

Overall Principles Review mechanism

The purpose of the overarching principles is to set the parameters within which the policy recommendations have been developed, should be interpreted and implemented. They are proposed to structure, guide and set conditions for the recommended policy for a review mechanism, its implementation and future interpretation.

General Principles

- 1. Preserve the Stability, Security, and Interoperability of the DNS.** The rules for the review mechanism should be developed, implemented, and interpreted to ensure the security, stability, and interoperability of the DNS, which should remain paramount (Additional note 07 July: negative *external side-effects* of the Review Mechanism on DNS should be as limited as much as possible).
- 2. Predictability and Legitimacy of IANA processes.** The (outcome) of the processes of delegation, transfer, revocation, and retirement of ccTLD should be stable and the (outcome of the) process should be reasonable and predictable to all Significant Interested Parties, including the ccTLD Manager.

Specific Principles

In addition, four (4) specific consideration have been identified by the WG to date - derived from these two general principles – which should guide the development, implementation, and interpretation of the policy:

- 3. Low-cost of Process.** The total costs of the process and costs for individual parties should be as limited as possible in comparison to litigation in courts
- 4. Limited Duration of process.** The total duration of the review mechanism process should be limited to ensure stability of DNS and availability of the ccTLD.
- 5. Accessibility of the process.** Non- costs thresholds and barriers should be low and reasonable ensuring easy access to the procedure to the relevant stakeholders.
- 6. Fundamental Fairness.** Due process, with due notices, opportunity to be heard, be aware a matter is pending, and informed choice to be make a choice whether to contest and assert the choice before the appropriate body. Per discussion of the WG Fundamental Fairness looks at:
 - a. Requirement for Rational Decision Making
 - b. Procedural Fairness
 - Notice
 - Opportunity to be heard

- Legal Representation
- Reasons