Enhancing ICANN Accountability – Work Stream 2 (WS2) Recommendation 6.1.7 - Implementation Documentation

Enhancing ICANN Accountability – Work Stream 2 Final Report
https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/ccwg-acct-ws2-final-24jun18-en.pdf

See https://www.icann.org/resources/work-stream-2-implementation-en for more information on Work Stream 2 implementation.

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Links to SO/AC transparency and accountability (policies, procedures, and documented practices) should be available from ICANN's main website, under "accountability." ICANN staff would have the responsibility to maintain those links on the ICANN website.

Final Implementation Report

The implementation of this specific transparency and accountability recommendation pertaining to ICANN's Supporting Organizations (SO), Advisory Committees (AC), and other groups (SG/Cs, RALOs) was completed on 16 January 2024.

A dedicated repository for all policies, procedures, and documented practices of these entities was established on the community.icann.org website.

The specific link to this repository was then incorporated into the icann.org/policy webpage on the ICANN org website.

The Policy Development Support function is responsible for making the necessary changes to the relevant pages, as needed (e.g., when there is a change in an entity's charter or operating document.

The effectiveness of the implementation is assessed positively as the information is now accessible through the icann.org/policy. The adjustment in the placement of the link did not compromise the visibility and availability of the essential documents, ensuring that transparency and accountability objectives were met.

While Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) or metrics were not explicitly mentioned in the original recommendation, the effectiveness of the implementation can be measured by tracking user engagement with the icann.org/policy webpage.

Rationale

The placement of the link on the icann.org/policy webpage completes the implementation of this recommendation. Users can navigate to the specified URL to access the repository containing the relevant policies, procedures, and documented practices of SOs, ACs, and other groups. This ensures that the information is readily available to the ICANN community and the public.

Implementation of this particular recommendation experienced delays due to shifts in Information Transparency Platform (ITP) priorities and structural adjustments to the ICANN website. As a result, the Policy Development Support function placed the link on icann.org/policy webpage. This deviation was communicated transparently to stakeholders, emphasizing the need for adaptability in the face of evolving web design.

Timeline

Expected implementation date: July 2023

Final implementation date: January 2024

Milestones

- January 2024: Information (policies, procedures and documented practices of SOs, ACs and other groups) posted on the ICANN org website.