

# Finance Working Group Telephone Conference Notes

24 May 2011

## Attendees:

Henry Chan, .hk  
Keith Davidson, .nz  
Byron Holland, .ca  
Nenad Marinkovic, .rs  
Vika Mpisane, .za (Vice Chair)  
Kathryn Reynolds, .ca (Observer)  
Peter Van Roste, CENTR (Observer)  
Mathieu Weill, .fr

## Staff:

Bart Boswinkel  
Gabriella Schitteck

## Apologies:

Lise Fuhr, .dk  
Minjung Park, .kr  
Eduardo Santoyo, .co  
Sieger Springer, .nl

### 1) Review of Minutes

- No comments or objections to the minutes were noted.

### 2) Overview and Discussion on Documents

- The Chair ran through the three documents that had been submitted to the group prior to the call. He noted that they were presenting high-level views on each subject, with the aim to initiate discussions and work.
- The Chair explained that the Cost and Activity Comparison document is not a complete list, and invited the Working Group members to submit more elements to the list prior to the Singapore meeting, so that other members would have time to consider the entries.

It was suggested to add Capacity Building and Policy Development to the list.

Furthermore, it was suggested to add a historical perspective, as Policy Development had, prior to IDNs and Delegation & Redelegation, never been a major issue for ccTLDs and would probably decrease, once the IDNs and Delegation and Redelegation Policy Development Processes had been

completed.

- The Contribution Model Document provided a high-level breakdown of what was considered being available models. The working group members were encouraged to review them and add further suggestions so that a comprehensive list was available by the Singapore meeting, and discussions on the various modes could be held.

It was suggested to add a model where a third party is funding ICANN, in the same fashion that IETF is funded today. It was underlined that this is a very common model for the funding of standardisation organisations.

It was highlighted that in order to find out what a fair contribution number would be, the group would have to do a financial analysis at what ICANN is spending on the ccTLD Community. A goal for Singapore would be to have a review of ICANN's budget numbers and to get a sense of how ICANN is breaking them down.

It was noted that a comparison between last year's budget and the current year's budget had been done, showing that cc spending had grown by 33% - although the community consistently had asked for cost reductions.

### **3) Timeline Discussion**

- The Chair noted that the suggested timeline was measured against ICANN meetings and that it was anticipated that it would run over five ICANN meetings, or approximately 1 ½ year. It was underlined that it is a high-level document, outlining major milestones that need to be met. It is flexible and can be stretched, if needed.

It was further noted that the timeline is assuming that necessary financial information will be received from ICANN in a timely manner. It was noted that Juan Ojeda (ICANN Controller) had expressed his willingness to cooperate as much as possible, which would make the timeline realistic.

The Working Group members present agreed on the suggested timeline

### **4) Work Product Allocation**

- The Chair suggested creating sub-groups which would be tasked to take a look at different funding models; to go through the pro's and con's and to make recommendations. One group would have to do the financial analysis of ICANN's spending. Three people per sub-working group were anticipated

The working group members should try to choose what they would feel most comfortable to work with. They were therefore invited to define their preferences over the next weeks and send an email to Byron and/or the ccNSO Secretariat.

Bart Boswinkel will send out a reminder to the email list.

## **5) Agenda Items for Singapore Meeting**

The suggested agenda for the Singapore meeting is:

Surfacing all available funding models  
Breaking down the Group into sub-Working Groups,  
Review of timeline  
Defining Work Plan between Singapore and Senegal

The agenda will be sent to the group closer to the Singapore meeting. If working group members wish to add any item, Byron should be contacted as soon as possible.

The final agenda will be posted to the group closer to the Singapore meeting.

## **6) Any Other Business**

- The Working Group Members thanked Byron Holland, Kathryn Reynolds and Bart Boswinkel for preparing the documents.