

Community Forum – PC2

Areas of Consensus

- Idea and goals of the CF (Nominet)
- Even if the community forum would make no decisions, it couldn't be considered as informal or optional. It is a fundamental element of the process and must be an official and mandatory part of the exercise of the community powers. This will not add more complexity, but will better channel the community discussion prior to any final decision. (AFRALO)

Areas Needing Refinement

- Process surrounding the CF
- Timescales are considered too short, could limit meaningful discussions and inclusive participation (Nominet)
- Opening up the forum to a wider public (Nominet)
- GAC intends to fully participate in the ICANN Community Forum, outlined in Section 6.3 of the CCWG 2nd Draft Proposal. The GAC will work with other SOs and ACs to develop agreed mechanisms for the full participation by and exchange of views among and between all SOs and ACs in the proposed Community Forum. (GAC)
- How more precisely would the proposed Community Forum (Section 6.3) fit into Community Mechanism processes? (Jan Scholte)
- and how, if at all, the Community Forum proposed by Willie Currie (a proposal that I support) might function within or attendant to the SMCM. (Lee Andrew Bygrave)
- However, the same is not true for significant elements of the Community Mechanism as a Sole Member (CMSM), such as the Community Forum and voting arrangements. It is critical that this detail is provided now – not later (auDA)

Areas of Divergence

- Paragraph 348-356, Community Forum: The description of the Community Forum, augmented by the phrase “would have no standing” in paragraph 354, denigrates this functional body. The description needs to be strengthened. (ALAC)

Options for CCWG Consideration

- Flesh out process for CF which would fulfill idea and goals of the CF (general)
- Different timescales for different circumstances (Nominet)
- Possibility of invoking CF before formal process is being launched (Nominet)
- and must be an official and mandatory part of the exercise of the community powers (AFRALO)