



# Review of Reviews

## Cross Community Group

21 May 2026

# How Will We Structure This Discussion

- Brief presentation of process and deliverables
- Refresh on current proposed system of reviews
- Set of clarifications
- Overview of ICANN86 sessions and contact information
- Opportunity for questions and comment during the presentation, with additional Q&A at the end.

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# Review of Reviews Process



**Cross Community Group Chartered to:** manage a fundamental evaluation of reviews set out in the ICANN Bylaws, as a whole system, including their implementation, and propose a refreshed system of reviews.

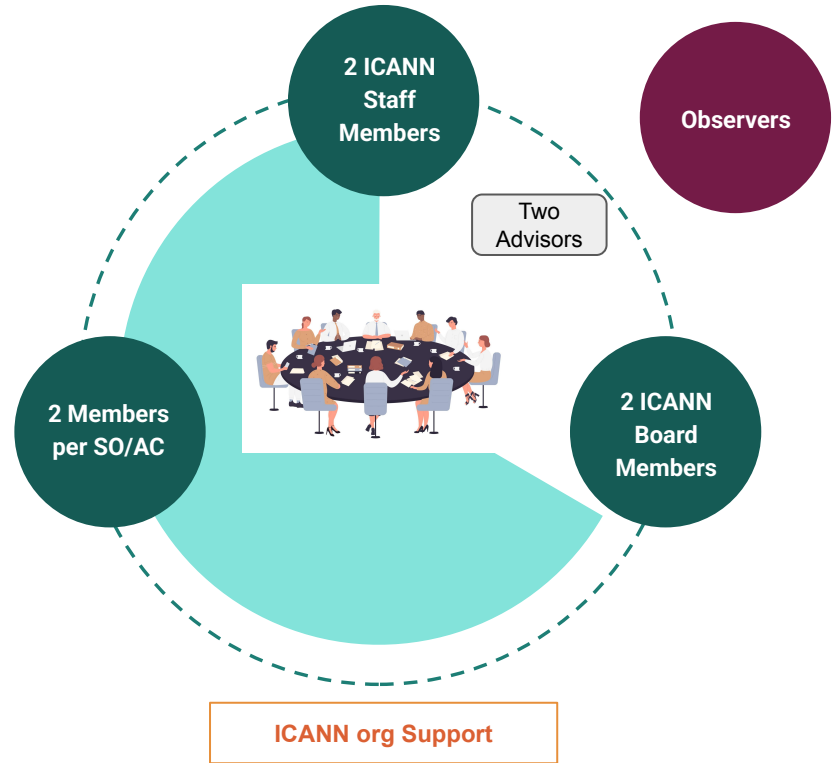


**Current Status:** Advancing discussions and refining proposal based on input received from Nominating Groups.



## Next Steps:

- Continued discussion
- Draft Report for Public Comment after ICANN86



# Phases of Work and Key Deliverables

## Phase 1

Fact Finding

Draft Purpose of Reviews Statement  
for Discussion  
at ICANN84 (Oct 25)

## Phase 2

Analysis &  
Development of  
Proposals

Outline for  
Discussion  
at ICANN85 (Mar 26)

## Phase 3

Finalization of  
Proposals

Refined Outline

*we are here*

**Draft Report** for  
Public Comment &  
Discussion at  
ICANN86 (Jun 26)

## Phase 4

Finalization of  
Report and  
Decision-making

**Final Report** and  
Documentation of  
Support Sent to  
Board (Aug 26)

Now planned for after ICANN86

# Current Proposed System of Reviews

## Accountability & Transparency

Every 5 Years  
Deferrable

### SCOPING PROCESS

- Examine existing procedures and processes.
- Assess ICANN's performance executing its mission, commitments, core values, transparency obligations.

## Structural Review

Every 15 Years  
Deferrable

**PHASE 1 (6 months):**  
External Landscape

**PHASE 2 (15 months):**  
Internal Landscape

- ❖ Whether structure is fit for purpose.
- ❖ Whether each SO/AC and NomCom have a continued purpose.
- ❖ Whether new structures are required.
- ❖ Whether any existing structure should be transformed or phased out.

**PHASE 3 (12 months):**  
Implications of proposed changes

## On-Demand

No Cadence

### SCOPING PROCESS

#### Special Topics

- Aspect of New gTLD Program; SSR; Review of Reviews

#### Emerging Topics

- Identified by the community or Board.
- Must meet review criteria.

#### Consequential Effects Review

Examining effects of internal group changes to the broader ICANN system and making recommendations for how affected mechanisms should be adjusted.

# Refining the Design: Outreach

## **Outreach conducted on Refined Outline to refine the design:**

- Webinar sessions on 5 May
- Call for Nominating Groups' input
- Calls and process continuously open to active observers and contributions
- Meeting with SO/AC Chairs to discuss Standing Scoping Committee

# Refining the Design: Clarification Request

## Accountability and Transparency Review

- What does “planning cycle” refer to?
- What is the rationale for the cadence?
- When does the clock start for the cadence?
- What is the composition of the Standing Scoping Committee (should it include NomCom?) and rationale?
- What is the difference with the former Accountability and Transparency Review?
- Would the Bylaws articulate that the review can be delayed with community consent?
- If deciding to postpone review, will the topic be the same?

# Refining the Design: Clarification Request

## Structural Review

- Why a 15-year cadence?
- When would the next Structural Review start?
- What is the interaction of the Structural Review with existing mechanisms for groups to make internal changes to their structure or operations?
- Where do CIP outcomes go, and how are they used for the Structural Review?
- Is there an overlap between Structural Review and Principle 1 of CIP?
- Is the Structural Review looking at Board seats? Is it looking at the Board?
- Is the Structural Review looking at interactions between various structures?
- Are requests for structural change from substructures considered?
- What is the composition, continuity, and transition of group members across phases?
- Would the work be conducted under the constraints of Bylaws?

# Refining the Design: Clarification Request

## On Demand Review

- Does the envisioned Standing Scoping Committee have a final say on which reviews proceed?

## General

- Which group will monitor implementation of review recommendations and outcomes?

# ICANN86

Join us in-person or remotely to share your unique perspectives and help advance our draft!

- **Monday, 8 June at 11:45 - 13:15 CEST (09:45 - 11:15 UTC)**

## Reviews CCG Workshop

- **Monday June 8, 2026 16:30 - 18:00 CEST (14:30 - 16:00 UTC)**



# Your Input is Important



## Active observers

For more information, see <https://icann-community.atlassian.net/wiki/x/v4CtGw>



## Send us your input

at [inputonreviews@icann.org](mailto:inputonreviews@icann.org) (publicly archived) - see more information at <https://icann-community.atlassian.net/wiki/x/dQD8Hg>



## Follow our work

at <https://icann-community.atlassian.net/wiki/x/E4NnFQ>



# Questions and Comments

# Thank you



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