

ACCOUNTABILITY MECHANISMS

Work Item: WP1-H: Council of Councils mechanism
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	Name of Mechanism	Council of Councils
Description	Description	This would be a standing body, constituted under the bylaws, representing the ICANN community in exercising specific powers granted to it developed in the course of CCWG's work (e.g. forcing reconsideration of the Budget, removing the ICANN Board of Directors). But it could be also setup for other topics as an ICANN GA.
	Category (check & balance, review, redress)	Not Applicable (N/A)
	Is the mechanism triggered or non triggered ?	N/A
	Possible outcomes (approval, re-do, amendment of decision, etc.)	N/A
	Conditions of standing (ie « last resort », type of decision being challenged, ...)	N/A
Standing	Who has standing (directly or indirectly affected party, thresholds...)	N/A
	Which standards is the decision examined against (process, principles, other standards...)	N/A
Standard of review	Which purpose(s) of accountability does the mechanism contribute to ?	N/A

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Composition	<p>Required skillset</p>	<p>The Council of Councils will be a standing body in ICANN, established under the Articles / Bylaws with the general purpose of being the way the Community exercises its reserve powers over ICANN.</p> <p>Appointees to the Council should be members of an ICANN SO or AC Council (or equivalent) in good standing and able to make decisions that relate to the various powers granted to the Council.</p> <p>In general, they will need (but we can consider that it will be the case for all the SO/AC council members):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • advanced knowledge of ICANN’s Articles and Bylaws, including the proposed Compact; • understanding of expectations of the ICANN community; and • understanding of ICANN’s environment and context.
	<p>Diversity requirements (geography, stakeholder interests, gender, other...)</p>	<p>The Council will achieve diversity of stakeholder, gender and regional representation, due to the diversity in each council.</p>
	<p>Number of persons (approximate or interval)</p>	<p>The Council of council’s will consist of the current number of members of SO or AC councils:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ccNSO: 18 = 3X5 regions + 3NCA • GNSO: 21 • ASO: 15 = 3X5 regions • ALAC: 15 = (2+1NCA)X5 regions • GAC: 6 = Chair + 5 VC/region • Two representatives of each of the following bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SSAC ○ RSSAC <p>Questions: there is liaison from one to another body not included here. Do we want to include them?</p> <p>The community bodies electing two representatives must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • elect two people from different ICANN regions; and • elect two people of different genders.

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Template

	Independence requirements	<p>Members of the Council of council's may not be from any of the following categories of people:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICANN Directors or Board Liaisons • ICANN Staff • ICANN's Nominating Committee • Members of any Review or Redress institutions <p>No more than two members of the Council of Councils may be from any single company or group of related companies, or from one national government or other governmental organisation.</p>
	Election / appointment by whom ?	Members of the Council are appointed, by their SOs and ACs according to their usual documented processes.
	Recall or other accountability mechanism	
Decision making	Is the decision mandated or based on personal assessment	N/A
	Decision made by consensus or vote ?	N/A
	Majority threshold (if applicable)	N/A
Accessibility	Cost requirements	The general costs of the Council's existence and operation, including whatever staffing or contracted secretariat support it requires.
	Timeframe requirements	To be implemented before IANA stewardship transition (i.e. WS1).
	Language requirements	As general in ICANN – translated into the usual languages.
Implementation	Potential means to implement	Amendments to Articles and/or Bylaws that create the Council of Councils and its powers, in a way which sees them unable to be changed except by community consent.