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 not high on ICANN agenda
• RIRs publish several position papers
• Not much reaction from ICANN side, but:
• ASO still untouched in new 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

- Based on MoU between ARIN, APNIC, LACNIC and the RIPE NCC, signed in October 2003
- Not incorporated (yet?)
- Organs
  - Executive Council
    - RIRs’ CEOs
  - Number Council
    - To ensure global bottom up policy making process
  - Secretariat
    - Administrative support
Current status

• NRO exists today
  (also see www.nro.net)

• NRO Executive Council established
  – Chair: Paul Wilson (APNIC) (rotating)

• NRO Secretariat established
  – RIPE NCC (rotating)

• 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 
Issues to be resolved

• Population of Address Council (NomCom appointments)
• Liaison to Address Council from other ICANN bodies
• Some clarification and process issues
WSIS and the RIRs

• We do prefer ICANN above the ITU
  – Certainly
• We are on the same side as ICANN on this
• But independently so
• Strong need to liaise and jointly act with industry partners