Draft Principles for Cross-Community Working Groups

Scope of CWGs	**Rationale** (all new draft text – post 10 Nov. call)
Limit purpose to:	
• To provide information and recommendations to the chartering organizations and/or the ICANN staff.	To ensure community understanding about the ~~limited~~ specific role and purpose of CWGs
• A discussion forum to achieve greater community understanding either prior to a PDP to help define issues and concerns, or following a PDP to provide implementation recommendations or related guidance.	To maximize sharing of expertise on new, emerging or complex issues that affect the community in general and not one SO or AC specifically and/or to provide community guidance and expertise to enhance the quality of later decision-making
• In any event, Consensus Policy development must occur using current SO rules.	To harmonize ~~avoid conflict with~~ existing PDP bylaws requirements
Operations of CWGs	
Formation of CWGs:	
• Apply appropriate SO WG Guidelines to all CWGs whenever possible.	For consistency, predictability
• All SOs/ACs should approve a single, joint Charter whenever possible.	For consistency, predictability and~~,~~ to reinforce~~s~~ ~~that there is~~ consensus of ~~about~~ the scope and terms of each WG tasking
• CWG Charters should include outcomes expected of the CWG and steps to be followed to review outcomes by chartering SOs and ACs.	(same as above) For consistency, predictability and to ~~,~~ reinforce~~s~~ ~~that there is~~ consensus about the scope and terms of each WG tasking
Execution of CWGs:	
• CWGs should follow the approved charter and bring concerns to all chartering organizations for resolution according to WG Guidelines as appropriate.	Helps ensure that concerns are addressed in a consistent way
• SOs/ACs should solicit and consider the views of other SOs/ACs.	DT recognizes importance of identifying and considering the full diversity of views that may exist
• CWGs should seek to accommodate diverging views where possible before finalizing positions.	This is always the goal in any consensus-based WG model
Outcomes of CWGs:	
• Policy recommendations should be considered and approved through the appropriate Policy Development Process.	Assures consistency with ICANN bylaws
• CWGs should communicate Final Reports and Outcomes to chartering organizations (only) for review and further action.	For consistency, predictability, helps assure that the SO and AC views on CWG recommendations are fully understood and documented
• SOs/ACs should commit to timely review and finalizing of actions to avoid delays.	Assures expeditious treatment by all SO/ACs regardless of level of priority attributed by each