Transition of U.S. Commerce Department’s National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Stewardship of the IANA Functions to the Global Multistakeholder Community

IANA Naming Function
Public Consultation of Stakeholders

ALAC Proposal

Capacity Building Webinar - 10 December 2014
On 14 March 2014, the U.S. Government (USG) announced its intent to transition its stewardship of the IANA functions to the global multistakeholder community;

As the first step, it asked ICANN to convene global stakeholders to develop a proposal to transition the current role played by the USG;

ICANN was asked to serve as a convener based on its role as the IANA functions administrator (since 1998) and the global coordinator for the Internet's Domain Name System (DNS).

The multistakeholder community has set the policies implemented by ICANN for more than 15 years.
Background on ALL IANA Functions (Standards, Naming, Numbering): https://community.icann.org/x/2zrxAg

Cross Community Working Group (CWG) on IANA Stewardship Transition Naming Issues has produced a first draft of its contribution.

21 Day Public Consultation now open

At-Large Cross Community Working Group (CWG) on Naming Related Functions Draft Transition Proposal Workspace

WEBINAR: Cross Community Working Group (CWG) On Naming Related Functions Public Consultation on Draft Transition Proposal
The CWG structured its draft transition proposal based on the IANA Stewardship Transition Coordination Group (ICG) Request for Proposals. These are:

- 1 Description of Community's Use of IANA Functions
- 2A Existing, Pre-Transition Arrangements – Policy Sources
- 2B Existing, Pre-Transition Arrangements – Oversight & Accountability
- 3 Proposed Post-Transition Oversight & Accountability Arrangements
- 4 Transition Implications
- 5 NTIA Requirements
- 6 Community Process
Main Problems/Challenges of Entities

IANA Function related Entities

IANA Customer Standing Committee (CSC)
- Not flagging non compliance
  - Cause: shared default
  - Cause: Complacency over time
- Lack of Multistakeholder Equity (Capture)
- Slow Response

Multistakeholder Review Team (MRT)
- Litigation
  - Purpose: Blocking of process
  - Purpose: Stopping contract re-allocation
- Weakness
- Mitigation Options

Independent Appeals Panel for Policy Implementation (IAP)
- IANA function operation sues for various reasons
- Third Parties sue to destroy entity
- Country/Entity sues to press for non signing of contract
- Vexatious Litigation

Contract Co.
- Threat
- Litigation
- Immunity from Prosecution afforded by jurisdiction
- Protect Entity under ICANN umbrella (not independent entity)
- Protect Entity under multiple umbrellas (several organisations & MoUs)
- Protect Entity by giving it large resources to defend itself

Rogue Board
- Mitigation
  - No Board or Directors
  - Clauses in Bylaws
  - Procedural Checks and balances to counteract / take action
- Litigation

Rogue Employees
- Mitigation
  - No employees: use contractors
  - Contracts include acting only on instruction of "PRT"?
  - Independent Appeals

Does not follow policy
- Mitigation
  - IANA Periodic Reviews by PRT
  - Clauses in Bylaws

IANA Operator
- A variety of threats also faced by MRT and Contract Co. (going rogue etc.)
Possible Proposal 1 – with a Central Committee
Possible Proposal 1: Central Committee + other Communities
Possible Proposal 2 – with no Committee / Contract Co.
Possible Proposal 2 – no Committee plus other Communities
Alan Greenberg will now explain the details of the proposed first draft of the ALAC Statement.

This Statement is being drafted in response to the Public Consultation:

https://community.icann.org/x/YoEHAw
Thank you!

Questions and Discussion