Dear Colleagues

The community has worked long and hard to prepare an IANA transition proposal and the Cross Community Working Group on IANA stewardship transition (CWG). Its final proposal was published yesterday, June 11, 2015.

The Final Proposal is available on this website: https://community.icann.org/x/aJ00Aw
Les traductions de la proposition finale devraient être disponibles sous peu sur ce site: https://community.icann.org/x/aJ00Aw
Traduction de los propuestas finales sera disponibles pronto por nuestro sitio web : https://community.icann.org/x/aJ00Aw
Espera-se que as traduções para a Proposta Final estejam disponíveis em breve no site: https://community.icann.org/x/aJ00Aw
最终方案的翻译版本将很快在本网站发布：
https://community.icann.org/x/aJ00Aw
Перевод окончательного предложения, как ожидается, будет доступна в ближайшее время на этом сайте:
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As one of the chartering organizations the ccNSO has been asked to approve that proposal by 24 June 2015.  However, I and our colleagues on the ccNSO Council see this as a decision for all ccTLDs, not just ccNSO members and the ccNSO  Council.  In order to reflect this I have invited  leaders from the ccTLD regional organizations (LACTLD, APTLD, AFTLD and CENTr) community to  jointly convene, with the ccNSO, the ccTLD discussions of the CWG Proposal that will occur in Buenos Aires on 23 and 24 June 2015.

In order to decide on the CWG proposal that is in front us, I invite you (or someone you designate) to participate in person or remotely in these meetings, in particular in the sessions on

Wednesday 24 June 2015, starting at 15.30 UTC (Local Buenos Aires time 12.30). Included you will find an overview of sessions as currently planned. Closer to the meeting the ccNSO secretariat will send you the details for remote participation.

To devote as much time as possible to the discussions I have prepared a summary of the essential elements in the Proposal, which is also included. I also invite you to attend in person or remotely the general informational session of the CWG and Cross Community Working Group Accountability on Monday 22 June, from 10.30 until 13.00 local BA time (UTC 13.30 until 16.00).

I hope you will be able to participate in the discussions on 23 and 24 June and take part in our decision making process on this important topic that affect us all.

Kind regards,
Byron Holland

Chair of the ccNSO

**From Outline of Joint ccNSO/RO CWG/CCWG Sessions for ccNSO Meeting Buenos Aires June 22, 23 and 24, 2015Overview of sessions + Logistics**

**Monday 22 June 10.30 – 13.00 main hall**

The material produced by the CWG and CCWG is voluminous the ccTLD community is recommended to attend the 2.5 hour CWG/CCWG joint engagement sessions on Monday morning, June 22 from 10.30 to 13.00 in the main hall immediately following ICANN opening ceremony.

**Tuesday: 14.00- 15.45**

Block 1: *Overview of CWG, CCWG and ICG Processes - Timelines and Interdependencies*

Chair Byron Holland Block 2: - *Summary and discussion of non-contentious issues 2nd Draft*

*proposal CWG*

Chair LACTLD chair Presentations and Question & Answer sessions

**Wednesday Morning: 9.30 -10.45**

Block 3: - *CCWG proposals and ccTLD Views* Chair: Mathieu Weill

· Relation to CWG proposal , input from CWG and vice versa

· CCWG Accountability proposals to date

> · Area of convergence and disagreement

> · Input from ccTLDs present **Wednesday morning session 12.30-13.30** Block 4: - *Moderated Discussion of Core Issues, in particular from ccTLD perspective* Chair: Byron Holland Moderator: TBC

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**Wednesday Afternoon session: 14.15- 15.15**

(Depending on need shorter or longer) Continued Block 4: *Moderated Discussion of Core Issues, in particular from ccTLD*

*perspective*

Chair: Bryon Moderator: TBC

**Wednesday Afternoon session: 15.15- 16.30**

(Starting time flexible depending on closure block 4) Block 5: - *Wrap Up and Sense of the community* Chair: Byron Moderator: TBC

**Wednesday afternoon ccNSO Council meeting**

17.00 (earlier or later if required)

# Final CWG IANA Stewardship Transition Proposal: Basic Elements

## *IANA OPERATIONS*

**Post Transition IANA** (PTI): (see page 21 of the CWG proposal) this non-profit corporation would be controlled by ICANN with a majority of the 5 person board being ICANN or PTI staff. All of ICANN's naming related IANA staff and assets would be transferred to this new company, ensuring further separation of the policy and operational aspects of IANA. ICANN would enter into a contract, substantially similar to the current NTIA contract, with PTI for the provision of the IANA naming services.

*Noteworthy ccTLD dimension*: the NTIA's current 'authorization function' role will not be replaced. **Service Level Expectations** (SLE's): (see page 25, Annex H, page 79) the current SLE's will be re-

evaluated and likely revised, guided by a set of principles recommend by the CWG.

*Noteworthy ccTLD dimension*: development of SLE's will continue with ccTLD participation

**Customer Standing Committee** (CSC): (see page 24, and Annex H, page 70) this standing committee would monitor the operational performance of PTI relative to the SLEs. It would also have a role in resolving disputes and in initiating 'special reviews' (see below). Co-chaired by RySG and ccNSO appointees, it would have 5 registry members (2 ccTLDs, 2 gTLDs, 1 non gTLD or ccTLD) and liaisons from six ICANN SO/ACs and from PTI.

*Noteworthy ccTLD dimension:* 2 of the 5 CSC members will be ccTLDs; don't need to be from ccNSO

**Problem Resolution & Escalation Mechanisms:** (see page 26, Annex G, page 75, and Annex J, page 84)

*Phase 1*. Complaints are reviewed by a series of PTI staff then by ICANN Ombudsman; the complainant may request mediation

and/or go to the Independent Review Process; CSC is informed of complaints but does not become directly involve in direct disputes.

**Phase 2.** CSC reports persistent problems to PTI staff and seeks resolution within a certain time frame; unresolved issues are escalated to the PTI Board and then to ICANN staff, CEO and then Board. Systemic problems are referred to ccNSO and GNSO who together can request the establishment of a Special IFRT (see below), which requires a supermajority vote on both SOs.

### *IANA PERFORMANCE REVIEW* (see page 23, Annex F, page 63)

**IANA Functional Review Team** (IFR): there will be periodic reviews (the first within 2 years; every five years thereafter) of the performance of the IANA functions and of the need for changes to the statement of work.

*Noteworthy ccTLD dimension:* 3 of the review team members will be ccTLDs with one non-ccNSO chosen following consultation with the ROs.
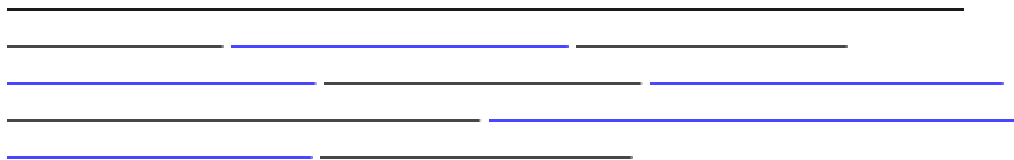
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**Special IANA Function Review** (SIFR): should the problem resolution process noted above fail to address an issue, a non-periodic review could be initiated to focus on that specific problem. The composition of the review team would be identical to the IFR, including 3 ccTLDs.

*Noteworthy ccTLD dimension:* a SIFR would require the approval of the ccNSO and GNSO, each by supermajority.

**Separation Process:** (see page 26, Annex L, page 89) an IFR could recommend the creation of a Cross Community Working Group on Separation (SCWG), but the decision would require the approval of both the ccNSO and GNSO, by supermajority, as well as by the ICANN Board, but an ICANN Board rejection would require a

supermajority. There would be no predetermined outcome of the SCWG – it could recommend no action, a new operator or the initiation of an RFP.

*Noteworthy ccTLD dimension:* requires supermajority of the ccNSO and would have 3 ccTLDs chosen in same way as for IFRTs

### CCWG DEPENDENCIES

The CWG proposal is significantly dependent and expressly conditioned on the implementation of ICANN-level accountability mechanisms proposed by the Cross Community Working Group on Enhancing ICANN Accountability (CCWG-Accountability), in particular the proposals for 'fundamental bylaws'. The co-chairs of the CWG-Stewardship and the CCWG-Accountability have coordinated their efforts and the CWG-Stewardship is confident that the CCWG-Accountability recommendations, if implemented as expected, will meet the requirements that the CWG-Stewardship has previously communicated to the CCWG.