

Formed by the Regional Internet Registries to formalize their cooperative efforts,

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to protect the unallocated Number

• to promote and protect the bottom up policy development process.



• to act as a focal point for Internet community input into the RIR system.





History

- RIRs signing ASO MoU with ICANN in Oct 1999
- Funding: Agreement to
 - Cover approx 10% of ICANN budget between RIRs
 - Division of financial burden to be agreed by RIRs
- Ongoing contract negotiations until 2002
- Spring 2002: ICANN reform breaks loose...

ICANN Reform

- ASO clearly not high on ICANN agenda
- RIRs publish several position papers
- Not much reaction from ICANN side, but:
- ASO still untouched in new bylaws



RIR Perspective

- ICANN unstable (2002++)
- ICANN performs IANA function
- Goal:
 - Secure access to the unallocated address pool
 - In general:
 Guarantee Stable Stewardship of Internet
 Numbering Resources
- Need stable, minimalist alternative to ICANN IANA with regard to addresses / ASNs

Wanted:

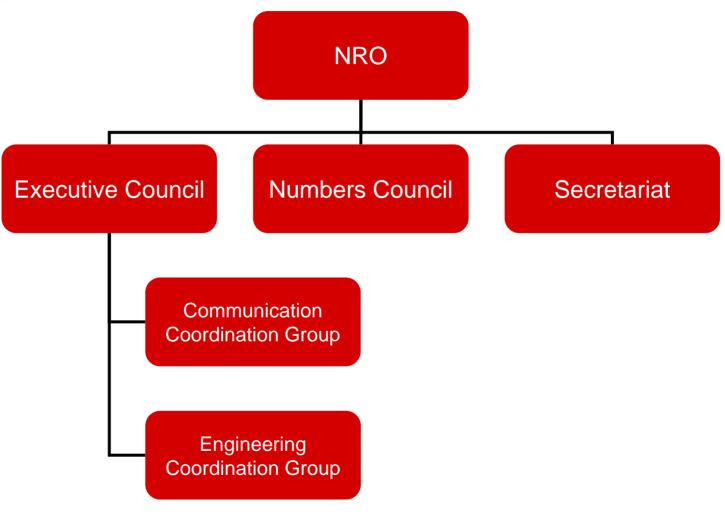
- Body capable of ...
 - performing IANA "spreadsheet function"
 - protecting bottom up policy making processes for Global Policies
- Also: Focus strengthening RIR co-ordination



Enter: The NRO

- Number Resource Organisation
 - "Coalition" of all RIRs
- Carriage of joint activities
 - Technical services
 - RIR point of contact
 - RIR representation
 - Negotiation with external parties
- Intend to form new ASO with ICANN
 - Able to provide service in absence of ICANN

Organization



Current status

- EC appointed (RIR CEOs)
 - Paul Wilson (Chair), Axel Pawlik (Secretary)
 Raul Echeberria (Treasurer), Ray Plzak (Liaison)
- Engineering Co-ordination Group established (RIR CTOs)
 - Andrei Robachevsky (Chair)
- Communications Coordination Group
 - Paul Rendek (Chair)
- Secretariat at RIPE NCC
 - Email nro@nro.org
 - Web http://www.nro.org
- Not established: NRO Number Council
 - All policy related process frozen for the duration of good faith negotiations with ICANN

And what about ICANN?

- NRO has offered to ICANN to function as ICANN ASO
- Very similar structure and functionality to current ASO
- See: http://www.nro.org/docs/NRO-to-ICANN-24feb2004.pdf

Issues Resolved

- Population of Address Council (NomCom appointments)
- Liaison to Address Council from other ICANN bodies
- Some clarification and process issues



WSIS and the RIRs

- We do prefer ICANN over alternatives
 - Certainly
- We are on the same side as ICANN on this
 - But independently so
- Strong need to liaise and jointly act with industry partners



WSIS - Key Principle Internet Governance

- International mgmt. of the Internet should be
 - multilateral, transparent, democratic
 - full involvement of all stakeholders
 - gov's., private sector, civil society, international orgs.
- Equitable distribution of resources
- Access for all
- Stable & secure functioning of the Internet



THANK YOU!