

## **Introduction and Background**

In March 2011 the charter of the ccNSO Framework of Interpretation Working Group (FOIWG) was adopted by the ccNSO Council. According to its charter the FOIWG is to develop and propose a "Framework of Interpretation" for the delegation and re-delegation of ccTLDs. This framework should provide a clear guide to IANA functions manager and the ICANN Board on interpretations of policies and guidelines, which are defined in the charter of the WG as the following documents:

- RFC 1591
- GAC Principles 2005

The scope of the FOIWG also clearly specifies that:

- Any proposal to amend, update or change the Policy Statements is outside the scope of the FOIWG.
- The IANA functions contract between the US Government and ICANN, including any contract implementation issues or procedures relating to it, are outside the scope of the FOIWG.

The FOIWG identified the following topics which will be considered individually and in the order presented:

- Obtaining and documenting consent for delegation and re-delegation requests
- Obtaining and documenting support for delegation and re-delegation requests from Significantly Interested Parties (sometimes referred to as Local Internet Community or LIC).
- Revocation and un-consented re-delegations
- Developing a comprehensive glossary of the terms used for the delegation and re-delegation of ccTLDs.
- Developing recommendations for IANA reports on delegation and re-delegation.

This report has been prepared to inform the community on the progress made since the ICANN Beijing meeting (April 2013) on the topics identified.

## **Progress since [Durban](#)~~Beijing~~**

*On the topic of Obtaining and documenting consent:* The FOIWG has

completed its work on this topic which will be integrated in the final report to the ccNSO and GAC.

*On the topic of Obtaining and documenting support for delegation and re-delegation requests from Significantly Interested Parties:* The FOIWG will return to this topic after completing its work on the topic of Revocation.

*On the topic of Revocation and un-consented re-delegations:* The FOIWG has reached a consensus on draft recommendations for the revocation of the delegation of a ccTLD. The FOIWG ~~will continue its discussions at its face to face meeting in Durban with a view to finalizing the draft, to then open it for public consultation. The FOIWG anticipates it will~~has published its Interim Report on this topic which can be found at: ~~before the Buenos Aires ICANN meeting.~~

<http://www.icann.org/en/news/public-comment/foi-interim-28oct13-en.htm>

*On the topic of IANA reports on delegation and re-delegations:* The FOIWG will start its work on the terminology and recommendations for IANA reports on delegation and re-delegation once its ~~Interim~~ Report on the topics of Revocation and Un-consented re-delegations and documenting support for delegation and re-delegation requests from Significantly Interested Parties is complete.

The FOIWG met 45 times by telephone conference since its face-to-face ~~Durban~~Beijing meeting.

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