

Review of Reviews Cross Community Group

Progress report to GNSO Council

January 2026

Phases of Work

Phase 1

Fact Finding

Consult Community on issues around purpose and need for the ICANN reviews system, and of current and future reviews

Phase 2

Analysis & Development of Proposals

Analysis of input received, identify core issues and priorities

Phase 3

Finalization of Proposals

Analysis of input received, develop draft report

Initial Findings
Purpose of Reviews
at ICANN84 (Oct 25)

Initial Design for
Discussion at
ICANN85 (Mar 26)

Phase 4

Finalizing of Report and Decision-making

Finalization of report and call for SO/AC support

Draft Report for
Discussion at
ICANN86 (Jun 26)

Final Report and
Documentation of
Support Sent to
Board (Aug 26)

Current Discussions

- Considering five ‘buckets’ of reviews and trying to pull out key principles on cadence, threshold for initiating and outputs
- Small group is looking at whether the Strategic Plan would have a role in a review
- Main group has been exploring Continuous Improvement Program Review and Structural Review buckets
- Will move on to ‘standing review of reviews’ and ‘ad hoc’ next

Contributing to the work

Suggested input topics:

1. What should be subject to review moving forward and why
2. What should not be subject to review moving forward and why
3. Gaps in the thinking of the CCG
4. Purpose of reviews program as a whole, and why

Contribute individually or as a SG/C to inputonreviews@icann.org

Questions