Strategic and Operational Planning Working Group Meeting
21 June 2009

Attendees:
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Apologies: Peter Van Roste, CENTR

The Working Group met to review its activities so far on the Operating Plan.

- It was underlined that all working group members need to commit to the work they had signed up for when joining the group. Not all working group members fulfilled their assigned tasks when it came to analysing the Operating Plan. This delayed the overall analysis and tampered with the quality of the work. It was therefore asked that all of the Working Group members honestly ask themselves if they have time to fully commit to upcoming tasks that the working group will be facing.

- It was discussed whether more people should be invited to participate in the working group. It was felt that it would be a good thing to expand the membership, as it would be beneficial to the group to engage people that are interested in the topic. The total workload could also become more distributed and the group more efficient, as there would be a bigger pool of people who could contribute. It was decided that the Working Group Chair would make a call for volunteers during the SOP Working Group session on the upcoming Tuesday.

- The Chair asked for feedback from the Working Group members on the work done so far in analysing the Operating Plan. His feeling was that the document was reasonable, but did not reach the quality desired. Again, he called for contributions from all working group members for future projects.

- It was suggested that for future documents, the working group should also try to be productive in putting issues on the Operational and Strategic plans that ccTLDs would like to see ICANN to be dealing with, not only reacting on what is already presented. To reach this goal, it was felt that two subcommittees should be created: One dealing with issues which are outlined in the plan, the other on issues which ccTLDs thinks are missing in the plan.

- It was discussed how to gain more engagement in ICANN's Strategic and Operational Plan and the work of the Working Group and the community. A hope was that the upcoming SOP session will generate awareness and interest. The fact that the group is going to increase its size would probably also have positive effects. It was finally suggested to get the Regional Organisations more involved in the work and the outcome of the Working Group.