Overview WG Methodology and Schedule

1. Purpose and scope of the working group

The delegation, re-delegation and retirement working group was created to advise the ccNSO Council whether it should launch a policy development process to recommend changes to the current policy for delegation, re-delegation and retirement of ccTLDs.

It is the view of the WG that in order to advise the ccNSO Council properly, the working group will first need to identify the following area's regarding delegation, re-delegation and retirement:

- Current policies,
- Current processes and practices, and
- Terms and definitions used in the context of the identified policies and practices.

Secondly the working group will explore consistency and relevancy of the identified area's and report on any issues or matters of concern that it believes exist and consider possible solutions to reported issues or matters of concern.

If issues outside this scope become apparent to the working group, it will inform the ccNSO Council accordingly so that can appropriate process can be considered by the ccNSO.

The IANA functions contract between the US Government and ICANN, including any contract implementation issues or procedures relating to it, are considered outside the scope of this working group.

2. Overall WG Process

In order to meet its objectives the following timeline is proposed and the ccNSO Council will be requested to adjust the charter of this working group accordingly.

- Now-Seoul meeting: clarify process and working method

- Seoul meeting:

  o Seek buy-in by ccTLD community to the process as proposed

  o Initial Information gathering session(s) on each of the area's

  o Sign-off on overall process by WG

  o Adjustment of methodology and schedule in charter of WG.

- Seoul-Nairobi timeframe: Focus on Terms and Definitions, and delegation process

(see section 3)

- Nairobi-Brussels timeframe: Focus on Re-delegation process (see section 4)

- Brussels- Latin America meeting (end 2010) timeframe: focus on Retirement process (see section 5)

- Latin American meeting - Spring meeting 2011: Focus on Recommendations (see section 6)

3. Delegation

Step 1 Identification
- Identify current policy for delegation of ccTLDs
    - o Sources: RFC 1591 & ICP-1, IANA Briefing Notes, GAC Principles
- Identify current practice for delegation of ccTLDs
    - o Sources: IANA Documentation, Delegation reports, Other sources
- Identify relevant terms and definitions

Step 2 Exploration of Consistency and Relevance
- Current policy
- Current practice and procedures
- Terms and definitions

Step 3 Identification of issues, if any, and recommendation for improvement
- Policy
- Practice and procedures
- Terms and definitions

The working group will report its findings regarding delegation before the Nairobi meeting for discussion by the community at that meeting and take into consideration the comments of the community in its recommendations to the Council on delegation.

4. Re-delegation

Step 1 Identification
- Identify current policy for re-delegation of ccTLDs
    - o Sources: RFC 1591 & ICP-1, IANA Briefing Notes, GAC Principles
- Identify current practice for re-delegation of ccTLDs
    - o Sources: IANA Documentation, Delegation reports, Other sources

- Identify relevant terms and definitions

Step 2 Exploration of Consistency and Relevance
- Current policy
- Current practice and procedures
- Terms and definitions

Step 3 Identification of issues, if any, and recommendation for improvement
- Policy
- Practice and procedures
- Terms and definitions

The working group will report its findings regarding re-delegation before the Latin America ICANN meeting (5-10 December 2010) for discussion by the community at that meeting and take into consideration the comments of the community in its recommendations to the Council on re-delegation.

5. Retirement

Step 1 Identification
- Identify current policy for delegation of ccTLDs
    - Sources: RFC 1591 & ICP-1, IANA Briefing Notes, GAC Principles
- Identify current practice for retirement of ccTLDs
    - Sources: IANA Documentation, Delegation reports, Other sources
- Identify relevant terms and definitions

Step 2 Exploration of Consistency and Relevance
- Current policy
- Current practice and procedures
- Terms and definitions

Step 3 Identification of issues, if any, and recommendation
- Policy
- Practice and procedures
- Terms and definitions

The working group will report its findings regarding retirement before the ICANN meeting for discussion by the community at that meeting and take into consideration the comments of the community in its recommendations to the Council on re-

delegation.

6. Recommendations of the WG to the ccNSO Council

The working group aspires to report on, and submit its recommendations to the Council at the spring 2011 ICANN meeting.

Footnote

For the purposes of clarity, the words "delegation", "re-delegation" and "retirement" are used in the following context:

Delegation: The process through which the authoritative root zone database is modified to include a new ccTLD, and the management of domain name registrations under such ccTLD is turned over to the designated manager.

Redelegation: The process through which the IANA database is modified to change the designated manager of a ccTLD, which may, or may not, require a modification to the authoritative root zone database.

Retirement: The process through which an existing ccTLD is removed from the authoritative root zone database.