

SOP Working Group Telephone Conference *25 May 2011*

Attendees:

Sabine Dolderer, .de
Atsushi Endo, .jp
Roelof Meijer, .nl (Chair)
Paulos Nyirenda, .mw
Giovanni Seppia, .eu
Leonid Todorov, .ru
Mathieu Weill, .fr

Support Staff:

Bart Boswinkel
Kristina Nordström
Gabriella Schitteck

Apologies:

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Lesley Cowley, .uk
Peter Van Roste, CENTR

- The meeting focused on discussions on how the Working Group's submissions to the Draft Operational Plan had been taken into account.
- It was noted that Juan Ojeda had not yet submitted the additional information requested by the Working Group.
- Each sub-group presented their findings, which showed that in most cases, their remarks had either been ignored or only been taken up partially.

It was also felt that there is still a lack of measurable goals throughout the plan and that many formulations remain very vague. It was furthermore noted that ICANN is inconsistent in their classification system – the same activities are sometimes listed under various headings.

- It was noted that ICANN is talking about “international activities”, however, doesn't offer any feedback forum, where the community can gain information on these activities. In this context, it was pointed out that ICANN leadership currently is paying visits to European governments without involving the regional ccTLDs in the discussions, which are including relevant ccTLD issues.
- It was agreed to make another submission to the Operating Plan, including a reiteration of the outstanding points and a request for an explanation on why they had been ignored.

The submission will also include questions on how ICANN comes to the amount spent on ccTLDs and why there was an almost US\$3 million increase in ccTLD spending compared to the previous year.

The submission will furthermore contain a statement that the Working Group understands the wording in the Operating Plan, stating that ICANN will “*vigorously pursue ccTLD financial contributions*” the way Juan Ojeda had explained it was meant – that it was a matter of internally motivating staff to prioritise this matter more.

- The Working Group members were asked to highlight the five major outstanding points from their sub-group’s submission. The input is to be submitted to Roelof Meijer and Bart Boswinkel by 3 June 2011. The input will be compiled into a new submission and sent to the Working Group members for approval before submission on 17 June 2011.