

## Cross Community Working Group on Enhancing ICANN Accountability Paris Communiqué

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Members and participants of the Cross Community Working Group on Enhancing ICANN Accountability (CCWG-Accountability) met in Paris, France, from 17-18 July 2015. The event served as an opportunity to further [advance](#) the discussion on key outstanding issues and to reach agreement on next steps towards finalizing its Work Stream 1 recommendations.

This gathering comes on the heels of ICANN53 in Buenos Aires, as well as a series of prior discussions and feedback in response to the public comment period of the group's draft report.

~~The meeting had strong c~~Community participation ~~was strong~~, with 76 group members and participants attending in person and an additional 30 joining remotely. Further, several members of the ICANN Board of Directors, Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) representatives, external Advisors and local stakeholders were also present ([list of all participants](#)).

Key issues discussed and agreed-upon next steps are outlined below:

### Community Empowerment Models

Following close examination and a series of dialogues and exchanges on the merits and drawbacks of the three (3) community empowerment models presented, the ~~ee-Chairs~~[group](#) agreed to advance the Community Mechanism as Sole Member Model (CMSM) as part of Work Stream 1, noting the ~~consensus momentum~~ that emerged among the members of the ~~community~~ [CCWG-Accountability](#) in support of this model.

~~Under the CMSM this model framework, the Supporting Organizations (SOs) and Advisory Committees (ACs) would collectively participate together as the sole member of ICANN. The member-This coordination of SOs and ACs would be empowered to take certain special actions within ICANN. Under the CMSM model, the Community Mechanism itself would become the sole member of ICANN. The Community Mechanism would be composed by of a group of participants (SO/ACs) who are acting would act together to exercise certain rights in ICANN as ICANN's sole member. Further, an exchange of views will occur within a Community Body before decisions are made. Additional details will become available over the next few weeks as the community continues to develop fine the framework of the for this model.~~

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The 'Empowered [SO/AC](#) Designator' and 'Empowered [SO/AC](#) Membership' models were also discussed and considered. Brief descriptions of each of these models can be found [here](#).

### Review of Government Inputs/Concerns Received

~~As foreseen during the Buenos Aires Icann53 meeting, Following the acknowledgment of GAC about the importance of coordinating with and expressing their views to the CCWG-Accountability at ICANN53, the 31 GAC members submitted individual contributions to the CCWG-Accountability ahead of the Paris meeting. a consolidated response from 31 of its members. The document contributions addressed a series of questions aimed at further clarifying the positions of GAC members with regard to their vision of the role of governments in a post-transition environment.~~

~~While in Paris, the discussions focused on identifying centered around the issues of jurisdiction, bylaws and Core Values. The group common requirements such as the role of governments with regards to public policy and the requirement that assuring that the ICANN Board of Directors does not act outside of Icann's/ICANN's mission. The group also acknowledged the challenges for governments to make certain decisions regarding their participation into the new community model in time for the Dublin Icann meeting/ICANN54 in Dublin. It agreed to move forward by preserving, at a minimum, the GAC's advisory role in the context of Work Stream 1.~~

#### ***Dependencies between the CWG-Stewardship and CCWG-Accountability***

CWG-Stewardship co-Chair, Lise Fuhr, articulated the conditionalities and dependencies between the naming community proposal and the work of the CCWG-Accountability.

These dependencies fall under 6 areas:

1. ICANN Budget: Community rights regarding development and consideration
2. ICANN Board: Community rights, specifically to appoint/remove members, recall the entire Board
3. IANA Function Review: Incorporated into the bylaws
4. Customer Standing Committee: Incorporated into the bylaws
5. Appeals Mechanism: Independent Review Panel should be made applicable to IANA Functions and accessible by TLD managers
6. Fundamental bylaws: All foregoing mechanisms are to be provided for in the bylaws as "Fundamental bylaws"

The group agreed to continue coordinating their activities with the CWG-Stewardship in an effort to ensure that the recommendations put forth by the CCWG-Accountability fully meet the [requirements](#) (p. 20-21) of the naming community.

#### ***Refinements of Independent Review Process (IRP)***

~~The group reached broad consensus-agreement on elements of the enhanced IRP, such as including diversity as a guideline for conformation of the panel and community-driven having the panelists selection processes be community-driven panel selection processes. Additionally, a subgroup will be formed to further develop IRP rules and procedures as well as determine what parts of the IRP are out of scope for Work Stream 1-fine tune the subject matter for IRP.~~

#### ***Next Steps***

~~The first public comment included over 60 submissions that the CCWG-Accountability is carefully considering. Comments were helpful in preparing for the Paris meeting and are being considered in developing the 2nd Draft Proposal. Responses to these comments will be published along with references to the 2nd Draft Proposal to acknowledge substantive changes where applicable.~~

The CCWG-Accountability aims to have a Work Stream 1 proposal finalized and distributed to its the ICANN-chartering organizations prior to ICANN54 in Dublin. Based on the current work plan, the group ~~anticipates~~ confirms its plans aiming at delivering that the CCWG-Accountability the Work Stream 1 proposal will be delivered transferred to the U.S. National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA), ~~along with the IANA Stewardship Transition Coordination Group (ICG) final IANA Stewardship Transition proposal~~ by ~~in~~ late October or early November.

For more information, visit:

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