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**RIR Governance Document Version 2 Update  
(ICP-2 Review Process Update)**

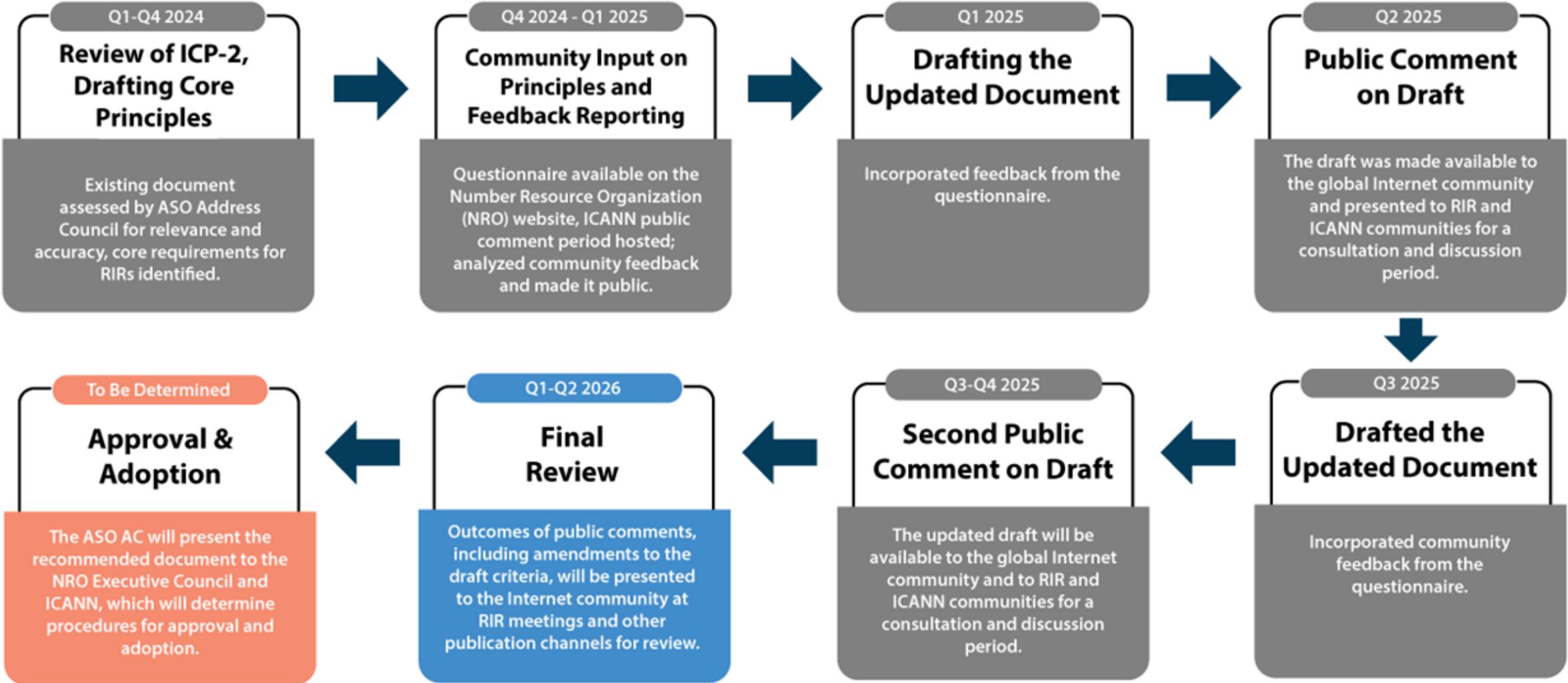
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**ASO AC**



# The ICP-2 Review Process Explained

In 2023, the ASO Address Council began reviewing Internet Coordination Policy 2 (ICP-2), which was developed in 2001 to set criteria for the establishment of new Regional Internet Registries. The review is needed to ensure the criteria remains relevant, accurate, and aligned with today's Internet landscape. Review of ICP-2 is an open and transparent consultation process, allowing participation from across the global Internet community.



# ICP-2 Review Timeline (Upcoming)

## The revised draft RIR Governance Document Process



Q1 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Status Report Q1 2026 shared at APNIC 61 and ICANN 85</li><li>• In-person working group to start drafting final draft of the RIR Governance Document at ICANN 85</li></ul>
Q2 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Status Report Q2 2026 shared at ARIN 57, LACNIC 45, and RIPE 92</li><li>• In-person working group to continue preparing final draft at ICANN 86</li></ul>
Q3-Q4 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Final draft of the Document will be delivered to the NRO EC</li><li>• Final draft presented in the RIR meetings and ICANN 87</li></ul>
Q4 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Begin NRO and ICANN approval and adoption process</li></ul>

# Path to adoption

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- Document to be finalised by end of 2026
- ICANN's role in the process:
  - Sharing feedback and understanding of key issues for ICANN
    - Agreeing the process and form of adoption
  - Supporting this strengthened coordination and partnership between ICANN and the RIRs

# Implementation – What needs to happen

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- Adoption is only the beginning
- Implementation within **three years**
- Implementation Procedures
  - Audit framework
  - Emergency Operator
  - Resourcing

**Where are we now?**



# Third Community Consultation Feedback Review

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- NRO NC workshop held at LACNIC (Montevideo, Uruguay) to review community feedback
- All substantive issues are captured
- Q1 Status Report published to provide transparency and track drafting progress based on feedback received
  - Highlights topics still requiring discussion ('In progress')
  - Where an approach has already been agreed ('Drafting')
  - Those topics that have already been addressed or are out of scope and require no change

**The ASO AC is planning to finalize the document by Q4 2026**

# Status Report Q1



<https://www.nro.net/wp-content/uploads/RIR-Governance-Document-Version-2-Status-Report-Q1-2026.pdf>

RIR Governance  
Document Version 2:  
Status Report Q1 2026

Topics 'In progress'



# Recognition Review (Independent Third Party)

## Background

- If the existing RIRs do not unanimously recommend recognition of a new candidate RIR, the candidate RIR may request an ICANN recognition review, potentially conducted by an independent third party

## Feedback

- The document should prescribe minimum attributes of the independent third party
- Whether the qualifications for the third party should be in the implementation details instead of the RIR Governance Document
- ICANN may wish to evaluate whether it wishes to use a third party

## Status: In progress

- Requires input from ICANN clarifying their role in the process

# Recognition (Unanimity minus one)

## Background

- Current version allows for recognition of a Candidate RIR with one dissenting RIR under certain conditions

## Feedback:

- Conflict of interest among multiple RIRs
- Existing RIRs will be required to cooperate with any new RIRs
- Recognition process should account for effective coordination and cooperation
- Possibility that an RIR may be unable to act or take decisions on recognition

## Status: In progress

- Discussions on whether the current thresholds and processes are adequate on a range of scenarios

# Derecognition and Ad Hoc Audit Thresholds

## Background

- Can be initiated by any RIR or group of RIR; a group of members of the impacted RIR (25% of RIR's total membership of 2,000, whichever is lower); ICANN

## Feedback:

- Range of comments:
  - Lowering the threshold
  - Anti-capture mechanisms added

## Response

- Derecognition is a final recourse; threshold to trigger is deliberately high
- No change to these thresholds

## Status: In progress

- Discuss whether ad hoc audit threshold should be lower than that for derecognition.
- Ensure ad hoc audits cannot be continuously triggered by disgruntled parties

# Emergency Continuity Initiation and Renewal Procedures

## Background

- Procedures requires unanimous agreement of all other RIRs and ICANN

## Feedback:

- Concern that emergency measures could be extended without enough oversight
- Unanimity requirement may be too high
- Add clear criteria for extending Emergency Continuity procedure
- Concern that 90 days may be inadequate to identify a successor entity

## Status: In progress

- Discuss whether thresholds need to be lower than unanimity
- Clearer text for more clarity on procedures for initiating and extending procedure to ensure transparency in decision making for affected communities

**Items under drafting**



# Document structure

## Background:

- Same issue is addressed across multiple sections

## Feedback:

- Document is too complex and would benefit from restructuring

## Status: Under drafting

- Document will be restructured for improved flow and clarity

# Transition and Continuity

## Background:

- Smooth transfer of services and operations of Derecognized RIR to an interim or successor entity as directed by ICANN

## Feedback:

- Article should address transition in more detail, to ensure communities remained engaged during the transition and to protect the rights of affected resource holders

## Status: Drafting

- NRO NC will add text outlining requirements for a transition plan that ensures continuity of services and protection of resource holder rights

# Audit Obligations

## Background:

- The document allows for ad hoc audits and RIR audits no less than once in three years, but does not specify the actions to be taken following the audit

## Feedback:

- The document does not explicitly oblige an RIR to act following the publication of an audit report

## Status: Drafting

- NRO NC will amend the text to clarify RIR obligations

# Derecognition (Audit as a part of Derecognition)

## Background:

- Derecognition process does not include an audit as one of the necessary steps.

## Feedback:

- Audit be a mandatory part of the process

## Status: No change

- Document requires an RIR to be audited no less than once in three years
- It is possible that the derecognition process is triggered after an RIR has already failed one or multiple audits – including an audit requirement could further delay the process
- Article 6.2 already creates an obligation to help and rehabilitate an RIR before any derecognition processes

# Derecognition (Rehabilitation as a part of Derecognition)

## Background:

- Article 6.2 requires efforts to be made to rehabilitate a non-compliant RIR before derecognition, however rehabilitation is not listed as a step under the derecognition process under Article 2.3(b)

## Feedback:

- Need to include rehabilitation as a step in the derecognition process

## Status: Drafting

- Text will be amended to include the obligation to attempt to rehabilitate an RIR before further derecognition steps are taken

# ASO AC at ICANN 85



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Saturday, 7 March	11:15-12:00	Joint Session ASO and GAC
Sunday, 8 March	10:30-12:00	ASO AC Public Session (1 of 2)
Sunday, 8 March	15:00-16:00	Joint Session: ALAC and ASO
Sunday, 8 March	16:30-17:30	Joint Session: ASO and RRSAC
Tuesday, 10 March	9:00-10:00	Joint Session: ICANN Board and ASO
Tuesday, 10 March	16:30-17:30	How it works: RIRs
Thursday, 12 March	13:15-14:30	Joint Session: ASO and ISPCP
Thursday, 12 March	15:00-16:00	ASO AC Public session (2 of 2) Wrap Up



Questions?

# Thank You