

## Draft FY24 IANA and PTI Draft FY24 Plans Clarifying Questions Report

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### Section I: General Overview

The ICANN organization (org) prepared and published the Draft IANA and PTI FY24 Operating Plan and Budgets for Public Comment on 15 September 2022. The Public Comment period ends on 31 October 2022.

As noted on the [Public Comment page](#), Community members seeking clarification on any details in the Draft IANA and PTI FY24 Operating Plan and Budgets may submit questions to [planning@icann.org](mailto:planning@icann.org) by 4 October 2022. ICANN org will publish responses to clarifying questions by 13 October 2022, approximately three weeks before this Public Comment period ends.

The purpose of the clarifying questions process is to permit community members to ask questions about details of the plans, the responses to which are meant to help them prepare for public comments, if still intended after receipt of the responses. The questions are more general in nature. Should any of the clarifying questions received seem to provide either support or lack of support for an element of the plans, ICANN org will then suggest that the submitter of the question submit such a comment as part of the Public Comment process.

This document provides the clarifying questions submitted to ICANN org and the responses to these questions from ICANN org.

## Draft IANA and PTI FY24 Operating Plan and Budgets Clarifying Questions and Responses

#	Question / Observation	Contributor	Response
1	ccNSO Policy on Retirement of ccTLDs: ICANN Board has approved the Policy. Does PTI plan to undertake activities to implement the Policy in FY2023? (Otherwise it should be planned for FY2024)	Irina Danelia (SOPC Vice-Chair)	Based on the Planning Prioritization Framework, all Board-approved activities, such as Policy Development Processes, Review recommendations, and Cross-Community Working Group recommendations are subject to prioritization, as a step in the annual planning process. This item will be discussed as part of the <a href="#">FY24 Planning Prioritization</a> in September and October 2022 with the Planning Prioritization Group.

2	<p>Community Recommendations and Contingency expenses According to the Draft FY2024 Operating Plan and Budget: ‘...any ongoing review and policy-related work that is not yet Board-approved will not be included in the FY24 PTI Operating Plan and Budget. Contingency is included in the FY24 PTI Operating Plan and Budget and represents an amount of budgeted expense unallocated to specific activities or departments.</p> <p>Examples of review and policy-related work that is not yet approved for implementation by the requisite parties, and thus are not included in these plans are:</p> <p>..</p> <p>Implementation of policies under development or design assessment, such as:</p> <p>...</p> <p>Permanent approach to IDN ccTLD Strings to replace the current “fast track”</p> <p>...</p> <p>A new decision review mechanism for ccTLD delegations and transfers’</p> <p>...</p> <p>‘Contingency is an amount included in the budget but not allocated to specific activities; it can be used for unforeseen costs or to cover the difference between budgeted and actual costs’</p> <p>Are the activities required to implement Community recommendations that were approved by ICANN Board after the approval of the budget, considered as such unforeseen costs?</p>	Irina Danelia (SOPC Vice-Chair)	<p>The IANA Budget includes \$0.5M of contingency funds that are set aside for any unforeseen and unplanned activities. On page 10 of the <a href="#">Draft PTI FY24 Operating Plan and Budget</a>, it states “Contingency is included in the FY24 PTI Operating Plan and Budget and represents an amount of budgeted expense unallocated to specific activities or departments.”</p> <p>Any Board Approvals that occur after adoption of the Public Technical Identifiers (PTI) budget and affect the PTI operations will be funded through contingency.</p>
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	<p>Is there a mechanism for PTI to apply for additional funding in case the Contingency amount in the approved budget is not enough to cover unforeseen costs?</p> <p>Should any or both of the ccNSO PDP3 Review Mechanism and PDP4 IDN Policies be approved by ICANN Board later in FY2023, what is the mechanism to include the activities required to implement these policies in FY 2024 Operating Plan and Budget?</p>		
3	<p>New RZM system: PTI Strategic Plan (July 2020 – June 2024) mentions five strategic objectives, including: ‘Continue to drive the implementation of operational initiatives to enhance the delivery of services based on the needs of the IANA customer.’ (See page 14 <a href="https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/pti-strategic-plan-2020-2024-15sep20-en.pdf">https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/pti-strategic-plan-2020-2024-15sep20-en.pdf</a>)</p> <p>Are we correct in understanding that the new Root Zone Management System (presented at ICANN 75, see for example presentation by Kim Davies on Evolving the Root Zone Management System during Tech day) is the key project to achieve this objective?</p>	Irina Danelia (SOPC Vice-Chair)	<p>Yes. One of the targeted outcomes of this objective is to deliver a “Root Zone Management System that supports the evolution of the underlying policies and business requirements and adapts to customer requirements for a modern and secure self-service capability”. To help us reach our FY24 targets, we have listed the key deliverables for the Root Zone Management evolution on page 14 of the <a href="#">Draft PTI Operating Plan &amp; Budget</a>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● User experience improvements – deeper review of common interactions and identifying opportunities to make them simpler.</li> <li>● New credential options (e.g., multi-factor authentication).</li> <li>● Granular technical checks, with minor issues easier to evaluate and dismiss by managers.</li> <li>● Implement new technical checks based on community engagement.</li> <li>● Comprehensive Application Programming Interface for top-level domain managers.</li> <li>● Integrate feedback from the community on the next generation platform to be launched in FY23.</li> </ul>