

Delegation & Re-delegation Working Group Meeting Notes

Monday 26 October & Thursday 29 October 2009

- The Chair of the Working Group, Keith Davidson clarified that the purpose of the Working Group is to review and highlight issues that are not covered in the current delegation, re-delegation and retirement process, and to report back to the ccNSO. It is not undertaking a PDP on the issue.
- It was discussed whether the GAC definitions of “delegation” and “re-delegation” should be used, or whether the group should develop their own definitions. However, given that the working group only has a review function, it was felt that finding new definitions would be inappropriate at this time.
- A slight change to the wording of point 3 in the “Overview Working Group Methodology and Schedule” paper was suggested. Instead of reading “Step 1 Identification – Identify current policy for delegation of ccTLDs” it should be changed to “Step 1 Identification – Identify current policies and guidelines for delegation of ccTLDs”. The Chair agreed on making this change.
- It was asked from what point the “describing process” of delegation issues starts – whether from what IANA is doing today, or what it did 20 years ago. It was felt that this issue would be dealt with once the work of the working group commences.
- It was suggested to split up the work in three parts: The first part is to look at delegation issues, followed by retirements and finally, re-delegation issues (covering both friendly and hostile re-delegations).
- The suggested working timeline was:
Between the Seoul and Nairobi meeting: First paper on delegations process to be prepared; agree on terminology.

Between the Nairobi and Brussels meeting: Retirement investigations

Between the Brussels and South America meeting: Re-delegation issues.
- To make the timeline work, regular telephone conferences are needed, as it would not be possible to resolve the work only on the mailing lists.
- It was also felt that face-to-face meetings need to be held during the ICANN meetings. It was suggested to meet on the Sunday afternoons between 17.00 – 19.00.

- The ccNSO Secretariat is to come up with a telephone conference schedule. It was suggested to have an 8-hour rotating schedule for the convenience of all parties involved. It was discussed whether two separate calls on the same issue should be held, but it was felt that it would make it hard to debate on all the matters in a constructive way.
- The first meeting is to be scheduled to take place in the last week of November/early December 2009.
- There was a wish to record and transcribe the meetings. The ccNSO Secretariat is to find out if there is a possibility to have the meetings transcribed. A recording will be set up for each face-to-face meeting; the telephone conferences are always recorded.