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**

APNIC

ARIN
American Registry for Internet Numbers

LACNIC

Ripe
NCC

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 http://www.apnic.org/community/nro/docs/nro-letter-icann-20031106.html**

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**