RIRs, the NRO and ICANN

Update - August 2003
So far

- The RIR boards have drafted an agreement to be undertaken between themselves to establish a Number Resource Organization (NRO)
- The NRO has operational and policy roles
  - Operational:
    - Common activities undertaken by all RIRs together
  - Policy
    - Ratification of coordinated policies for the RIRs
    - Appeals process relating to coordinated policies
NRO Structure

• Executive Council
  – Composed of one representative of each RIR
    • CEO is the default assumption at present

• Number Council
  – Composed of
    • 2 members selected by each open regional policy forum (total of 8)
    • 1 representative selected by each RIR (4)
      – Board member is one option
    • Up to 3 observers from each emerging RIR

• Secretariat
  – Service the functions of the NRO, undertaken by each RIR in rotation
Number Council Role

• Advise the Executive Council to ratify proposed global number resource policies
• Act as a point of consultation to external bodies concerning global number resource policies
Global Policy Process and the Number Council

- Number Council to review proposed global policy
- Ensure that RIR policies were followed in the development and approval of the proposal
- Post a Last Call and ensure that all significant viewpoints of interested parties were adequately considered
- Either pass back to the RIRs or recommend to the Executive Council to ratify the proposed policy
Status

- NRO draft completed early July
- Passed to joint RIR legal team for review by July 11

- No response so far from the legal team 😞
Next steps

• **Jointly** review legal outcomes for the NRO document (whenever we get the document back in its final format)

• **Separately** consider signing the NRO MoU

• **Subsequently** consider incorporation of the NRO
ICANN Agreement

• The agreement is intended to be an MoU between the NRO and ICANN, with nominated roles for the Number Council

• Drafted an MoU that would update parts of the NRO – namely:
  – Have the NRO Number Council play the role of the ICANN Address Council
  – Include formal liaisons to the Number Council, as part of formal liaison agreements with the NRO
  – Include the ICANN Board in global policy ratification
  – Includes points of agreement so far with ICANN
Number Council Role in an ICANN MoU context

- Pass recommendations for global policies to the ICANN Board following review and last call as described with NRO
- Select individual to serve on ICANN Boards and committees as required
- Provide advice to the ICANN Board on matters of global number policy in conjunction with the RIRs
Next Steps

- Plan to commence negotiations with ICANN after formation of the NRO
- Followup the MoU with a formal contract with ICANN