

NCAP Discussion Group

Meeting #107

1 March 2023 at 20:00 – 21:00 UTC

Meeting wiki: <https://community.icann.org/x/s4fKDQ>

Discussion Group Members Matthew Thomas, Jim Galvin, Suzanne Woolf, Anne Aikman-Scalese, Jeff Schmidt, Julie Hammer, Rubens Kuhl	Observers None
Apologies Barry Leiba, Heather Flanagan, Jaap Akkerhuis, Warren Kumari	ICANN Org Jennifer Bryce, Matt Larson, Kinga Kowalczyk, Kathy Schnitt
	Contractor Support Casey Deccio

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1. Welcome, roll call - Matt

See attendance record above. Anne reported that as of today, 1 March, she is retired and is representing only herself. Anne remains a non-voting member of the GNSO Council. She will update the SOI that is on record for her NCAP work.

2. Continue discussion on Study 2 report section 4: Findings – Matt

Matt led the group through the text in [Section 4](#) of the document, finding by finding, starting with Finding A. Some key points from the discussion include:

- Finding A:
 - Jeff commented that the Discussion Group has focused on TLDs that are part of the subsequent procedures new gTLD programs, and have not thought about, for example, new ccTLDs or existing gTLDs. He put it out to the group if this is something that the group might want to consider. The group had some discussion about this.
 - As a takeaway from this discussion, the text should be updated to include some additional context and guardrails within the finding, per the group's discussion today.
- Finding B:
 - Casey noted that the research shows correlations between the qualitative and quantitative data, and as such the group cannot be totally dismissive of the qualitative data should not be dismissed. He proposed adjusting the text to make this clearer.
 - As a takeaway from this discussion, the text should be updated to reflect Casey's points raised in the discussion today.
- Finding B.a:

- Casey commented that he disagrees with including wording in findings “X requires Y” because in his view these are not findings. In the case of this finding, Casey agreed a rewrite could address his concern, and would be happy to propose wording.
- Anne noted that the messaging in the conclusion is not clear and proposed some revisions that would address her concern.
- As a takeaway from this discussion, the text should be updated to reflect the points raised in the discussion today.
- Finding CC:
 - Jeff suggested adding a clear statement to the effect of, a high CDM does not imply high risk, and low CDM does not imply low risk.
 - As a takeaway from this discussion, the text should be updated to add a statement to address Jeff’s comment.
- Finding X:
 - Jeff noted that, while there is nothing he disagrees with, he believes it would be difficult for a reader to understand as written. He proposed some ideas.
 - Casey noted that he does not believe this one is a finding as there is nothing in the text that supports the claim above. Suzanne agreed with Casey’s comment.
 - As a takeaway from this discussion, the text should be restructured to address the comments on the call.

Action item: Heather to hold the pen on making updates to the Findings portion of the document to address the comments on the call today.

Casey proposed a mechanism to the group for getting additional data while incrementally only increasing the risk factor by a minimal amount. The group had some discussion around this proposal and will continue to discuss it.

Matt noted that next week the group will continue the discussion on the findings.

Action item: Discussion Group members to continue to review the findings text and add suggestions or comments for the group’s discussion.

3. AOB

None raised.

4. Summary of action items and decisions

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