Cross Community Working Group - Drafting Team Update

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Background

- Increased use of cross-community working groups (CWGs) i.e. chartered by more than one Supporting Organization (SO) or Advisory Committee (AC).

- Perceived importance of CWGs raises questions about whether special rules or guidelines are needed.

- Potential reluctance to form new CWGs until there is a framework under which they will function in future.

- GNSO Council established a CWG Drafting Team (CCWG-DT) to:

  - Develop a proposed framework that could form the basis of GNSO participation with other SO & ACs in developing processes and procedures for effective future functioning of CWGs.

CCWG-DT Members

John Berard, Commercial Stakeholder Group

Edmon Chung, Registry Stakeholder Group

William Drake, Non-Commercial Stakeholder Group
(Ceased October 2011)

Jonanthan Robinson, Registry Stakeholder Group

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Tim Ruiz, Registrar Stakeholder Group

Wendy Seltzer, Non-Commercial Stakeholder Group

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Current CWGs

- DNS Security and Stability Analysis Working Group (DSSA-WG)

- Geographic Regions Review Working Group

- Internationalized Registration Data Working Group (IRD-WG)

- SO-AC New gTLD Applicant Support Working Group (JAS-WG)

- Joint ccNSO/GNSO IDN Working Group (JIG)

Mission and Scope for CCWG-DT

(As per charter agreed by GNSO on 06 October 2011)

Develop a proposed framework under which jointly chartered CWGs can:

- Function effectively, and
- Produce meaningful and timely reports and recommendations.

CCWG-DT Objective and Goals

Develop GNSO-agreed perspective as a departure point for developing common community understanding of CWGs on:

1. the role,

2. function, and

3. method

of conducting joint activities for future projects. The objective and goals respect and preserve the recognized roles and responsibilities assigned to each SO/AC.

Objective and Goals, Cont.

CCWG-DT will endeavor to define a way forward for:

1. Effective chartering (as a minimum); and
2. Functioning; and
3. Utilization

of CWGs in future such that they operate effectively and appropriately <u>within</u> the existing ICANN structures and processes, consistent with the ICANN Bylaws.

The CCWG-DT is open to <u>all</u> interested in participating

Draft Principles to be Discussed

Scope for CWGs

Limit purpose to:
• A discussion forum to achieve greater community understanding
• Providing advice to the ICANN staff, community and/or ICANN Board.
• Do not use to develop new consensus policy.

Draft Principles to be Discussed

Practices for CWGs

Apply GNSO WG Guidelines to all CWGs whenever possible.
All SO/AC's should approve a single, joint Charter.
Charter to include outcomes expected of the CWG and steps to be followed to review outcomes by chartering SOs and ACs.
Follow approved charter and bring concerns to all chartering organizations for resolution according to GNSO WG Guidelines.

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Practices for CWGs

Communicate Final Reports and Outcomes to chartering organizations (only) for review and further action.
SOs/ACs should commit to timely review and finalizing of actions to avoid delays.
SOs/ACs should solicit and consider the views of other SOs/ACs Seek to accommodate diverging views where possible before finalizing positions.
Policy recommendations should be considered and approved through the appropriate Policy Development Process.

Next Steps

- Outreach to SOs and ACs to seek interested volunteers to participate in the CCWG-DT.

- Produce final report by the end of calendar year 2011 for GNSO Council consideration.

Thank You

Questions & Discussion