**Draft Principles for Cross-Community Working Groups**

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| **Scope of CWGs** | **Rationale** (all new draft text – post 10 Nov. call) |
| Limit purpose to: |  |
| * To provide information and recommendations to the chartering organizations and/or the ICANN staff. | To ensure community understanding about the limited role and purpose of CWGs |
| * A discussion forum to achieve greater community understanding either prior to a PDP to help define issues and concerns, or following a PDP to provide implementation recommendations or related guidance. | To maximize sharing of expertise on new, emerging or complex issues and/or to provide community guidance and expertise to enhance the quality of later decision-making |
| * In any event, Consensus Policy development must occur using current SO rules. | To avoid conflict with existing PDP bylaws requirements |
| **Operations of CWGs** |  |
| **Formation of CWGs:** |  |
| * Apply appropriate SO WG Guidelines to all CWGs whenever possible. | For consistency, predictability |
| * All SOs/ACs should approve a single, joint Charter whenever possible. | For consistency, predictability, reinforces that there is consensus about the scope and terms of each WG tasking |
| * CWG Charters should include outcomes expected of the CWG and steps to be followed to review outcomes by chartering SOs and ACs. | (same as above)  For consistency, predictability, reinforces that there is consensus about the scope and terms of each WG tasking |
| **Execution of CWGs:** |  |
| * CWGs should follow the approved charter and bring concerns to all chartering organizations for resolution according to WG Guidelines as appropriate. | Helps ensure that concerns are addressed in a consistent way |
| * SOs/ACs should solicit and consider the views of other SOs/ACs. | DT recognizes importance of identifying and considering the full diversity of views that may exist |
| * CWGs should seek to accommodate diverging views where possible before finalizing positions. | This is always the goal in any consensus-based WG model |
| **Outcomes of CWGs:** |  |
| * Policy recommendations should be considered and approved through the appropriate Policy Development Process. | Assures consistency with ICANN bylaws |
| * CWGs should communicate Final Reports and Outcomes to chartering organizations (only) for review and further action. | For consistency, predictability, helps assure that the SO and AC views on CWG recommendations are fully understood and documented |
| * SOs/ACs should commit to timely review and finalizing of actions to avoid delays. | Assures expeditious treatment by all SO/ACs regardless of level of priority attributed by each |