CCWG on Enhancing ICANN's Accountability

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CCWG-Accountability

Problem Statement

o   During discussions around the IANA functions stewardship transition the community raised the broader topic of the impact of the change on ICANN's accountability

o   Concerns raised indicated that the existing ICANN accountability mechanisms do not yet meet stakeholder expectations
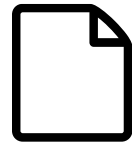
Scope

o   Ensure that ICANN enhances its existing accountability in absence of its historical contractual relationship with the U.S. Government

o   Investigate accountability mechanisms regarding all of the functions provided by ICANN

o   Deliver proposals that would enhance ICANN's accountability towards all stakeholders

Work Stream 1
Focused on mechanisms enhancing ICANN accountability that must be in place or committed to within the time frame of the IANA Stewardship Transition

Work Stream 2
Focused on addressing accountability topics for which a timeline for developing solutions and full implementation may extend beyond the IANA Stewardship Transition

Meeting Rules

Openness

o   Contributions welcome from Members as well as Participants

o   Welcome to more "recent" contributors

Work based on written contributions received before the meeting

o   Focused on refining and deciding on options

o   Fundamentally new ideas or open questions as outcome of this meeting could jeopardize timeline

Keep interventions concise and focused

o   One topic per intervention is best practice

o   Co-chairs may introduce a 2 minutes timer

o   This applies to chairs and rapporteurs as well…

Day 1 & Day 2 meetings are different meetings

o   Enable "two readings" on items that are broadly supported

Key Criteria for Decision Making

NTIA criteria

o Support and enhance the multistakeholder model

o Maintain the security, stability, and resiliency of the Internet DNS

o Meet the needs and expectation of the global customers and partners of the IANA services

o Maintain the openness of the Internet

o The proposal can not replace the NTIA role with a government-led or an inter-governmental organization solution

CWG-Stewardship requirements (to be introduced by Lise Fuhr)

Consensus to be found across Members of the CCWG-Accountability

Existence of two Work Streams for CCWG-Accountability

Work Stream 1 / Work Stream 2

"Work Stream 1 mechanisms are those that, when in place or committed to, would provide the community with confidence that any accountability mechanism that would further enhance ICANN's accountability would be implemented if it had consensus support from the community, even if it were to encounter ICANN management resistance or if it were against the interest of ICANN as a corporate entity."

Source: Initial report, emphasis added

* Important to note that this is NOT restricted to whether there is direct impact on the IANA function (consistent with the creation of the CCWG-Accountability in parallel to the CWG-Stewardship).

WP Presentations Are Expected to Follow the Same Structure

o   What were the concerns found during the Public Comment?

o   How were they resolved?

o   What are the open issues?