

ICP-2 Review

Documents on the ICP-2 Review Process are being published in the NRO Website
(<https://www.nro.net/policy/internet-coordination-policy-2/>)

Internet Coordination Policy-2

ICP-2 was developed through ICANN's Address Supporting Organization (ASO) assisted by APNIC, ARIN, and RIPE NCC.

The ASO Address Council (AC) (<https://aso.icann.org/aso-ac/>) endorsed this document, and on 4 June 2001, it was accepted by the ICANN Board of Directors as a statement of the essential fundamental principles required for recognizing and evaluating new Regional Internet Registries (RIRs).

ICP-2: Criteria for Establishment of New Regional Internet Registries
(<http://www.icann.org/icp/icp-2.htm>)

Note, the ASO AC also functions as the Number Resource Organization Number Council (<https://www.nro.net/about/address-supporting-organization/the-nro-number-council/>) (NRO NC), and oversees the process of global IP address policy development. It also advises the ICANN Board on policy issues relating to the operation, assignment and management of IP addresses and appoints two members to the ICANN Board of Directors.

Request to update ICP-2

In October 2023, the NRO Executive Council (EC) asked the ASO AC to establish and manage a process to update the ICP-2 document. This update will be conducted in consultation with each of the RIR and ICANN communities to enhance the RIR system's accountability to the broader Internet community.

The process and timeline to update ICP-2 can be viewed here

(<https://www.nro.net/policy/internet-coordination-policy-2/process-for-the-review-of-icp-2-and-timeline/>).

The NRO NC has now published the draft “Governance Document for the Recognition, Maintenance, and Derecognition of Regional Internet Registries”

(<https://www.nro.net/policy/internet-coordination-policy-2/rir-governance-document/>) to update ICP-2, using the feedback received on the proposed principles document.

The update sets forth the core principles the ASO AC believes should be reflected in the next version of ICP-2. In addition to principles on governance, ecosystem, lifecycle, recognition and operation of RIRs, it also outlines principles for the potential ‘derecognition’ of an RIR if it fails to adhere to the criteria established.

View the proposed “Governance Document for the Recognition, Maintenance, and Derecognition of Regional Internet Registries” (<https://www.nro.net/policy/internet-coordination-policy-2/rir-governance-document/>)

Request for feedback

The RIR communities are now invited to share their input on the draft “RIR Governance Document” via regional mailing lists until Tuesday, 27 May 2025. The NRO NC will also share updates and information at various online sessions and upcoming meetings. An ICANN Public Comment proceeding will take place during the same period.

Feedback on Proposed Principles

The NRO NC invited the global RIR communities (<https://www.nro.net/the-nro-invites-internet-community-to-participate-in-icp-2-questionnaire/>) to provide feedback on each principle via a questionnaire, open from 8 October until 6 December 2024. The questionnaire allowed respondents to rate each principle from ‘Strongly Disagree to Strongly Agree with room to provide comments on each principle and open comments at the end.

On 24 February 2025, tThe NRO NC published a qualitative analysis and summary of the community responses received to the questionnaire on the proposed principles to update ICP-2. The summary and the raw data questionnaire are available here

(<https://www.nro.net/policy/internet-coordination-policy-2/icp-2-principles-questionnaire-report-and-data/>).

This draft represents the first major step in the ASO AC's work of revising ICP-2.

View the PROPOSED ICP-2 (v2) PRINCIPLES document

(<https://www.nro.net/policy/internet-coordination-policy-2/proposed-icp-2-version-2-principles/>).

Community Engagement

Members of the NRO NC/ ASO AC will be participating during RIR and other meetings to further discuss the draft "RIR Governance Document" and answer any questions you may have.

View the list of planned sessions and regional consultation mailing lists

(<https://www.nro.net/policy/internet-coordination-policy-2/community-engagement/>).

This section of the ASO AC website is intended to consolidate all relevant information and updates on this process but the main source of information will be recorded in the NRO website (<https://www.nro.net/policy/internet-coordination-policy-2/>)

Relevant links:

- NRO request to ASO AC for help with ICP-2 (<https://aso-apps-2.ripe.net/hyperkitty/list/ac-discuss@aso.icann.org/thread/GBM06DIIZPYT3U7PLUWGLYQJRHD35T46/>):
- ASO AC's response to the NRO's request for help with ICP-2: *Response is right below NRO EC request in the previous link.*
- Proposed ICP-2 Version 2 Principles (<https://www.nro.net/policy/internet-coordination-policy-2/proposed-icp-2-version-2-principles/>)
- Global Questionnaire on proposed ICP-2 version 2 Principles (<https://aso.icann.org/the-nro-invites-internet-community-to-participate-in-icp-2-questionnaire/>)

- NRO Announces that the Deadline for the ICP-2 Questionnaire Has Been Extended to 6 December 2024 (<https://aso.icann.org/nro-announces-that-the-deadline-for-the-icp-2-questionnaire-has-been-extended-to-6-december-2024-2/>)
- ICP-2 Principles Questionnaire Report and Data Published (<https://www.nro.net/icp-2-principles-questionnaire-report-and-data-published/>)
- Process for the review of ICP-2 and Timeline (<https://www.nro.net/policy/internet-coordination-policy-2/process-for-the-review-of-icp-2-and-timeline/>)
- Community Engagement Information (<https://www.nro.net/policy/internet-coordination-policy-2/community-engagement/>)
- NRO Announces consultation on RIR Governance Document (<https://www.nro.net/consultation-on-draft-governance-document-for-the-recognition-maintenance-and-derecognition-of-regional-internet-registries/>)
- Governance Document for the Recognition, Maintenance, and Derecognition of Regional Internet Registries (<https://www.nro.net/policy/internet-coordination-policy-2/rir-governance-document/>)
- FAQ (<https://www.nro.net/policy/internet-coordination-policy-2/faq/>)

Reference Documents

- Current version of ICP-2: <https://aso.icann.org/policy/internet-coordination-policy/> (<https://aso.icann.org/policy/internet-coordination-policy/>)
- ASO MoU 1999: <https://aso.icann.org/documents/historical-documents/memorandum-of-understanding-1999/> (<https://aso.icann.org/documents/historical-documents/memorandum-of-understanding-1999/>)
- ASO MoU 2004: <https://aso.icann.org/documents/historical-documents/memorandum-of-understanding/> (<https://aso.icann.org/documents/historical-documents/memorandum-of-understanding/>)

- ASO MoU 2019: <https://aso.icann.org/documents/memorandums-of-understanding/icann-address-supporting-organization-mou-november-2019/>
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