

RFP 4***DRAFT*****Stress Test Scenarios**

Some scenarios as visualized by the Business Constituency, SSAC and Mathieu Weill are captioned and listed in the table. Please feel free to add more scenarios as also mark for removal the scenarios that are irrelevant. The “strategy” column is for comments on how the scenario could be prevented or faced and dealt with if and when occurs and also to comment if it is a scenario that requires the strategy to be kept undisclosed, for any valid reasons.

The NTIA has indicated that the stress test is a requirement. However, if RFP4 or the wider group feels that one or two of the following scenarios require the strategy to be undisclosed, those scenarios could be discussed without much publicity and shared privately with the NTIA. This would be a safeguard that may be required to prevent the strategy from being rendered ineffective, so it would not amount to a compromise on ICANN’s Transparency standards.

link to editable document :

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S No.	Author	Stress Scenario	Probability	Relevant to IANA Requires discussion	of Indirect relevance to IANA May be discussed	Not Relevant	Strategy
1	BC	Cancellation of the AoC.					?
2	BC	Flight to avoid jurisdiction.					
3	BC	Insolvency.					
4	BC	Applicant Support Revisited.					
5	BC	Ignoring SSAC					
6	BC	GAC Votes					
7	BC	.xxx redux					
8	BC	Contested gTLD Redelegation					Would this be stress that would break ICANN ?
9	BC	Enjoined Delegation					

10	BC	Contested ccTLF Redelegation					
11	SSAC	possibility of governmental sanctions and restrictions (e.g., for obtaining OFAC2 licenses where U.S. sanctions might interfere with the execute proper instructions to IANA) following the stewardship transition.					
12	Weill	domain industry financial crisis, leading to sudden drop in revenues for Iann					
13	Weill	conflict with a significant financial contributor leading to this stakeholder refusing to pay fees					
14	Weill	new technology competing with DNS leading to sudden drop in domain name numbers					
15	Weill	Governance crisis within Iann leading to inability to reach decisions for a long period of time (6 months to 18 months)					
16	Weill	Major corruption or fraud within					

		Icann					
17	Weill	AntiTrust action (or class action) against Icann				x	Example Entry: Consult legal experts and select community leaders for preparedness, arrive at a strategy, and then share the strategy with NTIA in-camera, to convince them for the purpose of transition of ICANN's preparedness. Might be unnecessary to publish strategies for such preparedness. Legal experts might agree that it is unwise to disclose legal strategy in advance.
18	Weill	Chairman, CEO or major officer acting in a manner inconsistent with the organisation's mission					
19	Weill	Major personal data leak due to failure of Icann's security					
20	Weill	Financial crisis affecting Icann's reserves in a manner that threatens its continuity			x		Example Entry: It is important both to arrive at a strategy to confront such a scenario if and when it occurs, as also to closely examine the existing financial structure for such gaps as might lead to such a threat. Solutions could be outlined to PREVENT the occurrence of such a scenario, for example, by recommending contingency reserves for essential operation for a period of 3 years or more, isolated and insulated from legal claims (if this is not legally possible, a large Insurance company might be

							able to offer a creative solution). Alternately there could be a separation of allocation streams for Global Public Interest DNS tasks from Commercial aspects. For example, ICANN could explore ways by which a structural separation could be created for policy and community work from that of commercial operations governed by California Law. Policy and essential DNS tasks could be on a stream of "unreachable" funding, possibly from a miniscule share of revenues from Registrants as also from irreversible allocations from new gTLD surplus or auction surplus.