

ccNSO/ALAC Liaison Report May 21st 2015

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1) May 1st 2015 - ALAC Statement on the ICANN Draft FY16 Operating Plan & Budget.

Summary:

1. The ALAC is satisfied with the Budget proposal as a whole, but has one specific item of concern, related to the evolution of support for ICANN Policy Development.
2. Both the GNSO and the ALAC's activities are essentially funded under the ICANN Policy budget. Policy Development is a Core activity at ICANN. It is this Multistakeholder Policy Development that differentiates ICANN from any other organization. The overall budget allocated to Policy Development and supporting the SO/ACs, including constituency travel support, is about 11.4 million US Dollars, which is surprisingly less than 10% of total budget for a Core Activity and Key differentiation factor.
3. The ALAC believes the growth of this budget to be too low. This concern translates directly to concerns about staffing levels. The budget indicates that 16 new staff hires are expected for FY16, yet, none of the hires seem to be in Policy Support. The ALAC forecasts a number of new PDPs, review processes, as well as a potential next round of gTLDs which will only serve to increase the demand on already busy Staff. Its Community of At-Large Structures will soon reach the 200 mark – translating to a need for increased support of its increased activity. The ALAC is concerned that this need to increase FTEs supporting Policy both in the GNSO and in the ALAC is not currently reflected in the budget and may lead to Staff overwork, Community frustration, and a reduction in Community involvement that risks making long-term evolution of the Multistakeholder model unsustainable.

Link to full Statement [{LINK}](#)

2) Buenos Aires ALAC Draft Schedule – *[Separate .PDF Attachment]*

Please Note: The Joint ALAC /ccNSO Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday June 23 at 7:15– 8:15 AM.

ALAC has requested ccNSO Agenda Items. Please advise Katrina, Ron or Bart accordingly.

As noted in the February 11 Liaison Report: In the light of the additional time requirement for cross community cooperation, and the fact that early morning meetings are the only option available, liaisons suggested that both ALAC and ccNSO petition ICANN for breakfast funding for future scheduled meetings.

3) ALAC Votes on Accreditation of two new At Large Structures:

ALS Applicant (225) **ISOC Zimbabwe**; and ALS Applicant (223) **High Tech Centre for Nigerian Women and Youths**. The regional advice from AFRALO is to accredit both applicants.

Respectfully submitted
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