

2024-January-16: Minutes NRO EC Teleconference

FINAL

Date: Tuesday, 16 January 2024, 11:00 UTC

Attendees

Executive Council:

John Curran (JC)	ARIN	Chair
Paul Wilson (PW)	APNIC	Vice-Chair
Oscar Robles (OR)	LACNIC	Treasurer
Hans Petter Holen (HPH)	RIPE NCCC	Member

Observers:

Nirmal Manic (NM)	AFRINIC
Richard Jimmerson (RJ)	ARIN
Michael Abejuela	ARIN
Pablo Hinojosa (PH)	APNIC
Jeremy Harrison (JH)	APNIC
Eduardo Jimenez (EJ)	LACNIC

Secretariat:

German Valdez (GV)	NRO Secretariat
Laureana Pavon	Minutes

New and Updated Action Items

New Action Item 240116-1: OR to ask Hervé Clément to extend an invitation for Kishna and Madhvi Gokool to attend the ASO AC meeting to be held in Montevideo on 29-30 January.

New Action Item 240116-2: JC and HPH to complete their review of the Implementation and Assessment Procedures for ICP-2 Compliance Document ASAP so that it can be presented to the ASO AC such that they have time to study it before their Montevideo meeting (29-30 January).

New Action Item 240116-3: GV to make sure Madhvi Gokool receives the invitation she requested to attend the ASO AC meeting to be held in Montevideo on 29-30 January.

New Action Item 240116-4: GV to set up a Zoom call with Sofia Silva to discuss her email sent on 12 January ASAP.

New Action Item 240116-5: JC to share the answers he may already have re the RPKI Program Manager draft plan Sofia Silva shared on 12 January so the EC can align some answers to her questions prior to the call with Sofia.

New Action Item 240116-6: OR to reply to Sally Costerton's offer to provide coordination for a meeting in San Juan saying that he will not be able to attend ICANN 79 and suggesting they set up a virtual meeting.

New Action Item 240116-7: OR to follow up on Net Mundial, the statement the NRO is being asked to sign, and the implications/ pros and cons of signing this statement as the NRO.

Agenda

1.- Welcome

2.- Agenda Review

3.- AFRINIC Update

Outline

- Update from last events in AFRINIC

4.- ICP-2

a) Implementation and Assessment Procedures for ICP-2 Compliance Document

Outline

- NRO EC to discuss document before sending the proposal to ASO AC

b) Mahdvi Gokool Attendance Request to Montevideo Meeting

Outline

- NRO EC to review request. (Approved by ARIN, LACNIC and RIPE NCC so far)

5.- RPKI Program Manager draft plan

Outline

- Topic based on Sofia Silva's email from 12 January 2024 on question on the Program Goals and Reporting

6.- RIR CEO Updates

7.- Open Actions Review

8.- Minutes Review

- 2023-December-19: Minutes NRO EC Teleconference - DRAFT (Pending: ARIN, APNIC, LACNIC, RIPE NCC)
- 2023-November-14: Minutes NRO EC Teleconference - DRAFT (Pending: ARIN)
- 2023-October-23: Minutes NRO EC Teleconference - DRAFT (Pending: RIPE NCC)

9.- Next Meetings

a) Thursday 15 February 2024 Teleconference

b) ICANN 79 Meeting?

c) Tuesday 19 March 2024 Teleconference

d) Tuesday 16 April 2024 Teleconference

10.- AOB

11.- Adjourn

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Minutes

1.- Welcome

OR opened the meeting at 11:03 UTC.

2.- Agenda Review

The proposed agenda was reviewed on screen and approved as written.

3.- AFRINIC Update

At OR's request, NM provided a brief update: There are no major updates from AFRINIC's side, AFRINIC is still in the same situation as it was when the EC had its December teleconference. As for the trip to Montevideo, we've contacted Benjamin and explained how critical this meeting is. Benjamin gave his ok, so Madhvi and Kishna will be able to travel, but they are still waiting for their visa. Once we get the visa, we have already arranged the travel and logistics. AFRINIC will be paying for this.

New Action Item 240116-1: OR to ask Hervé Clément to extend an invitation for Kishna and Madhvi Gokool to attend the ASO AC meeting to be held in Montevideo on 29-30 January as observers.

OR asked how Benjamin had given his approval, to which NM replied that AFRINIC doesn't have a board, but AFRINIC still has the directors with a duty towards the company. Benjamin is still chairman, and he has given his approval after explaining what Madhvi and Kishna will be doing there.

OR said he understands NM's motivations for keep Benjamin informed, but asked what Benjamin authority holds. A decision to spend AFRINIC resources on the trip to Montevideo?

NM replied that even though AFRINIC has no board, he has to remain transparent to Benjamin.

OR asked if this means that Benjamin has a way to approve expenses, to which NM replied that Benjamin's email does not say that he approves, but that "he has no objection."

4.- ICP-2

a) Implementation and Assessment Procedures for ICP-2 Compliance Document

OR mentioned that there were a couple of action items regarding this document, and that he wants to make sure that we will be on time to send this proposal to the ASO AC for their Montevideo meeting.

JC said he saw a draft document and didn't see anything of a high level of concern.

OR asked the other CEOs if they could agree to review this document ASAP, as we only have this week to do so and send it to the ASO AC.

JC said he would complete this review this week.

HPH will do another read today, Athina is on vacation and HPH is not sure if she's seen the document. He will talk to her on Monday.

OR noted that PW had made some comments and that these are being discussed. We should have this review ASAP, as the ASO AC is having their meeting very soon (29-30 January).

PW noted that he had shared some comments and would appreciate it if the others took a look at his comments while doing their review.

New Action Item 240116-2: JC and HPH to complete their review of the Implementation and Assessment Procedures for ICP-2 Compliance Document ASAP so that it can be presented to the ASO AC such that they have time to study it before their Montevideo meeting (29-30 January).

b) Mahdvi Gokool Attendance Request to Montevideo Meeting

OR noted that he just saw JC and HPH's approval, and that he is also ok with approving the request. He just wants to make sure that everyone agrees with this attendance (not regular participation). He asked PW if he had a chance to see this request.

PW said that he has no objection.

New Action Item 240116-3: GV to make sure Madhvi Gokool receives the invitation she requested to attend the ASO AC meeting to be held in Montevideo on 29-30 January.

5.- RPKI Program Manager draft plan

OR noted that Sofia Silva has already shared the RPKI Program Manager draft plan and that she needs us to review the plan, provide comments / suggestions, and provide an answer. He asked how the others would like coordinate, e.g., in an asynchronous way, have a Zoom conversation with her, do we want Sofia to attend EC meetings and report, etc. He added that they can have this conversation in private, but that it is important to have this conversation

JC observed that they are embarking on strange territory, so he would like to see what Sofia believes will work. Initially, JC's first goal would be to meet with the team, get an understanding of what level of commonality we will achieve. Instead of having Sofia at EC meetings, JC would prefer scheduling quarterly meetings with her to discuss the program. He would also like to hear what she believes is attainable, for which she may need a couple of months.

HPH observed that one thing for which they need clarity is the role of the steering group vs the role of the EC. HPH would expect the PM to report to the steering group. Meeting with the PM during the regular EC meetings is not useful to HPH, as he has delegated being part of the steering group to his CTO. All CEOs have a +1, but in HPH's case this is Athina, so he would prefer to have a dedicated steering group that is mandated to provide direction, not to do the work.

PW suggested initially asking for monthly meetings with the steering group, as quarterly may be a bit long for feedback and guidance.

JC agreed with both HPH and PW but noted that they are in a transition phase. In a perfect world, the steering group and the PM would be meeting regularly and having no interface with the EC. But in the transition phase, Sofia needs to report back to EC generically on whether what we have established works and its defects (vs joint programs in general). It's possible that we

have set up a structure that doesn't even work, yet we are the responsible party. We need to have her back and her feedback at least several times during this first year. That may not be necessary long term, but she needs to know she is supported.

OR observed that they all agree that EC meetings are not where we want to have the PM's feedback. As JC said, given that this is a new way of working, it would be appropriate for us to meet with her and explain this structure and how we envision this work for the future, provide suggestions, that would be once or twice a year. It would be useful to have the initial meeting, then she can plan what she needs to plan with the steering group, and they can decide how often they want to meet.

PW said that they had previously discussed the possibility of having EC members on the steering group. If not, he suggested having a discussion on the composition of the steering group.

OR replied that JC is the only EC member on the steering group, which has already been already formed.

OR noted that in his opinion JC being part of the steering group is good, given that he initially had some concerns with this way of working.

As a practical matter, JC said that he had been more of an outlier at the establishment of this activity, but since then, ARIN has become closer to the median, so it may not be as crucial. In the case of ARIN, we also have competent staff, so JC is happy to delegate that role. But he would like Sofia to feel she has the level of support she needs, which is why perhaps JC should not leave the steering group right now.

HPH is happy to have Sofia come and talk to the EC yearly or quarterly. The monthly follow-up should be with the steering group.

After some further discussion, the following action items were decided:

New Action Item 240116-4: GV to set up a Zoom call with Sofia Silva to discuss her email sent on 12 January ASAP.

New Action Item 240116-5: JC to share the answers he may already have re the RPKI Program Manager draft plan Sofia Silva shared on 12 January so the EC can align some answers to her questions prior to the call with Sofia.

6.- RIR CEO Updates

JC:

- ARIN is going through a unified fee schedule. We will be working with the comms people at the other RIRs on statistics and other reports to make sure we align our numbers (footnoting on the comparative matrix and RIR stats slides).

PW:

- An APNIC restructure was implemented on 1 January, so you may see a few changes.
- APRICOT 2024 is coming up in Bangkok in the last week of February, and an EC election, the first one under the new bylaws.

HPH:

- It's the quiet season, closing the books for last year, annual reporting, reviews, goal settings.
- The first event will be in Brussels on 20 February, a round table with governments in EU.
- My first travel will be to ICANN in San Juan. If there is any need for meetings with any of you or with ICANN, I will be there with Athina.
- Our first regional RIPE meeting is in April in Athens, but not sure if I will be able to be there. I also hoping to go to a few RIR meetings this year.
- Our work on sanctions is mostly where it was.

OR:

- Similar to RIPE, this is a holiday season for most of LACNIC staff in Montevideo, so not much is happening.
- ICANN staff and board try to meet where they have offices, which is why they will be meeting in Montevideo next week. We will have a protocolar conversation, a meeting with them on Friday, so you may see some pictures of this meeting in a few days.

7.- Open Actions Review

Action Item 231219-1: The Legal Team to prepare a draft of the procedures for the implementation of ICP-2 and share these with the NRO EC by 12 January. **IN PROGRESS**

Action Item 231219-2: GV to share with the ASO AC leaders that they will receive a draft version of the implementation procedures by 16 January, that reviewing these procedures and agreeing on any recommendations for change should be the first part of their Montevideo meeting, and that they should also spend time thinking about what the ICP-2 should look like long term. **CLOSED**

Action Item 231114-1: GV to send an execution copy (PDF) of the Proposed Amendments to the SLA for the IANA Numbering Services to the members of the NRO EC so that each can add their signature and then send it to Kim Davies. **IN PROGRESS**

Action Item 20231024-2: JC to draft a reply to the message received on 29 September 2023 from Yosuke Kaneko, President of the Interplanetary Chapter of the Internet Society. **ONGOING**

GV noted that this message will be ready first thing tomorrow.

HPH observed that he has not approved the October and November minutes as he believes a couple of action items are missing in the minutes.

GV replied that he will meet with LP tomorrow to see whether the actions are still relevant and, if so, include them. He will then report back on this to the EC.

8.- Minutes Review

OR observed that they will wait for GV's review of the October and November minutes and come back to this once the review is complete.

9.- Next Meetings

a) Thursday 15 February 2024 Teleconference

This date was confirmed

b) ICANN 79 Meeting ????

OR is not planning to be at ICANN 79, but he might be there if needed.

JC said that he isn't planning on being at ICANN 79; if something comes up, we can do it via teleconference.

HPH will be at ICANN 79 for the whole week, so he is happy to act on instructions if needed.

PW noted that Andrew Sullivan issued an invitation for a meeting during ICANN 79 and asked whether the NRO has a position on this.

OR added that Andrew sent another message to him saying there would probably be no need for the meeting. But yesterday there was another email from Sally saying that she would be willing to provide coordination.

New Action Item 240116-6: OR to reply to Sally Costerton's offer to provide coordination for a meeting in San Juan saying that he will not be able to attend ICANN 79 and suggesting they set up a virtual meeting.

c) Tuesday 19 March 2024 Teleconference

No conflicts were brought at this time.

d) Tuesday 16 April 2024 Teleconference

Despite the fact that this meeting coincides with the ARIN meeting in Barbados, he believes he will manage to attend.

No other conflicts were brought up.

10.- AOB

PW mentioned the Net Mundial initiative that is being announced, and that there is a declaration suggested to be signed by all supporters. He asked if anybody has a view on this.

HPH said he has not heard about this.

OR said that, as chairman of the EC, he has not received any invitation. If he is asked to sign something re Net Mundial, OR will report to the EC.

PW asked if PH has any update on this.

PH replied that the news from Brazil are not very clear. They sent a note calling for support for a statement that asked whether organizations would be willing to participate in this multistakeholder effort called Net Mundial. CGI Brasil have announced that they are willing to host a meeting once again 10 years later in São Paulo in May. So, we asked a few of our peer organizations whether they were signing this statement and there was not clarity in terms of understanding the statement or firm support to it. However, we decided to answer on a positive note saying “We support multistakeholder processes like Net Mundial,” as we decided it would be better to be part rather than agnostic. But, as OR says, it’s not very clear so it would be good for us to organize a position.

OR asked PH his thoughts on the ad hoc committee created to draft this document they are asking us to sign.

PH replied that he doesn’t know exactly; all he knows is that they are seeking a very diversified set of supporters.

OR asked who is on the drafting committee.

PH replied that we have asked for a list of signatories but received no answer.

New Action Item 240116-7: OR to follow up on Net Mundial, the statement the NRO is being asked to sign, and the implications/ pros and cons of signing this statement as the NRO.

11.- Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 UTC.