

**Draft Charter**  
**ccNSO**  
**IANA Stewardship Transition and Accountability Coordination Committee (ISTACC)**  
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**Background and Introduction**

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) has requested that ICANN “convene a multi-stakeholder process to develop a plan to transition the U.S. government stewardship role” with regard to the IANA Functions and related root zone management. In making its announcement, the NTIA specified that the transition proposal must have broad community support and meet the following principles:

- Support and enhance the multi-stakeholder model
- Maintain the security, stability, and resiliency of the Internet DNS
- Meet the needs and expectation of the global customers and partners of the IANA services
- Maintain the openness of the Internet.

On June 6 ICANN proposed the creation of a Coordination Group “responsible for preparing a transition proposal reflecting the differing needs of the various affected parties of the IANA functions.” In June 2014 the ccNSO selected and appointed four (4) members to the IANA Stewardship Transition Coordination Group (ICG).

The ccNSO participated in convening the cross-community working group to develop an IANA Stewardship Transfer Proposal, and adoption of the charter and a successful call for volunteers will be most likely completed by the end of September 2014.

At its meeting in Singapore, the ccNSO Council created an ad-hoc IANA Transfer Coordination Committee, which goal was to coordinate the ccNSO efforts to participate in the IANA Functions Transition Process (read: IANA Stewardship Transition Process) , and coordinate the ccNSO with other efforts aimed at including the broad ccTLD community in the process.

In May 2014 ICANN initiated a broad review of its overall accountability regime ( the Enhancement of ICANN’s Accountability Process) , in parallel with the IANA stewardship transition, to consider whether and how ICANN’s broader accountability mechanisms should be strengthened in the absence of its historical contractual relationship to the U.S. Government. Although closely related to the discussions around the IANA Stewardship Transition, it is a separate process.

It is anticipated that the ccNSO and ccTLD community at large will participate in this process as well. For the time being the ccNSO Ad-hoc group on Internet Governance review group (see: <http://ccnso.icann.org/workinggroups/igrg.htm>), created at the

Buenos Aires meeting, and the Ad-Hoc IANA Transfer Coordination Committee, jointly coordinated the input efforts for the second, Accountability Process.

At its meeting in London the ccNSO Council requested staff to draft a charter for a coordination committee on IANA Stewardship Transition and Accountability. The purpose of this group is to coordinate the ccNSO and broader ccTLD efforts to participate in the IANA Stewardship Transition Process and Enhancing ICANN's Accountability Process and coordinate the efforts of the ccNSO with other efforts aimed at including the broader ccTLD community in the process and finally coordinate the interrelation between the processes from a ccNSO and broader ccTLD perspective.

Further, the membership of this group should at least comprise ex-officio of:

- The chair of the ccNSO and chair of the ccNSO Meeting Program WG
- The chair of the SOP WG
- The members selected on the Coordination Committee
- The members to be appointed on the future ccWG on IANA Stewardship Transition Process
- The members of the wg(s) related to Enhancing ICANN Accountability Process.

### **Purpose and scope of activities**

#### *Purpose*

The mission of the ccNSO IANA Stewardship Transition and Accountability Coordination Committee (ISTACC) is to:

- Coordinate the ccNSO and broader ccTLD efforts to participate in and provide timely input into the IANA Stewardship Transition Process and Enhancing ICANN's Accountability Process,
- Coordinate efforts to reaching out and engaging the broader ccTLD community in the aforementioned processes, and finally,
- Coordinate the interrelation between the processes from a ccNSO and broader ccTLD perspective.

#### *Scope of activities*

The Coordination Committee will undertake the following activities:

- Members of the Coordination Committee, will share information and provide regular updates to each other on progress made by each of the WGs or Coordination Groups they participate
- Develop and maintain an overall schedule to provide input into the aforementioned processes and relevant milestones in order to assist the ccTLD community to engage and provide timely input into the processes;
- Provide regular updates to the community on progress made and anticipated developments, by means of written updates, organizing designated sessions at ccNSO meetings and other means, such as - but not limited to –webinars;

- Undertake other activities deemed necessary by the Coordination Group to achieve the purpose of the Coordination Group.

### **Reporting on Activities**

The Chair of the Working Group will regularly report on the activities undertaken and expected activities to the ccNSO Council.

On behalf of the Coordination Committee, the chair of the Committee, or person(s) designated by him, will inform the ccTLD community on activities undertaken and progress made with regarding the development of a Stewardship Transition process and/or enhancement of ICANN's Accountability its progress through a Progress Report and/or other means, such as webinars, if deemed appropriate.

### **Participants and Support**

*Chair:* The Coordination Committee will chaired by the chair of the ccNSO.

*Membership:* The following groups of people are appointed ex-officio

- The chair of the ccNSO meeting Program Working group;
- The chair of the ccNSO SOP WG;
- The ccNSO selected members of the IANA Stewardship Transition Coordination Group (ICG);
- The ccNSO appointed members of the cross-community Working Group to develop an IANA Stewardship Transfer Proposal with respect to the "Names";
- ccNSO appointed Members of (working/coordination) group(s) related to Enhancement of ICANN's Accountability Process, and designated by the ccNSO Council to be members of this committee ex-officio.

*Observers:*

The general managers of each of the ccTLD Regional Organizations (AFTLD, APTLD, CENTR and LACTLD) are invited to participate as observers.

Other individuals with relevant expertise suggested by the Coordination Committee, and appointed by the ccNSO Council.

*Support:* ICANN will provide adequate staff support to the Coordination Committee. Support staff will maintain the ccTLDworld @ICANN.ORG email list, which was created specifically to reach out to and engage all ccTLDs listed in the IANA Root Zone Base.

The names of all participants (Members and Observers) will be listed on the webpage of coordination group.

### **Omission in or Unreasonable Impact of Charter**

In the event this charter does not provide guidance and/or the impact of the charter is unreasonable for conducting the business of the group, the Chair of the Working Group,

after consulting the members of the WG, may ask the ccNSO Council for a review of the Working Group Charter, or an alternative course of action.

**Closure**

At closure of the IANA Stewardship Transition Process by the NTIA, the Coordination Group will be closed, unless and at the suggestion of the chair of the Coordination Group, the ccNSO Council extends the mandate of the Committee until such a time designated in the decision to extend the mandate.