

**ASO AC Teleconference**  
**Wednesday, 6 December 2023**  
**12:00 PM UTC**  
**Draft Minutes**

<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Observers</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
<p><b>AFRINIC</b> Saul Stein (Saul S.)</p> <p><b>APNIC</b> Nicole Chan (Nicole C.) – Vice Chair Gaurav Kansal (Gaurav K.)</p> <p><b>ARIN</b> Nick Nugent (Nick N.) Chris Quesada (Chris Q.) Kevin Blumberg (Kevin B.)</p> <p><b>LACNIC</b> Ricardo Patara (Ricardo P.) – Vice Chair Esteban Lescano (Esteban L.)</p> <p><b>RIPE NCC</b> Hervé Clément (Hervé C.) – Chair Sander Steffan (Sander S.) Constanze Buerger (Constanze B.)</p> <p><b>Secretariat</b> Germán Valdez (Germán V.) Laureana Pavón (Laureana P.) – Minutes</p>	<p><b>AFRINIC</b> Madhvi Gokool (Madhvi G.)</p> <p><b>ARIN</b> Eddie Diego (Eddie D.) John Sweeting (John S.)</p> <p><b>ICANN Board</b> Alan Barrett (Alan B.)</p> <p><b>ICANN Org</b> Ozan Sahin (Ozan S.)</p>	<p><b>APNIC</b> Di Ma (Di M.)</p> <p><b>LACNIC</b> Jorge Villa (Jorge V.)</p>

**New and updated action items from this meeting:**

**New Action Item 231206-1:** Germán V. to update the information on Current Global Policies that appears on the ASO AC website to reflect the fact that ICP-2 is not a global policy.

**New Action Item 231206-2:** Germán V. to organize an onboarding session for new members (Constanze B.) to be held next week. This meeting will be mandatory for newcomers and open to other ASO AC members who wish to participate.

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## **Agenda**

0. Welcome
1. Roll Call
2. Agenda Review
3. Approval of Minutes
  - a) November 2023 Teleconference
4. Review Open Actions
5. ICANN Board Election Update
6. ICP-2 Update
7. 2023 Work Plan Activity Review
8. 2024 ASO AC Work Plan
9. Annual Transparency Review
10. 2024 ASO AC Teleconference Schedule
11. 2024 ASO AC Chair Election Schedule
12. 2023 ASO AC Appointments Review
13. 2024 ASO AC f2f Meeting (ICANN 79)
- 14.- Reports
  - a) RIPE 87 Report
15. Farewell leaving ASO AC members
16. Closed Session
  - a) ICANN Board Election
17. Adjourn

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### **0. Welcome**

Hervé C. welcomed everyone to the meeting at 12:03 UTC.

### **1. Roll Call**

Roll call was taken and quorum was established.

### **2. Agenda Review**

Hervé C. proposed adding an onboarding meeting to welcome new members under AOB.

At this time, Hervé C. was disconnected from the call.

While waiting for Hervé C. to reconnect, Constanze B. introduced herself to the others and shared some of her experience.

### **3. Approval of Minutes**

- 1) November 2023 Teleconference

Kevin B. moved to approve the November 2023 Teleconference minutes as written, Sander S. seconded, and the motion carried.

#### 4. Review Open Actions

**Action item 20230911-1:** As soon as the period for candidate acceptance closes (15 December), the ASO AC to set up times for special meetings for deliberating after the last round of interviews with the candidates to the ICANN Board. **OPEN**

Will be discussed later as part of an agenda item on today's agenda.

**Action item 20230911-3:** Each ASO AC member to read and review historical documents (questionnaires, reports, etc.) related to the ICANN Board elections to obtain a better understanding of what needs to be changed. **ONGOING**

Germán V. observed that the information is available in the private ASO wiki space and will be useful for completing Action item 20230911-1.

#### 5. ICANN Board Election Update

Hervé C. returned to the call.

Germán V. shared that reminders have been sent to the RIR lists, a reminder has been published through the ASO channels, and the RIR coms departments have released the reminder. Some nominations have already been received.

#### 6. ICP-2 Update

Hervé C. explained that there have been no new updates since the ASO AC's last meeting. We are waiting for additional info from the NRO EC to start the first part of the work. He suggested discussing the logistics of the Montevideo meeting and asked the Secretariat to set up a list for in-person attendees to share their date of arrival in Uruguay. Also, before defining the specific agenda, we should wait until we have some information from the EC.

Germán V. presented a quick update on the logistics: The Montevideo meeting will take place on 29-30 January 2024. No less than 22 people are expected on site, which is more than the capacity of LACNIC's largest meeting room, so the event will be held at a hotel nearby "Casa de Internet." We are organizing a reception on the first day at Casa de Internet. Day 2 will close with a dinner at a nearby hotel. We still have to work on the agenda, time slots, etc.

Considering that the ASO AC will be holding its regular f2f meeting in March, Kevin B. suggested keeping the agenda for Montevideo focused on ICP-2 and leaving the normal topics for March. He added that it would also be beneficial for the presentation by the EC Legal Team to be the first item on the agenda.

Sander S. agreed on the importance of keeping the Montevideo meeting as efficient as possible.

Hervé C. also agreed with focusing on ICP-2, which is the objective of the Montevideo meeting, as well as with having the Legal Team first on the agenda.

John S. then noted that it has been brought to his attention that the ICP-2 shows as a global policy on the ASO website, which could cause confusion and should therefore be fixed.

**New Action Item 231206-1:** Germán V. to update the information on Current Global Policies that appears on the ASO AC website to reflect the fact that ICP-2 is not a global policy.

Esteban L. joined the meeting at this time.

## **7. 2023 Work Plan Activity Review**

Hervé C. shared that he has started to draft something and will complete it and share it via mailing list this week. He noted that Jorge V. has volunteered to work with him on the 2023 Work Plan Activity Review. He thanked Kevin B. for his idea to reframe how the work plan was written, which is very useful and makes the work easier.

## **8. 2024 ASO AC Work Plan**

Hervé C. asked for one or two volunteers to work on the 2023 ASO AC Work Plan.

Kevin B. said he would help, as he wrote those documents in 2023, but would appreciate somebody else taking the lead.

Esteban L. volunteered to work on this.

## **9. Annual Transparency Review**

Hervé C. explained what the transparency review is and again asked for one or two volunteers to work on the Annual Transparency Review.

Kevin B. replied that it would make sense for he and Esteban L. to work on this as well. It is an operational document; it is functionally descriptive rather than random discussion items.

Esteban L. agreed, adding that the main work was done last year, so this time all that will be needed is an update.

Hervé C. noted that the idea is to have something ready for the next meeting and finalized by the end of January.

## **10. 2024 ASO AC Teleconference Schedule**

Hervé C. explained that today the AC must decide the date of the first meeting; the other dates can be discussed later.

Kevin B. said that all the dates look fine but that it makes no sense to set these dates before deciding the number of sessions that will be required related to the ICANN Board election. He suggested combining Action item 20230911-1 with deciding the dates for the ASO AC teleconference schedule. If a date aligns, we can have a closed session.

Esteban L. noted that the AC must set up the schedule for at least four meetings during the year. We can approve this and then arrange for any special meetings as needed.

Kevin B. noted that it is the same timeline. In January we must have confirmed when the closed sessions will take place. This is the reason why Kevin B. suggested combining the two, otherwise the AC may end up with two calls four days apart. The goal is better efficiencies.

Esteban L. agreed.

Ricardo P. supported what Kevin B. said. It is better to have a clear view of needed dates so we can see if we can attend and/or adjust our agenda.

Saul S. suggested keeping a meeting each month as a placeholder, knowing that four is the minimum under the AC's current procedures.

Esteban L. agreed but added that with all the work the AC has to do (e.g. ICP-2) more meetings may be needed.

Kevin B. said that it is unlikely that any meetings will be cancelled this year. He agreed with scheduling the twelve meetings with the idea that the Chair can cancel meetings if they are not required (but have at least 4 as per procedure).

Hervé C. observed that, whatever the case, the first meeting will be on 12 January and asked if anyone had a problem with that date.

Sander S. mentioned that he might not be able to make it, but the rest of the Council had no issues with the date.

## **11. 2024 ASO AC Chair Election Schedule**

Hervé C. explained that Germán V. had shared the schedule, which is similar to the one followed in previous years.

Hervé V. explained that he sent an email as part of the new procedures and that the date needs to be agreed by the AC during the December teleconference. His proposal is for the election to take place on 2-8 January 2024.

Hervé C. then mentioned an onboarding session for Constanze B., with one option being having this session with Sander S. (RIPE NCC members).

Sander S. said he would be happy to hold an introductory session with Constanze B.

Constanze B. noted that it would be interesting, as there is a lot to learn.

Germán V. said that he would like to join the onboarding session and that there is a handbook that is being updated.

Kevin B. noted that the onboarding session would be a good refresher for all ASO AC members.

Hervé C. agreed that such a meeting could be organized, suggesting holding it no later than next week.

Esteban L. suggested that this meeting could be mandatory for newcomers and that anybody who wishes to participate is welcome to do so.

**New Action Item 231206-2:** Germán V. to organize an onboarding session for new members (Constanze B.) to be held next week. This meeting will be mandatory for newcomers and open to other ASO AC members who wish to participate.

## **12. 2023 ASO AC Appointments Review**

The only ASO AC appointment in 2023 was the appointment of Ron da Silva to the NomCom.

## **13. 2024 ICANN AC f2f Meeting (ICANN 79)**

Hervé C. explained that a f2f ASO AC meeting will take place early in March at ICANN 79 in Puerto Rico. He said that it is too soon to have a specific agenda, so this is simply a heads up to prepare to be there.

Kevin B. observed that March is a very busy time for travel to the Caribbean, the hotels are very expensive, and flights will be difficult. The ASO AC should define sooner rather than later whether the f2f meeting will start on Monday 4 March, as that would make it much easier to coordinate flights and accommodation.

Ozan S. then shared the link to the ICANN79 web page: <https://meetings.icann.org/en/icann79>, and Hervé C. asked him whether he had any additional information to share.

Ozan S. confirmed that ICANN 79 will be held on 2-7 March in Puerto Rico and that registration is expected to open next week or the one after that. He shared that the first ICANN79 Kickoff Production Planning Call will take place later today.

Hervé C. replied that he had received the invitation and will be attending.

Ozan S. shared that he had heard during ICP-2 discussions that ICANN 79 might be a good place to engage with the ICANN community. ICANN needs to understand what kind of engagement the ASO is looking for. If the ASO is looking to get feedback from the entire community, this might be a plenary session. This needs to be decided today, as today's Planning Call would be a good day to communicate this. There are also other options (e.g., OCTO, the ASO AC could organize a session itself). If the ASO AC wants to minimize conflicts and have a plenary session, this needs to be flagged soon.

Hervé C. replied that the ASO AC has not yet decided on this and asked what the deadline to communicate this is.

Ozan S. said that, if the AC is looking for a plenary session, 7-10 days; if the AC is talking about finalizing the ASO AC schedule for ICANN 79, then 24 January is the deadline. Ozan S. is planning to work with Hervé C. and German V. to come up with a schedule so everything will be set by 24 January.

Kevin B. then noted that what Ozan S. just said excludes the option of a plenary, as the AC does not yet have a timeline for our work. Perhaps a plenary meeting might be a good option at a later ICANN meeting, but it would be unfair to ask ICANN leaders to allocate time at this point.

Ozan S. thanked everyone for sharing their thoughts. He then shared that the June ICANN meeting will be held in Kigali, Rwanda, and the November meeting in Istanbul, Turkey.

#### **14.- Reports**

##### a) RIPE 87 Report

Hervé C:

- The meeting took place in Rome with 500+ on-site attendees as well as a large number of online participants. For the first time, local hubs were self-organized.
- There was a presentation by Randy Bush titled The RIR Social Contract which drew a lot of praise and attention.
- There were two presentations re ASO AC activity: ASO AC Update and 2024 Perspective presented by Hervé C. and Sander S. and the NRO NC / ICANN ASO AC Update presented before a broader audience (during the policy session) by Hervé Clement and Sander Steffann.
- Two policies were implemented, one of them was for /26 minimum size for temporary ipv4 assignments.
- Nicole C. attended this meeting.

Sander S:

- The highlight for me was Randy's presentation, it fit very well with what we're looking for with ICP-2. His presentation was not as procedural, but about expectations.

Constanze B:

- Agreed, she was really impressed by this presentation. She suggested sharing the slides here.

Hervé C. said they would share the link to the RIPE 87 report and presentations to the mailing list.

Nicole C. shared the link to Randy Bush's presentation:

<https://ripe87.ripe.net/wp-content/uploads/presentations/35-231127.ripe-contract.pdf>

Ricardo P. had to leave the meeting at this time.

#### **15. Farewell leaving ASO AC members**

Hervé C. thanked Saul S. for his work and said he is sure they will continue to have interesting discussions. James K. was not present because he has joined the RIPE NCC staff and is therefore no longer part of the ASO AC, but he has also done great work, particularly with the operating procedures.

Saul S. thanked everyone for the three years on the ASO AC, it was fun working together. Now Madhvi G. will be representing AFRINIC as an observer.

All thanked Saul for his work and contribution to the Council.

Hervé C. thanked the observers for their presence and moved on to the closed session.

## **17. Adjourn**

There being no further business to discuss, Kevin B. called the motion to adjourn, Sander S. seconded the motion, no objections were heard, and meeting was adjourned at 12:11 UTC.