

Advice to the ccNSO Council with respect to Meeting B

Background information

Initially it was suggested to conduct a survey to inform the community, initiate a discussion and gather feedback from the community. During the Dublin ccNSO meeting the Meetings Programme WG organized a discussion session on meeting B and how to move forward.

As was discussed,

1. Tech Day and the ccNSO meetings by their very nature are outreach and engagement focused,
2. During the first meeting B (in June 2016) the IANA Stewardship Transition and ongoing policy and policy related work remains to be high on the ccTLD community agenda, and
3. Duration of meeting B does not seriously impact the duration of current ccNSO related meetings.

Taking into account all mentioned above, the benefits of a survey are considered limited. At the same time it should be noted that the number of meetings in general is becoming more and more of a burden to the community. The Meetings Programme WG is fully committed to reviewing the format and contents of the meetings in order to improve their value to the community.

Basic assumptions about ICANN Meeting B (2nd meeting of the year)

- In the past ccTLD who responded on survey indicated need for reduced number of meetings (from 3 to 2)
- Format: Focus on SO/AC work and community outreach. These meetings will not have a formal Opening Ceremony, Public Forum or public Board Meeting, nor will these meetings be used for ICANN operational issues.
- Reduced meeting space requirements will allow ICANN to place these meetings in locations that do not have facilities large enough to host a traditional ICANN Meeting



Assumptions about the new ccNSO/ccTLD meetings format

- Duration of ccNSO related meetings has to be reduced from 4.5 to 4 days. However, as noted, Monday afternoon will be available for additional meetings for those who will not attend Tech Day as well as full Thursday.
- Focus of the meeting may change, however, it depends on the ccTLD community
- The new meeting format was developed prior to Stewardship & Accountability discussions and did not take into account the changing role of ccNSO/ccTLD community
- Anticipation of on-going policy and policy related work (PDP on Retirement, IPR for ccTLDs)
- The way the new meeting strategy is presented does not take into account the platform function (information sharing, networking, outreach and engagement) of Tech Day and parts of the ccNSO meeting days.

Advice to the ccNSO Council

Based on the feed-back received to date, taking into account the ongoing and upcoming work of the ccTLD community in general and the ccNSO in particular, the Meetings Programme WG advises the ccNSO [Council] to continue with 3 meetings a year, at least until the end of the calendar year 2017, by which time the ccTLD community is able to fully assess the new format. At the end of 2017 the ccNSO Council should revisit the topic.