

Draft Updated Statement of Purpose
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.

The ccNSO participated in convening the cross-community working group to develop an IANA Stewardship Transfer Proposal (CWG-Stewardship), and in the May 2014 ICANN initiated process for a broad review of ICANN’s overall accountability regime (the CCWG Accountability).

In August 2014 the ccNSO Council adopted the charter for a coordination committee on IANA Stewardship Transition and Accountability (ISTACC). 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.

After adoption of the Final Supplemental Proposal of the CCWG Accountability in March 2016, the ISTACC, in particular its original purpose were not deemed relevant anymore by the group, however coordination of the efforts with respect to the implementation of the CWG – Stewardship and CCWG Accountability are considered relevant.

For this reason, the statement of purpose of the ISTACC is updated and its membership reviewed to reflect the updated purpose statement.

Purpose and scope of activities

Purpose

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

- Coordinate efforts to inform, reach out, engage the broader ccTLD community in the implementation efforts of community recommendations relating to the IANA Stewardship Transition Process and Enhancing ICANN’s Accountability Process.
- Coordinate the ccNSO and broader ccTLD efforts to participate in and provide timely input into implementation efforts 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 in implementing the final proposals each of the Cross-Community WGs or ccNSO WG they participate.
- Assist in developing and maintaining an overall schedule to provide input into the aforementioned processes and relevant milestones in order to inform and engage the ccTLD community 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.

Discussion of the proposals or merits of the proposals of the CWG –Stewardship and/or CCWG-Accountability are considered to be out of scope.

Reporting on Activities

The Chair of the ISTACC will regularly report on the activities undertaken and expected activities to the ccNSO Council and broader community.

On behalf of the Coordination Committee, the chair of the Committee, or person(s) designated by the chair, will inform the ccTLD community on activities undertaken and progress made with respect to the implementation of the Proposals 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.

All recordings and notes will be made public as soon as available. Face-to-face meetings will be open for all who want to observe the proceedings of the group.

Participants and Support

Chair: The Coordination Committee will chaired by the vice-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 Guideline review committee;
- The ccNSO co-chair of the CWG - Stewardship and ccNSO members or representatives of ccTLDs who active members in one of the implementation related CWG-Stewardship groups.
- The ccNSO co-chair of the CCWG-Accountability and ccNSO members or representatives of ccTLDs who are active in (one of) the cross-community Working Group Accountability related implementation group(s).

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 invited by the chair of this group.

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 the suggestion of the chair of the Coordination Group, the ccNSO Council will close the committee.