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ASO AC Teleconference
Wednesday, 14 January 2026
12:00 PM UTC
Draft Minutes

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Attendees	Observers	Apologies
AFRINIC	**APNIC**	**LACNIC**
Saul Stein (Saul S.)	Bhadrika Panchal (Bhadrika P.)	Ricardo Patara
APNIC	**ARIN**	
Nicole Chan (Nicole C.)	Micheal Abejuela	
Devesh Tyagi (Devesh T.)	Nancy Carter	
Maemura Akinori (Akinori M.)	Eddie Diego	
	Ashley Perks	
ARIN	John Sweeting	
Alyssa Quinn (Alyssa Q.)		
Amy Potter (Amy P.) – **Vice Chair**	**LACNIC**	
Kevin Blumberg (Kevin B.)	María Gayo (Maria G.)	
LACNIC	**RIPE NCC**	
Esteban Lescano (Esteban L.) – **Vice Chair**	Athina Fragkouli (Athina F.)	
Jorge Villa (Jorge V.)	Ulka Athale (Ulka A.)	
	ICANN Org	
RIPE NCC	Andrew McConachie (Andrew M.)	
Constanze Buerger (Constanze B.)		
Hervé Clément (Hervé C.) – **Chair**	**ICANN Board**	
Andrei Robachevsky (Andrei R.)	Christian Kaufmann (Christian K)	
Secretariat	**Community**	
Germán Valdez (Germán V.)	Chris Quesada	
Laureana Pavón (Laureana P.) – Minutes	Oscar Robles	
	Mirjam Kuehne	
	Deborah Lall	

New and Updated Action Items

New Action Item 260114-1: German V. to share the 2025 ASO Work Plan Review, the 2026 ASO Work Plan, and the Annual ASO Transparency Review on the mailing list for feedback. If none is received after a seven-day comments period, these three documents will be considered as adopted.

New Action Item 260114-2: The Secretariat to set up a meeting for the ASO AC on Friday, 16 January at 12:00 UTC and invite the RIR CEOs. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss and clarify the work on the ICP-2 update.

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Agenda
0. Welcome
1. Agenda Review
2. 2026 ASO AC Chair Election Results
3. 2026 ASO Vice Chairs Appointments
4. Review Open Actions
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6. ICP-2 Update
7. ICANN85 Meeting Prep
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11. Annual Transparency Review
12. Form the Policy Proposal Facilitator Teams (PPFT)
13. ASO Website Updates
14. AOB
15. Closed Session
16. Adjourn
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Minutes

0. Welcome

Roll call was taken and quorum was established.
Hervé C. welcomed all and wished everyone the best for the new year.

1. Agenda review

The agenda was shared on screen and approved as written.

2. 2026 ASO AC Chair Election Results

German V. noted the 2026 ASO AC Chair Election had been held following the timeline agreed during our previous meeting. There was a single candidate but voting included the option to abstain. All 13 votes were received and all of them were in support of Hervé C., who has been re-elected as chair for a new term.

Hervé C. thanked everyone for their support.

3. 2026 ASO Vice Chairs Appointments

Hervé C. announced that Esteban L. and Amy P. will serve as ASO AC vice chairs for 2026.

Amy P. and Esteban L. thanked everyone for their trust and look forward to a very productive year.

4. Review Open Actions

Action Item 251203-1 will be discussed under Agenda Item 6.

Action Item 240605-3: Hervé C. to prepare a new monthly report on the ICP-2 review and send it to the NRO AC for feedback. Hervé will then send the final version of this report to the EC prior to the next NRO EC meeting. **ONGOING**

5. Approval Minutes December 2025

Esteban L. moved to approve the minutes of the December 2025 ASO AC meeting as written with the editorial fixes suggested via email by Hervé C, Constance B. seconded the motion, which carried as there were no objections.

6. ICP-2 Update

Action Item 251203-1: Hervé C. to send the timeline as approved to the NRO EC to confirm their support for two f2f meetings of the ASO AC in 2026 for the purpose of finalizing the RIR Governance Document. **CLOSED**

Hervé C. has sent the timeline to the EC for comments. There was a meeting with the EC and RIR legals. The timeline was approved with some remarks: the NRO EC's desire is that the ICP-2 work be completed by the end of 2026 and that no more issues should be added to the ones we have currently. It will be important for the NRO EC to have documents for Jakarta, where the EC will meet on 13-14 February and wish to have some materials regarding ICP-2. Request: add to the timeline an update to the EC. Another point: the upcoming APNIC meeting will take place before ICANN 85, and we must make sure that all RIR communities have the same level of information, so the slides for APNIC 61 and for ICANN 85 should be prepared in advance.

German V. summarized by saying that the EC had asked him to convey a message which he sent to the AC Internal list: they don't expect the full list of issues but those hard structural decisions that might require the agreement of the RIR boards, any significant concerns this AC may have about completing this work this year, and how close the AC is to finalizing the document. The EC is asking for this information to be available for their f2f meeting in Jakarta, and they will need to digest new findings prior to their meeting (12-13 February).

Esteban L. replied that the AC is aligned with the NRO EC: the RIR Governance Document will be finished this year. We are in the final phase. We understand that we will not open new consultation stages and have to consolidate the document considering the feedback received in the previous round of consultation. Next steps: we now have to finish the document, then present it for NRO EC approval and then ICANN approval. He is confident that we will complete it accordingly.

Hervé C. observed that with the NRO positions rotating, Bhadrika P. will be supporting us this year from the CCG, with the support of Ulka A. until ICANN 85.

Bhadrika P. noted that the CCG is preparing the list of issues. This has been shared with the AC and some members have already added their comments.

Andrei R. commended the CCG team for preparing this issues document.

After some discussion, it was decided to discuss this document and the list of issues in a dedicated call to be scheduled for Friday, 16 January at 12:00 UTC.

7. ICANN85 Meeting Prep

Andrew M. shared the block schedule on screen (ASO AC at ICANN 85). (https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1jZhbKTrn2CVX6t_XnVh8WcDOUutfz0b5o7ke5nTumEQ/edit?usp=sharing)

Re logistics (visas and so on), Devesh T. said he will be happy to welcome everyone in Mumbai and offered his assistance if there is anything they need.

Hervé C. and Esteban L. spoke to the agenda, adding that it will be a busy meeting, a balance between multiple meetings with other constituencies and sessions to progress on the drafting of v3 of the RIR Governance Document. Also, because transparency is important, two public working sessions have also been planned, one as an introduction, another as a wrap-up.

Christian K. mentioned the session on day 4 (ICANN Board and ASO). He noted that this usually involves a report from each side, where we stand, and wondered whether they might make it more open, potentially invite more members of the ICANN Board so they can ask questions if they wish.

Hervé C. replied that he would have to consult about this with the AC and would need to prepare in advance for such meeting.

Chirstian K. said they could have a call before, most likely the person who will chair on the ICANN side will be himself. He said he would get in touch with Hervé C. to see how we organize how to make this specific meeting more open.

Esteban L. thanked Christian K. for his availability to progress on that work. He observed that it is important to ask ICANN board members to be up to date with the work that the ASO AC has been doing. For the AC it will be an important session, and he suggested that it would also be useful for someone from the ICANN legal team to be present at this session. Having Sam Eisner present in Montevideo was very useful.

Hervé C. added that Mumbai will also provide the opportunity to have our monthly meeting on site and welcome newcomers to the AC.

Andrew M. offered to ask whether Sam Eisner can attend any of the drafting sessions.

Esteban L. replied that as she will be very busy during the ICANN meeting, we can plan one of the sessions with her and the RIR legal team. Their support is important.

Andrew M. will touch base with her and get back to the AC.

8. 2026 ASO AC Teleconference Schedule

The 2026 ASO AC Teleconference was presented on screen and approved as written:

14 January (2nd Wednesday of the month)
4 February
11 March (2nd Wednesday of the month, During ICANN85)
1 April
6 May
3 June
1 July
5 August
2 September
14 October (2nd Wednesday of the month)
4 November
2 December

Saul S. moved to approve the 2026 ASO AC Teleconference Schedule as displayed on screen, Esteban L. seconded, and the motion carried.

9. 2025 ASO Work Plan Review

Hervé C. said the 2025 ASO Work Plan Review was shared by Constance B. on the mailing list. He suggested sharing it once again via email and having a seven-day comments period, after which the document will be considered adopted.

All agreed.

10. 2026 ASO Work Plan

Hervé C. also noted that Andrei R. and Esteban L. had prepared this.

In this case, he also suggested sharing it once again via email, having a seven-day comments period, after which the document will be considered adopted.

11. Annual Transparency Review

Likewise, Hervé C. suggested sharing the Annual Transparency review, having a seven-day comments period, after which the document will be considered adopted.

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12. Form the Policy Proposal Facilitator Teams (PPFT)

Hervé C. explained the role of the PPFT (to follow policies in the different regions and identify if a policy might be or become a global policy). The composition of the PPFT for 2026 will be as follows: Jorge Villa (LACNIC), Akinori Maemura (APNIC), Constanze Buerger (RIPE NCC), Alyssa Quinn (ARIN), and Saul Stein (AFRINIC).

13. ASO Website Updates

German V. gave a quick reminder for any ASOA AC member who wishes to update their bio on the ASO AC website, they should let him or Laureana P. know.

14. AOB

a) Message from Pablo Hinojosa re ICANN NomCom:

Hervé C. noted that he will share an announcement calling for candidates for this year's NomCom which Pablo Hinojosa had asked Hervé C. to share with the others.

He also thanked Pablo Hinojosa for the work he is doing within the NomCom.

b) ICANN Continuous Improvement Program

Hervé C. shared that the NRO EC's response to this would be to express interest in the CIP program but putting off formal engagement with it until we have an RIR Governance Document executed between the RIRs and ICANN.

Esteban agreed and believed that the AC should focus on the ICP-2 update.

Akinori M. thanked Hervé C. for informing the AC of the EC's decision re CIP participation. At the same time, he is catching up with the Review of Reviews CCG and maybe will be able to share with you updates on that in the future.

Hervé C. proposed having a specific agenda item in February to present the status of the Review of Reviews CCG.

Akinori M agreed, noting that we need to prepare for Mumbai.

Hervé C. thanked all staff and observers for their presence and invited them to drop off the call at this time.

15. Closed Session
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16. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, Kevin B. moved to adjourn the meeting and Esteban L. seconded the motion. There being no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 13:54 UTC.