

ICANN and Human Rights - a way forward

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In The Beginning... .. There was CCWG- Accountability Work Stream 1 Recommendations...

- A Human Rights Core Value was added to the ICANN Bylaws
- A Framework of Interpretation was required out of Work Stream 2

The Human Rights - Framework of Interpretation (HR-FOI) was published on Jun 24 2018 WS2 Final Report **Annex 3: Human Rights FoI Sub-Group Full Report PDF**

The WS2 Implementation Assessment Report was [published](#) on Nov 5 2019

WS2 Implementation Assessment Report [HR-FOI Sec 3.] Cont...

..... “The Board cannot be the sole arbiter of human rights; there is an obligation across the Community to consider human rights as they provide advice and policy recommendations. In this regard, the community will need to establish mechanisms for checking that recommendations, advice, or policies do not violate the core value or human rights.”

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ICANN org also in May 2019 released as an adjunct but important activity a ‘Human Rights Impact Assessment’ report, that assessed, and captured human rights impacts of ICANN org’s daily operations, and some of the efforts made within ICANN org will apply to the WS2 FOI implementation efforts.

It was “.. ...estimated that it will take more than twelve months to implement this recommendation... ..”

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So where does that leave us almost 12 months later...

Today Sally Costerton goes into specific detail in the presentation **‘ICANN org Human Rights Impact Assessment (HRIA) implementation‘**

In this presentation Sally notes *“... About half of the remaining recommendations are in progress, with the rest under consideration, alongside other priorities within the org’s resources. ...”*