The ATRT developed the following principles to guide its review:

* Recommendations will be fact-based, far from impressions or personal opinions.
* The team will be guided by a selected number of case-studies involving review of relevant events for each case study through 17 June 2010 (the day prior to the start date of the ICANN Brussels meeting).
* The case-studies are based on cases which were suggested by the community during the ATRT meetings in Brussels, namely new gTLDs, .xxx (not including the application process) and DNS-CERT
* The case studies will be used to identify processes and decision-making that demonstrated ICANN’s accountability and transparency, as well as processes and decision-making that could be modified to enhance ICANN’s accountability and transparency.
* Recommendations would be future looking and would hence suggest improvements to the current process; recommendations are not for the purpose of altering any past decisions or influencing any ongoing processes.
* Merits/Reasons behind each recommendation would be also made public.