

Comments on ICANN JPA mid-term review

This Joint Project Agreement has been a success story so far and it is inevitable to develop a comprehensive transition plan to deal with the conclusion of the JPA in 2009. There has been a strong opposition from various Internet Communities around the globe regarding the US Department of Commerce involvement in the operational process of ICANN, which creates unnecessary delay thus affects the visibility of the full root zone management service level. It is believed that binding of JPA will help to fade away the controversies regarding the US. Government's role within ICANN.

PTA recommends the effective participation of all governments in the ICANN's GAC, that will reflect a better harmony amongst the various Internet stakeholders. Similarly the role of Security and Stability Advisory committee is of immense importance as the security and stability of DNS remains very significant.

However PTA welcomes the NTIA's initiative for providing an open opportunity to Internet communities to comment on the JPA process. The process of global consensus may continue over the next 18 months, as it will pave the way to prepare a comprehensive vision for post-transition ICANN.