

Working Group Updates

Finance Working Group

To date, the Finance WG has formed several sub-teams to review and analyse a number of potential contribution models. In addition, the WG is developing a ccTLD survey on contributions to and services received from ICANN, which will provide further detail required for a more thorough analysis. In addition, discussions are being undertaken with ICANN in order to garner information on how expenses are allocated to the ccNSO and ccTLDs.

On Sept 21, the ICANN Comptroller sent me a preliminary, high level breakdown of the EAG. It is a first step.

On Sept 22, I had an introductory call with ICANN's new CFO. He is very new, so not particularly familiar with ccNSO related issues. I highlighted a few themes including:

- 1) ccNSO members are supporters of the multi-stakeholder model and participate in ICANN because we want to – not because we have to.
- 2) ccTLDs run their own policy, legal, contracting, registrar, and stakeholder environments
- 3) the primary service we utilize from ICANN is the IANA function
- 4) we are very engaged in the strat/ops planning process, likely more than any other supporting organization
- 5) we are friend of ICANN and want to make the process work, even if that means having “frank” conversations
- 6) we are trying to come to a reasonable funding solution, however ICANN must constructively participate in this process too.

The analysis and survey will be presented to the ccNSO at the ICANN meeting in Dakar.

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IDN ccPDP WG 1

Main activities: The sub working group on improving predictability of string confusing is discussing the processes of the DNS Stability Panel, and assessment method.

Some aspects of the DNS Stability Panel process will be discussed at the Dakar meeting.

As overall policy is based on Fast Track Process, the general processes for the selection of IDN ccTLD, to be defined by overall policy are reviewed and updated by staff to take into account the experiences from the Fast Track. Update of processes will be presented

to WG in Dakar.

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IDN ccPDP WG2

Conference call on September 22.

Rough consensus seems to be reached on difficult voting issue

- "one vote per territory" with some mixture with "one vote per member"
- starting some action (such as PDP initiation discussion) can be requested by any member
- final decision is made by one vote per territory system

More discussion will be held in WG2 and documents will be posted before Dakar meeting for ccNSO discussion

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Study Group on Use of Country Names as TLD's

UNESCO has been engaged in the activities of the Study Group to assist in developing a typology for country names. Currently UNESCO is checking as an experiment whether a strawman for such a typology produces significant and concrete results. Developing a typology of country and territory names is one of the objectives of the study group.

The current overview of policies will be updated to reflect the adoption of the Application Guidebook by the ICANN Board during the Singapore meeting.