



AFTLD Position Development Process (PDP) Framework

	AFTLD Board Position [Fast Track]	AFTLD Position
Definition	An AFTLD Board (“Board”) Position statement is a public statement issued by the Board on its behalf on an issue of interest to AFTLD Members (“Members”). The statement shows the general interest and position of Members to the best of the Board’s knowledge.	An AFTLD Position statement is a public statement issued by the Board on behalf of its Members on an issue of interest to Members. The statement shows the position of Members.
Binding Status	Non-binding on Members	Non-binding on Members
Purpose & Conditions	To provide a prompt response to an international statement, a request from an external body or a Member, where the deadline for response is too short for carrying out a full-scale consultation with Members and where the statement is - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • unanimously agreed to by, or has no objection from the Board; and • there is support or no objection from Members; or • agreed to by a simple majority of Members. 	To provide a response to an international statement, a request from an external body or a Member, where Members agree unanimously or by simple majority on a mailing list, or at a meeting (by minuting a formal action) and where the statement is - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • unanimously agreed to by, or has no objection from Members; or • agreed to by a simple majority of Members.
Typical Issues of Interest to the Board and Members	ccTLD related issues such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • best practices for ccTLDs relating to administrative, legal, regulatory and technical work; or • ICANN related policy or position papers dealing with PTI (Public Technical Identifier) functions, funding models, technical best practices, etc. • An international organization’s move, decision, deliberation which may affect, directly or indirectly, ccTLDs’ operation and status 	ccTLD related issues such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • best practices for ccTLDs relating to administrative, legal, regulatory and technical work; or • ICANN related policy or position papers dealing with PTI (Public Technical Identifier) functions, funding models, technical best practices, etc. • An international organization’s move, decision, deliberation which may affect, directly or indirectly, ccTLDs’ operation and status
Appointment of Statement Editor	Decided by the Board, or GM on advice of the Board or Members. The	Decided by Members. Board will seek volunteer(s) from members. If none,



	Editor can be a single person or an ad-hoc group of Members. The Editor will provide a first draft position statement.	Board may appoint GM or any Board member to take on the task. The Editor can be the GM, a single person or an ad-hoc working group. The Editor will provide a first draft position statement.
Typical Timeframe from Beginning to End	One to two weeks or less, where the matter requires an immediate attention	Three weeks or more
Consultation Procedure	<p>(a) (i) Board announces to Members its intention to draft a statement along with its reasons; or</p> <p>(ii) Members agree unanimously or by a simple majority to instruct the Board to draft a statement.</p> <p>(b) The Editor sets a timeframe to complete the drafting and releasing the statement. The procedure should normally last no more than one week.</p> <p>(c) Members receive a pre-release draft of the statement at least two days before intended publication to allow them to comment.</p> <p>(d) Members have the opportunity to object to or opt-out from the position before its publication. They can indicate if they want to be identified in the document as abstaining or dissenting and have their statements of objection or opting out published.</p> <p>(e) The statement is subject to unanimous approval of the Board before its release as an AFTLD Board position.</p>	<p>(a) (i) Board proposes to Members to draft a statement along with its reasons; or</p> <p>(ii) Members agree unanimously or by a simple majority to issue a statement.</p> <p>(b) The Editor sets a timeframe to complete the drafting and release the statement.</p> <p>(c) If the Editor believes that a working group (WG) is necessary, it sends out a message to ask for volunteers to participate in the WG. The email details the requirements and timeframe. The procedure should normally last no more than four weeks.</p> <p>(d) Members receive a pre-release draft of the statement at least one week before intended publication to allow Members to comment.</p> <p>(e) The statement is passed by an agreement of a simple majority, or where applicable, a quorate meeting, before its release as an AFTLD position.</p> <p>(f) Members have the opportunity to object to or opt-out from the position before its publication. They can indicate if they want to be identified in the document as abstaining or dissenting and have their statements of objection or opting out published.</p>
Authorisation to Publish Statement	Board	Members

