CSG Meeting Report, 21 June 2011, Singapore

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1. **Introduction**

   Tony Holmes, ISPCP Chair (Tony), acted as CSG Coordinator for Singapore CSG events. The logistics were supported by Benedetta Rossi, BC Secretariat, who managed interface with the ICANN staff and logistics of sign in and roll call. This report is provided as a courtesy to the ISPCP and IPC.

   1.1 Tony opened the meeting describing the main purpose of this CSG meeting as preparing for the CSG meeting with the ICANN Board, scheduled for 11am, Tuesday 21st June. He announced that the meeting with the Board was limited to CSG members only, but guests

were welcome to join the CSG discussion after the meeting and read the live streaming from the Board meeting.

Topics for discussion with the Board: ATRT review, ICANN's Operating Plan/Budget, the role and relationship between ICANN and the larger Internet ecosystem and the role and contribution of these constituencies.

1.2 Accountability and Transparency Review Team (ATRT)
The ATRT discussion was introduced with a reminder that the three constituencies (ISPCP, IPC and BC) have numerous members with knowledge on this topic, and that the meeting with the Board is the opportunity for this knowledge to be heard to help shape the process.

The 27 recommendations from the ATRT committee have yet to be implemented. The meeting with the Board is the opportunity to raise the importance of the long awaited report on implementation. The recommendations are detailed and significant, e.g. an assessment of board skills, an independent expert's report on restructuring ICANN's reconsideration mechanisms, development of a new public notice and comment process linked with Web site improvements, translation guidelines along with metrics and progress reports on all 27 recommendations.

Discussion:
Marilyn Cade, BC Chair (Marilyn), mentioned the importance of public comment process and including input from the stakeholders. She noted that some minimal information had been posted to the ICANN website regarding the ATRT, but noted that it did not seem to be the report that was expected before the ICANN meeting, and did not provide for comments. The document seems to be an evolving document where ICANN staff has been instructed to update the status of the activities that ICANN is engaged in that fulfill the ATRT topic.

Chris Martin, member of the BC, announced that the accountability and transparency Web page was updated as of today, with various links to documents that have been submitted to the Board for review and approval, a timeline document and a report document that the constituencies may want to consider to provide feedback to the Board.

Action agreed: Tony will introduce the topic, raising concerns about status on reports for comments by stakeholders**.**

Accountability and Transparency page: http://www.icann.org/en/accountability/overview-en.htm

2. **Budget**

Chris Chaplow, BC Vice Chair Finance and Operations (Chris): mentioned the announcement in Brussel's ICANN meeting (28th February 2011) that the input and comment process would be improve by giving constituencies more opportunities for comments. This has not happened, and the process was more limited, including a very unsatisfactory time line of closing the period only two hours before the information went to the Board Governance and Board Finance Committees. The BC and IPC had submitted comments and both had concerns about the inadequate improvements in comments, but also in taking comments into account.

Chris: The commitment to improved substantive detail in the ICANN Budget had not been met, and there is much less detail than 2010-2011.

Steve Metalitz, IPC Vice Chair: every year the IPC comments on the ICANN budget to stress the importance of contract compliance and how central this is to the multi-stakeholder model. The IPC is glad to see that there is a 25% increase in the FY '12 Budget for this area.

However, the IPC was struck by the fact there was no allocation for contract compliance in the new gTLD program budget The new gTLD program will be cost neutral but will generate a surplus of X million dollars (the exact amount is unknown since the budget has not yet been approved). The IPC's propose one third of the surplus to be dedicated to contract compliance activities in their comments.

J. Scott Evans, IPC Chair: Concerns regarding the toolkit topic. He proposed explaining to the Board that the recent restructures in Constituencies have been costly, along with outreach and responsibilities towards the community. The Board seems to think that there is help available to the constituencies, but the constituencies' leadership teams do not find resources available to the constituencies.

Chris: According to the Budget the toolkit has been approved, so constituencies should look at the toolkit application closely to see what can be provided and push for it to be done as soon as possible. However, there is no detail on what resources, other than conference calls, a Wiki and call transcripts, are available.

Marilyn: Proposed to create a CSG Working Group on budget and the operating plan with designated representatives for each constituency and to augment this with a Budget Advisory Group with representatives from different constituencies and stakeholder groups.

Tony: Asked the different constituencies present to consider those proposals and discuss them during their individual constituency meetings. If this proposal were to be supported by the Constituencies, Tony also proposed to try and provide names of designated representatives during the meetings to try and push things forward as soon as possible.

Action for the Board Meeting: Chris and Steve Metalitz will co-present this topic for the CSG.

3. **ICANN's Relationship with the Internet's Larger Ecosystem**

Marilyn: ICANN is indeed part of a large Internet ecosystem, with different groups. This includes the Internet Governance Forum which is a place where tough issues like ICANN's role and the role of critical internet resources and other broader Internet issues are addressed.

Individuals, companies and the organizations that make up the three present constituencies (IPC, ISPCP and BC) are both knowledgeable and interactive with governance on a wide-range topic and a terrific resource to ICANN. Working in the larger ecosystem it is clear that ICANN is not maximizing the leadership and support from these relationships, and that constituencies could help ICANN with many of the challenges it faces externally.

During the discussion, several constituency members shared their experiences within the larger ecosystem. It was agreed that this topic would be the third topic to be discussed with the Board.

Eric Loeb, AT&T: The main lesson from the gTLD process shows the benefits of active, early and respectful engagement and responsiveness, as it's seen within the multi-stakeholder process: the interests of governments are central. In this case, working to improve the dialogue with governments is going to be a critical issue and a terrific opportunity.

Ayesha Hassan, ICC: The ICC community has discussed that what happens in ICANN's environment also affects other foreign end processes where many of the issues that are being dealt with in ICANN are also being discussed. Ayesha stressed the importance in helping to improve the partnership and cooperation with governments for inside ICANN and then outside ICANN.

Philip Sheppard, BC: Also highlighted the importance in working on diplomacy, and on the relationship between the constituencies and the Board. He mentioned that constituencies shouldn't underestimate the changes that can be seen within the European Commission, such as an increased seniority within the Commission.

4. **Conclusion**

The meeting was adjourned for the CSG to meet with the Board. Marilyn also mentioned that the BC was currently preparing a memory book as a present for Peter Dengate Thrush, and any member of the different constituencies were welcome to sign it.

There was no written report from the CSG meeting with the ICANN Board. The meeting was organized with ICANN staff; all Board members and several ICANN staff attended. The CSG limited the participation to their members.

A real time audio link and scribing was provided for members who couldn't participate, and it can be found here: http://icann.adobeconnect.com/p87nzkygl49/