Call for Nominations for ccTLD Managers to Participate in the

Cross Community Working Group to Develop an IANA Stewardship Transition Proposal on Naming Related Functions

Summary

The ccNSO will participate in the Cross Community Working Group to Develop an IANA Stewardship Transition Proposal on Naming Related Functions (CWG), which is being formed as part of the process to develop an IANA stewardship transition proposal, specifically for the Naming related Functions. The ccNSO has been asked to appoint up to five (5) members of the CWG. The purpose of this email is to seek nominations for these five (5) places. The ccNSO Council will appoint the members to the CWG at its meeting on 25 September 2014.

Background

On 14 March 2014 the US Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) announced its intent to transition stewardship of the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) functions to the global multistakeholder community. The NTIA asked the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), as the IANA functions contractor and global coordinator for the Domain Name System (DNS), to convene a multistakeholder process to develop a proposal for the transition. IANA also said that the transition proposal must have broad community support and address the following four principles:

- Support and enhance the multistakeholder model;
- Maintain the security, stability, and resiliency of the Internet DNS;
- Meet the needs and expectation of the global customers and partners of the IANA services; and,
- Maintain the openness of the Internet.

The NTIA also said that it will not accept a proposal that replaces the NTIA role with a government-led or an inter-governmental organization solution. Full details of IANA's announcement are available at: http://www.ntia.doc.gov/press-release/2014/ntia-announces-intent-transition-key-internet-domain-name-functions.

On June 6 ICANN proposed the creation of an IANA Stewardship Transition Coordination Group (ICG) "responsible for preparing a transition proposal reflecting the differing needs of the various affected parties of the IANA functions."

Two subsets of IANA's global customers/partners, the addressing and Internet protocol parameter communities, led by the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) and the number resource community comprising the Number Resource Organization (NRO), the Address Supporting Organization (ASO) and the Regional Internet Registries (RIRs), have responded to the NTIA's announcement and the formation

of the ICG, by establishing working groups to provide input on their specific needs and expectations with respect to the IANA Stewardship Transition. It was determined that the transition proposal should be developed within the directly affected communities (i.e. the IETF for development of standards for Internet Protocol Parameters; the NRO, the ASO, and the RIRs for functions related the management and distribution of numbering resources; and the GNSO and ccNSO for functions related to the Domain Name System). These efforts would inform the work of the ICG, whose responsibility would be to fashion an overall integrated transition proposal from these autonomously developed components.

Therefore there is a need for the naming community to come together to articulate its needs and expectations in an integrated fashion, as an integral part of this transition process, and to develop a proposal for the elements of the IANA Stewardship Transition that directly affect the naming community. The ccNSO Council together with GNSO Council have taken the initiative to create a cross-community working group.

At its meeting on 21 August adopted the charter of the Cross Community Working Group to Develop an IANA Stewardship Transition Proposal on Naming Related Functions. The adopted charter can be found at: <include link>

ccTLD Participation on the Cross-Community Working Group

In accordance with the adopted charter of the CWG the ccNSO (as well as each of the other chartering organizations) shall appoint a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 5 members to the working group. The ccNSO Council decided – as usual- that membership of the CWG is open to both ccNSO members and non-ccNSO members.

In addition, the CWG will be open to any interested person as an observer. Observers may be from the ccNSO, from a stakeholder group not represented in the CWG, or may be self-appointed. Observers will be able to actively participate in and attend all CWG meetings.

However, **any consensus calls or decisions that need to be made will be limited to CWG members appointed by the ccNSO and the other chartering organizations.**

Call for membership Nominations

The ccNSO Council is seeking nominations from ccTLD managers (independent of ccNSO membership), who might wish to serve as one of the five (5) ccTLD members on the cross-community working group.

Candidates are expected to have:

- A thorough understanding of operating requirements of a ccTLD manager,

- Commit to actively participate in the activities of the CWG on an ongoing and long-term basis; and
- Where appropriate, solicit and communicate the views and concerns of individuals from the ccTLD community.

- Effective communication skills in order to represent ccTLD interests on the ccWG and to keep the ccNSO and broader ccTLD community abreast of the state of play in the cross-community group.

Candidates for this role are requested to provide the ccNSO (ccNSOsecretariat@icann.org) with the following by 11 September 2014, 23.59 UTC).

- a recent curriculum vitae summarizing background and experience, including that in ccTLD operations, and
- a statement of what the candidate sees as being the main objectives that ccTLD operators should be seeking in an IANA transition proposal.

The list of nominations will be made public after closure of the nomination period.

The ccNSO Council will make select and appoint the five members on the WG at its meeting on 25 September 2014, based on the selection criteria mentioned above and taking into account the diversity of the ccTLD community, including geographical diversity.

Interviews of shortlisted candidates may be conducted.