

# History

- RIRs signing ASO MoU with ICANN in Oct 1999
- Funding: Agreement to
  - Cover ca 10% of ICANN budget between RIRs
  - Division of financial burden to be agreed by RIRs
- Ongoing contract negotiations until 2002
- Spring 2002: ICANN reform breaks loose...



# ICANN Reform

- **ASO clearly was not high on ICANN agenda**
- **RIRs publish several position papers**
- **Not much reaction from ICANN side, but:**
- **ASO still untouched in new ICANN bylaws**



# RIR Perspective

- **ICANN unstable (2002++)**
- **ICANN harbours IANA**
- **Goal:**
  - **Secure access to the unallocated address pool**
  - **In general:**  
**Guarantee Stable Stewardship of Internet Numbering Resources**
- **Need stable, minimalist alternative to ICANN IANA with regard to addresses / ASNs**

## Wanted:

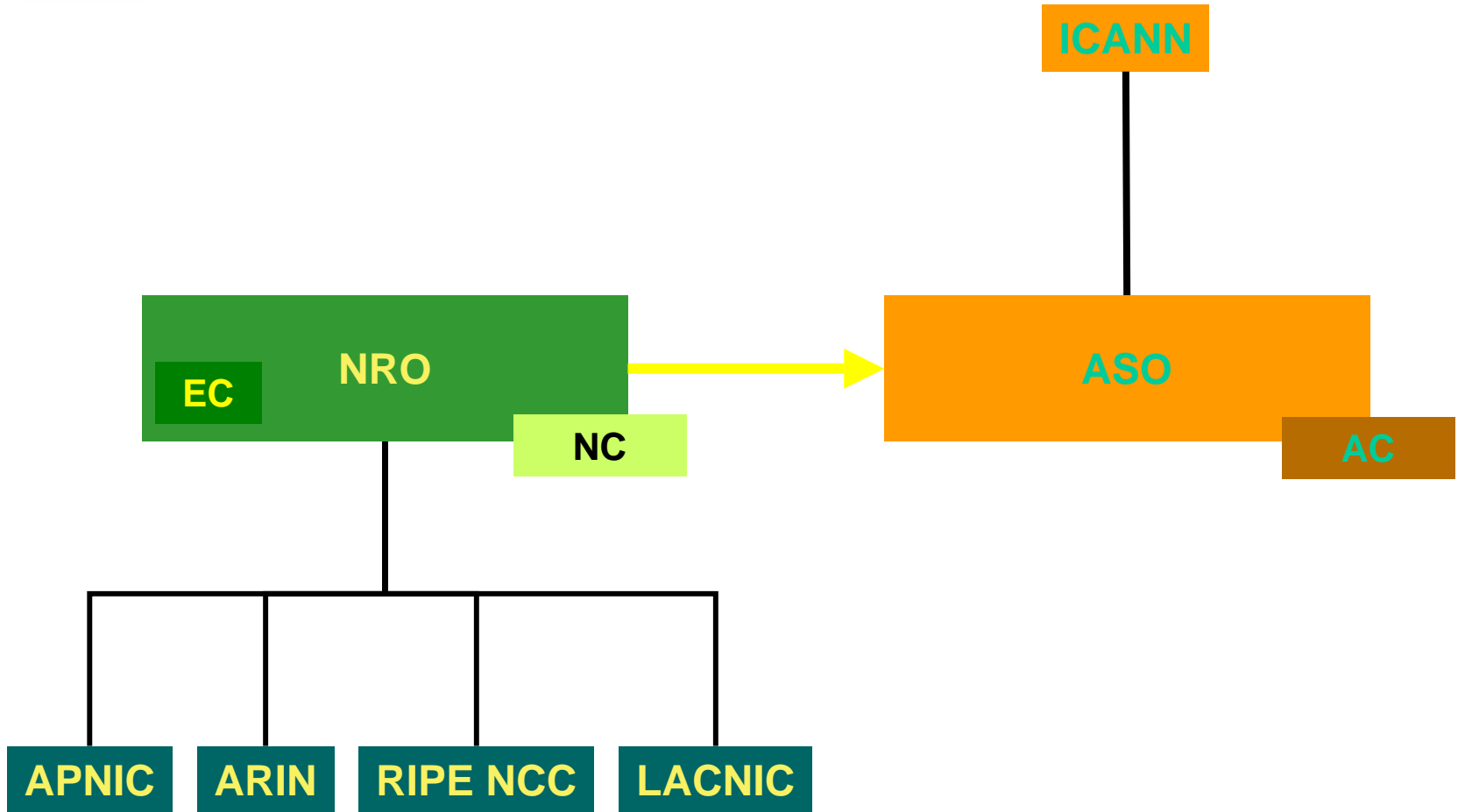
- **Body capable of ...**
  - performing IANA “spreadsheet function”
  - protecting bottom up policy making processes  
**for Global Policies**
  
- **Also:**  
**Focus strengthening RIR co-ordination**



# Enter: The NRO

- **Number Resource Organisation**
  - “Coalition” of all RIRs
- **Carriage of joint activities**
  - Technical services
  - RIR point of contact
  - RIR representation
  - Negotiation with external parties
- **Intend to form new ASO with ICANN**
  - Able to provide service in absence of ICANN

- **MoU signed following long discussion**
  - RIR boards statements
  - NRO proposal
  - Final comment period
- **Organs**
  - Executive Council
  - Number Council
  - Secretariat



## Current status

- **EC appointed (RIR CEOs)**
  - Paul Wilson (Chair), Axel Pawlik (Secretary)  
Raul Echeberria (Treasurer), Ray Plzak (Liaison)
- **Engineering Co-ordination Group established (RIR CTOs)**
  - Andrei Robachevsky (Chair)
- **Secretariat at RIPE NCC**
  - Email [nro@nro.org](mailto:nro@nro.org)
  - Web <http://www.nro.org>
- **Not established: NRO Number Council**
  - All policy related process frozen for the duration of good faith negotiations with ICANN



## And what about ICANN?

- **NRO has offered to ICANN to function as ICANN ASO**
- **Very similar structure and functionality to current ASO**
- **See: <http://www.nro.org/docs/NRO-to-ICANN-24feb2004.pdf>**

## Last Issues Resolved

- **Population of Address Council (NomCom appointments)**
- **Liaison to Address Council from other ICANN bodies**
- **Some clarification and process issues**
  
- **Signed Letter of Intent with ICANN during LACNIC IV, 1 April 2004.**

