

Non Commercial Stakeholder Group input on final report on New gTLD Auction Proceeds CCWG

Noncommercial Stakeholders Group (NCSG) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Final recommendations of the New gTLD Auction Proceeds CCWG and make final review comments on the final report.

About NCSG

The NCSG represents the interests of non-commercial domain name registrants and end-users in the formulation of Domain Name System policy within the Generic Names Supporting Organisation (GNSO). We are proud to have individual and organizational members in over 160 countries, and as a network of academics, Internet end-users, and civil society actors, we represent a broad cross-section of the global Internet community. Since our predecessor's inception in 1999 we have facilitated global academic and civil society engagement in support of ICANN's mission, stimulating an informed citizenry and building their understanding of relevant DNS policy issues.

NCSG comments on the final report

1. Do you support the CCWG's recommendation in relation to the preferred mechanism(s)? If no, please provide your rationale for why not.

NCSG comments on the initial report, indicated that **mechanism C - A new charitable structure, ICANN Foundation be created which is functionally separate from ICANN org for autonomy purposes, which would be responsible for the allocation of auction proceeds**, was a more preferable but for purposes of respecting the consultative processes that led to the final report, **NCSG now supports Mechanism B - An internal department dedicated to the allocation of auction proceeds is created within the ICANN organization which collaborates with an existing non-profit**. We would further recommend that the selected organisation must be as neutral as possible with experience working with global projects and diverse communities.

2. Do you have any concerns about the updates the CCWG has made, as listed above, in response to the Public Comment forum? If yes, please specify what changes concern you and why?

NCSG has no other concerns regarding the updates made by the CCWG.

3. Is there any further information you think the CCWG should consider, that it hasn't considered previously, in order to finalize its report for submission to the Chartering Organizations?

There needs to be representation diversity in decision making involved with the appointment of an existing organisation as in Mechanism C or Mechanism B.

NCGS would like to thank you for the opportunity to contribute to this discussion. We hope you will find our contributions and recommendations helpful and we are open to further discussions regarding the final report on the New gTLD Auction Proceeds CCWG final report if needed.