Cross Community Working Group Drafting Team Update
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Background

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

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

- Reluctance to form new CWGs until there is a framework under which they will function.

- GNSO Council established a CWG Drafting Team (CCWG-DT) to develop a proposed framework under which CWGs can effectively function.

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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)

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Mission and Scope for CCWG-DT

Develop a proposed framework under which CWGs can effectively function and produce meaningful and timely reports and recommendations on topics that are of interest of such SO/ACs.

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CCWG-DT Objective and Goals

Develop a GNSO-agreed perspective that can serve as a departure point for a common understanding of CWGs on

1.the role;

2.function, and

3.method

of conducting joint activities for future projects that respects and preserves the recognized roles and responsibilities assigned to each SO/AC.

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Objective and Goals, Cont.

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

1. Effective chartering as a minimum;

2. Functioning; and

3. utilization

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

Draft Principles to be Discussed

Scope for CWGs

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

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Practices for CWGs

Apply GNSO Working Group Guidelines to all CWGs whenever possible.
Each SO/AC approves a single Charter.
Charter includes outcomes expected of the group and the steps for review by the chartering SOs and ACs.
Follow approved charter and bring concerns to all chartering organizations for resolution according to GNSO Working Group Guidelines.

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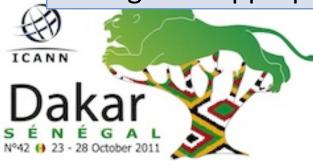
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Practices for CWGs

Communicate Final Reports and Outcomes to chartering organizations (only) for review and further action.
SOs/ACs should commit to finalize actions to avoid delays.
SOs/Acs should solicit and consider the views of other SOs/Acs accommodate diverging views where possible before finalizing their 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 report by the end of calendar year 2011 for GNSO Council consideration.

Thank You

Questions