

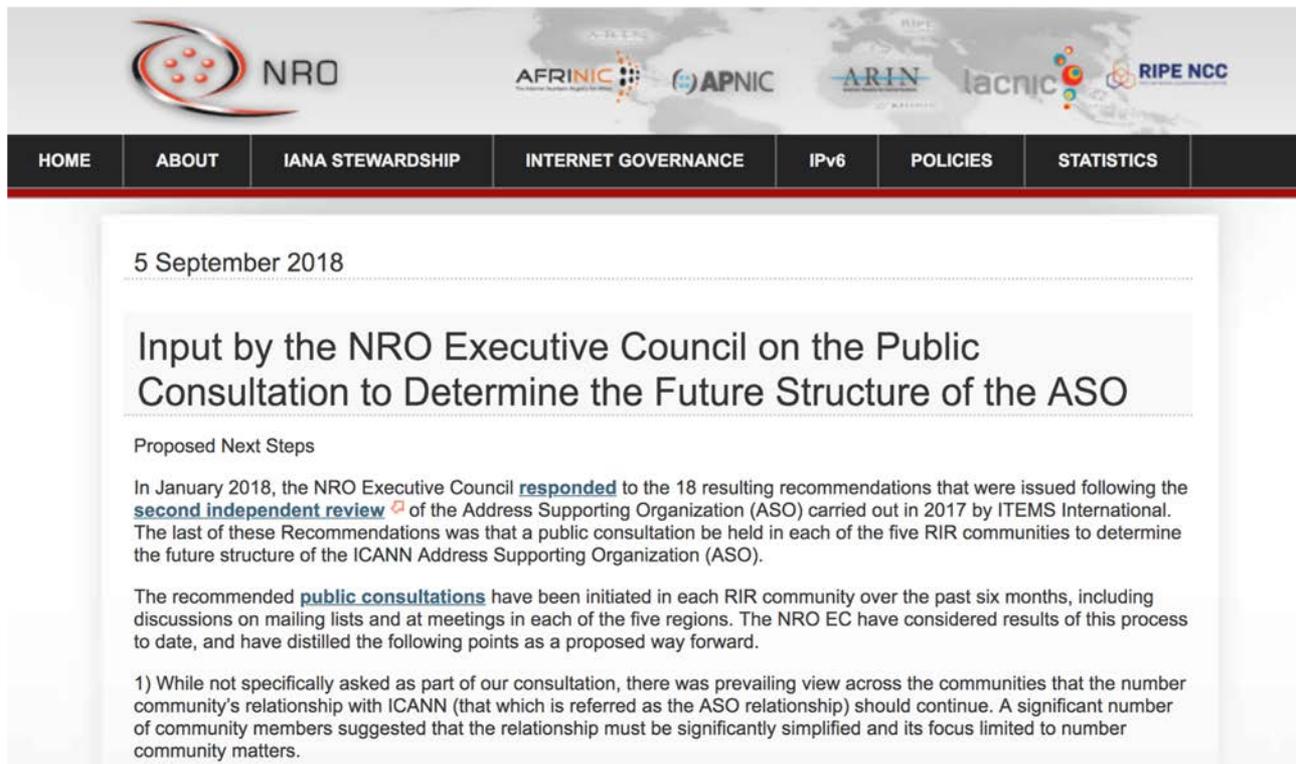
# Future structure of the ASO

Community Consultations (continued...)



# Background

- The NRO accepted 18 recommendations from the ASO Review
  - Including #18: Recommending a public consultation, involving the five RIR communities, to determine the future structure of the ASO.
- All RIRs have held consultation sessions
  - In some cases, consultation is considered to be over
  - In APNIC, consultation is ongoing (so far)
- RIR EC and Boards have considered direction and next steps, based on consultations so far
  - NRO EC has drafted a strawman proposal for next steps
  - For consideration in each region



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## Input by the NRO Executive Council on the Public Consultation to Determine the Future Structure of the ASO

### Proposed Next Steps

In January 2018, the NRO Executive Council [responded](#) to the 18 resulting recommendations that were issued following the [second independent review](#) of the Address Supporting Organization (ASO) carried out in 2017 by ITEMS International. The last of these Recommendations was that a public consultation be held in each of the five RIR communities to determine the future structure of the ICANN Address Supporting Organization (ASO).

The recommended [public consultations](#) have been initiated in each RIR community over the past six months, including discussions on mailing lists and at meetings in each of the five regions. The NRO EC have considered results of this process to date, and have distilled the following points as a proposed way forward.

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