ICANN Specific Reviews – Third Accountability and Transparency Review Team (ATRT3)
Recommendation 3.1 - Implementation Documentation
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ATRT3 Final Report https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/atrt3-report-executive-summary-29may20-en.pdf

Board resolution on ATRT3 Final Report https://www.icann.org/resources/board-material/resolutions-2020-11-30-en#1.a

- Recommendation submitted: May 2020
- Recommendation approved: November 2020
- Implementation completed: September 2022

See https://community.icann.org/display/atrt/Implementation for more information on ATRT3 implementation.

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RDS Reviews - Given the final results of the EPDP process will certainly have an impact on any future RDS Reviews (and could even remove the need for any further Specific Reviews on this topic) and considering that ATRT3's final report will be published prior to the EPDP delivering its final report, ATRT3 recommends suspending any further RDS Reviews until the next ATRT Review can consider the future of RDS Reviews in light of the final EPDP report recommendations, the results of the Board's consideration of these, as well as any other developments which affect Directory Services.

Board Action on ATRT3 Recommendation 3.1

The Board approves Recommendations 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, and 3.4, subject to community agreement to the Bylaws change. When deemed appropriate through the prioritization process, the Board directs ICANN org to begin the process to make the appropriate Bylaw amendments, but if the Empowered Community rejects the Bylaws changes, further ICANN community discussion would be required before implementation. Further, the Board notes that there may be a need to track implementation of Recommendations 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, and 3.4 separately due to the distinct work efforts and implementation steps required.

Final Implementation Report

ATRT3 Recommendation 3.1 was implemented on 22 September 2022 - see Board Resolution.
The ICANN Board deferred the Third Review of the Registration Directory Service (the RDS3) to allow the ICANN community and organization sufficient time to plan for, and implement pertinent ATRT3 recommendations that have been prioritized for implementation and in consideration of the dependency on the ongoing work related to the EPDP Phase 2 Final Report recommendations, including the proposed SSAD. The Board acknowledged that the Bylaws state that the RDS Review should be conducted every five years. The Board also acknowledged the ATRT3 recommendation, to suspend the RDS3 until the next ATRT makes a further recommendation on timing. The Board stated that it will oversee the implementation of

ATRT3 recommendations and determine whether the timing of the RDS3 should be re-examined based on the changing environment, including various dependencies such as the ongoing work related to the EPDP Phase 2 Final Report recommendations, including the proposed SSAD.

Rationale

See rationale supporting Board action. The Board recognized that the current timing specified in the Bylaws to commence the RDS3 in October 2022 is not prudent in the context of recently issued community recommendations approved by the Board and currently being implemented, as well as ongoing work related to the EPDP Phase 2 Final Report recommendations, including the proposed SSAD. By deferring the start of the RDS3, the Board acted in line with the ATRT3 recommendations as also supported by the ICANN community. The Board expected that since ATRT3 recommendations have been prioritized and implementation design work is underway, the implementation work will result in a package of proposed amendments to the ICANN Bylaws, some of which will address the timing of future reviews, including the RDS3.

Timeline

Expected implementation date: 30 September 2022
Final implementation date: 22 September 2022

Milestones

Board action on 22 September 2022 deferred the RDS3 until such time that ATRT4 would be able to reassess whether RDS Review should be terminated, amended, or kept as is in the context of the EPDP Phase 2 Final Report recommendations, the results of the Board's consideration of these, as well as any other developments which affect Directory Services.