Report

Contact Repository Implementation Working Group

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During last face to face meeting, with two members participating remotely, of the working group in Durban, a proposal for consideration and exploration of a different model to develop and operate the Contact Repository was raised. The counter proposal being considered by the Working Group is a distributed model versus the centralized model currently under consideration. The working group members who proposed to the group agreed to available this counter proposal bye the end of September 2013. At wich time the entire Working Group will review and provide consensus for inclusion into the current document for the specific purpose of presenting alternatives to the community.

At this stage, the working group has been develop and defined the following:

1. Limiting the scope of the repository to handle only Emergency Contacts, not emergency incidents and contacts.

2. Creation of a conceptual relation between the Contact Repository, the ccTLDs and other potential users of the Contact Repository that include but is not limited to Emergency Response Teams.

3. Identified and split the two main processes necessary to deploy the Contact Repository as follows:

   a) The database by itself. A description of an information system similar to an address book for contacts, based on open standards like Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP).

   b) Maintaining and updating the contact information. This is an iterative job will be done by persons not systems that must check and update/verify the contact information for each participant in Contact Repository.

4. Developed functional descriptions of the information system that can handle the Contact Repository.

5. Developed the minimum requirements for the maintaining and updating contact information.

6. Proposed a governance model, based on an Standing Committee.

7. Proposed different options of funding models.