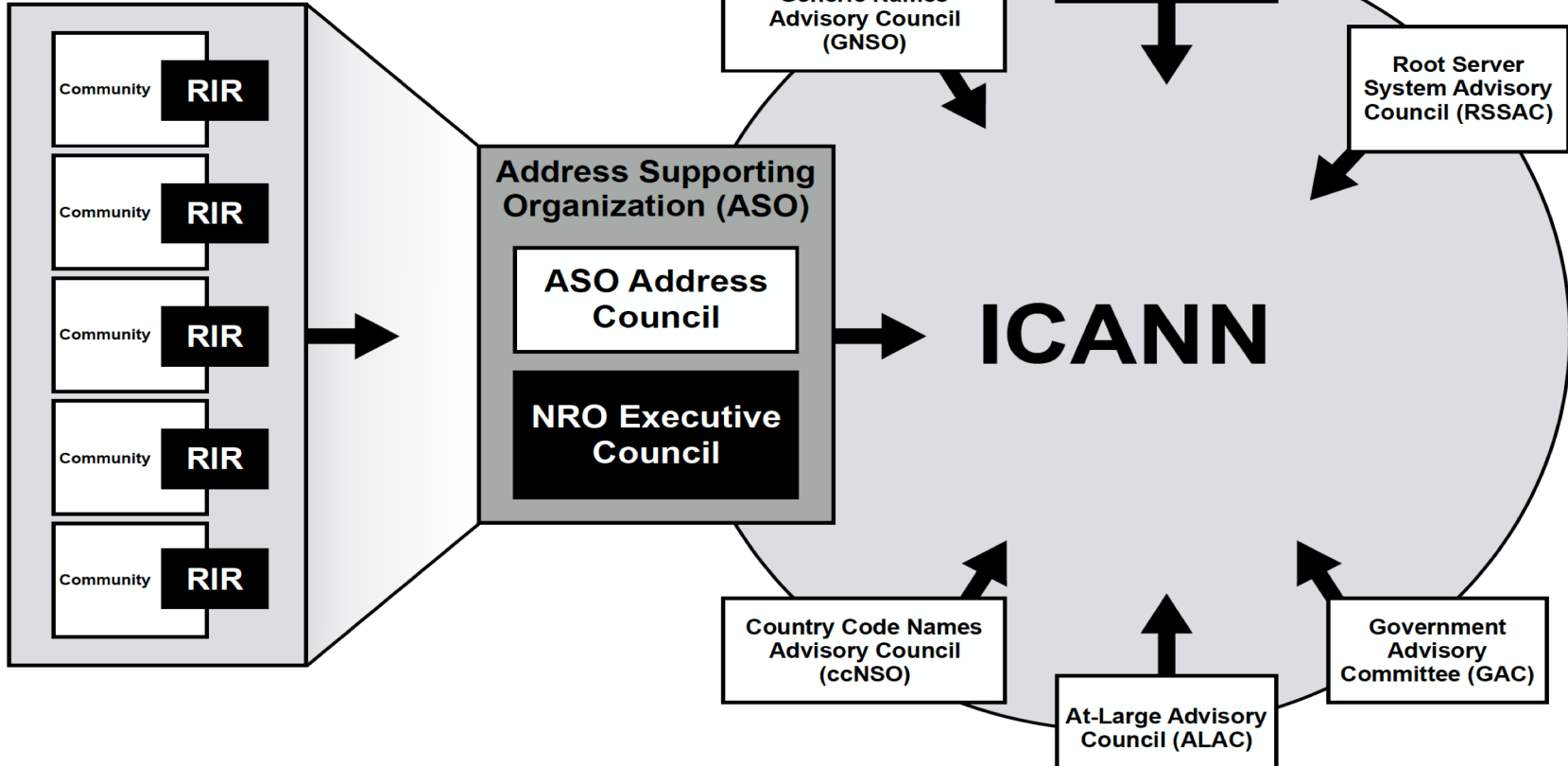


# Future Relationship between ICANN & the RIRs

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# RIR Communities & the ASO in ICANN Structure

## Regional Internet Registry communities







# After IANA Transition

- ASO now part of the “Empowered Community”
- This has resulted in the ASO being asked to participate more within ICANN
- This translates into more procedures and extra work being required of the ASO



# ASO Review

- **August 2017:** ITEMS (an independent consultancy) published its review of the ASO, as required in the ICANN Bylaws (every 5 years)
- **December 2017:** Review presented at AFRINIC27
- **February 2018:** NRO EC and ASO AC issued a Joint Response to the ASO Review Recommendations





# Initial NRO Response

ITEMS review made 18 recommendations with regard to:

- The purpose of the ASO
- Organisational and operational effectiveness of the ASO
- Accountability and transparency

The NRO EC / ASO AC Joint Response agreed to proceed with many of these recommendations



# The Future of the ASO in ICANN

Recommendation 18 from ITEMS:

“The NRO should initiate a public consultation involving the five RIR communities, to determine the future structure of the ASO.”

This is important because:

- The ASO is one of the bodies making up the new “ICANN Empowered Community” structure
- Fulfilling this role requires a significant amount of administrative work by the ASO
- The RIR communities may feel that this effort is disproportionate to the level of practical engagement between the ASO and ICANN





# Approaches Identified by ITEMS

	Option 1 Status quo	Option 2 Increased coordination	Option 3 Adoption of two-house “ASO Council”
ICANN Bylaws	No change	No change	Bylaws to state that the ASO shall have an ASO Council with two “Houses”; a Policy House (current ASO AC) and a Registries House
ASO MoU	No change	No change	Update to include more details on the scope for action of the NRO EC (Registries House)
ASO AC Rules of Procedure	No change	Formalise joint annual meeting as needed	Rules of Procedure to be renamed “ASO Rules of Procedure”
ASO Website	No change	More information on role/scope for action of the NRO EC	The ASO website to include record of all activities of the NRO EC in connection with the ASO



# Community Feedback Needed

Following the ASO review consultation and the presentation by the CEO at the AIS 2018 meeting in Dakar, AFRINIC's representatives on the ASO AC/NRO NC have been asked to lead a community process to develop AFRINIC's response to the ASO review.





# Community feedback needed on:

- What adjustments, if any, should be made to address the issues of confusion about roles and rising workload?
- Should adjustments be limited to ASO-related documents and agreements (such as the NRO MoU, ASO MoU, ICANN Bylaws)
- Over what timeframes should these adjustments be developed and implemented
- What strategic aspects should we pay attention to when considering these adjustments?



# Community feedback needed on:

The scope of the consultation may include (but is not limited to):

- Updates and adjustments to ASO-related documents
- Procedural clarifications and adjustments
- Reported confusion of roles between the ASO and NRO, and their components
- Perceived complexity of relationships among the NRO, ASO and ICANN
- Relevance and cost to the RIRs of various ICANN engagement activities





# Community feedback needed on:

Out of the scope of this consultation:

- The Global Policy Development Process (GPDP)
- The ASO AC's role with the GPDP



# Community feedback needed on:

## Previous Feedback Received

- Number Community should continue to participate within ICANN to promote its viewpoints
- Scope creep should be guarded against - scope should not be widened unless necessary
- AFRINIC NRO NC representatives will engage with the community to determine a way forward





## Other RIR Communities:

- APNIC

- Decided not to support the status quo and established a WG to examine this further
- WG has developed a straw man proposal around a two-house ASO that is explained better. Exploring taking this further to simplify the ASO arrangement
- It is helpful for Number Community to have access to the global community through ICANN (e.g. the GAC)
- It's on the Number Community to decline other requests from ICANN



# Other RIR Communities:

- ARIN

- The relationship with ICANN should be simplified and remain focused on Number Community matters
- NRO EC and NRO NC/ASO AC need to be diligent in declining invitations that lie outside this scope
- The use of two names (“NRO” and “ASO”) is confusing. Number Community should engage with ICANN as the NRO, with the NRO NC continuing to handle global policy development and ICANN Board election matters as usual
- More significant changes to the Number Community/ICANN relationship should be deferred for a future review cycle





# Other RIR Communities:

- LACNIC

- Roles need to be better clarified (NRO/ASO AC)
- The community has asked for more detailed information in order to provide ideas and suggestions
- There is a group of moderators made up of two ASO AC members and one LACNIC Board member
- Regional discussion list at [asoreview@lacnic.net](mailto:asoreview@lacnic.net)



# Community feedback needed :

- All the RIRs are seeking feedback and discussion within their communities
- AFRINIC community is urged to send their comments by participating in a simple and quick survey, announced sometime back:

**<https://survey.afrinic.net/index.php/732247>**

**[AFRINIC community views on the future of the ASO]**





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- Should the RIRs continue to work with ICANN in ratifying global policies relating to Internet number resources?
- Should the RIRs continue to be involved in appointing ICANN Board Directors?
- Should the RIRs continue to be involved in the ICANN Empowered Community?



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## Should the RIRs be involved in other ICANN committees and processes?

- No, or as little as possible
- Only if it's related to high level governance, not if it's focused on domain names
- Yes, whenever we are invited





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- Do you have a suggestion for reducing the confusion between the ASO, ASO AC, NRO, NRO NC, and NRO EC?
- Do you reside in the AFRINIC region?



# Useful info on the ASO Review Process

Background information on the various announcements, presentations, calls for comments:

<https://www.nro.net/about-the-nro/aso-independent-review-2017/>

The ASO Review report:

<https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/aso-review-final-03aug17.pdf>

Questions posed by the NRO EC:

<https://www.nro.net/aso-review-consultation-2018/>





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