

Report on ICANN Activity for January 14, 2019

ATLAS III

The dates for ICANN 66 (which includes ATLAS III) are November 2 - November 7, 2019.

According to the planning group's wiki page, ATLAS III “ will be an assembly of the *future leaders of At-Large* [italics mine] , focused on developing and nurturing their abilities to become thought leaders and change agents who will effectively implement what has resulted from the At-Large Review Process.”

“Sixty At-Large members will be invited to participate in ATLASIII in addition to the regular At-Large leadership.”

The planning group has been split in two groups: one to set the program and the other to select the sixty participants. During the NARALO meeting, there was a mention of an application process. Nothing on their wiki yet, but it will be monitored.

Consolidated Policy Working Group (CPWG)

1. WHOIS/"Registrant Data System" Policy Development Process ("EPDP")

This is getting close to its deadline and a number of issues are still under discussion. A face-to-face meeting is scheduled for this week to try to resolve some of these.

2. Generic Top Level Domains - Discussions on the Next Round

At-Large's comments were submitted. Additional questions are expected

A proposal was received last week that describes a schedule and process for the next round. It prioritizes “community” TLD applications, then geographic ones and works its way forward from there. This will be a topic of CPWG discussion for a week or two.

3. Geographic Name TLD's

There is some ongoing discussion of this topic. There are issues about what kinds of geographic features should have their names protected. Non-capital cities is one of these. Based on what happened in the 2012 round, it is clear that more comprehensive rules are required. This is a deep and detailed discussion.

NARALO

This morning's meeting concentrated mainly on progress reports. These were on the Nominating Committee, ALAC itself, the GDPR issue, budgeting for attending other meetings, and ATLAS III.

The next ICANN meeting (in Kobe) will concentrate on policy issues and there will be a read-out sometime in the two months after the meeting.

Technology Task Force

ICANN is looking at using Zoom as a conferencing tool for “smaller” meetings. There was a question in the last meeting about using Zoom for webcasting as well.

Adobe Connect will probably continue to be used because of its current ability to provide “extra” features such as transcription, captioning and multi-channel audio for the interpreters.

