

## VOLUME 5: AN UPDATE ON IANA STEWARDSHIP DISCUSSIONS, SPECIAL EDITION ON THE ICANN ACCOUNTABILITY ENHANCEMENTS DRAFT

### CCWG-Accountability draft now open for public comment

On 4 May, the Cross-Community Working Group on Enhancing ICANN Accountability ([CCWG-Accountability](#)) published its initial draft report on the elements of the ICANN accountability framework that it has identified as essential to happen, or be committed to, before the IANA Stewardship Transition takes place. This initial draft report will be open for public comment for 30 days. Following community input during the comment period and at [ICANN 53](#) in Buenos Aires, the CCWG-Accountability will produce a second draft report for a 40-day public comment period in July.

The recommendations in the initial draft now out for comment are not presented as the consensus of the CCWG-Accountability. Instead, the CCWG-Accountability has published the draft to solicit feedback from the community on the CCWG-Accountability's approach as well as guidance on several options under consideration.

The CCWG-Accountability initial draft report is the fourth major community developed proposal to undergo public consultation as a part of the IANA Stewardship Transition and Enhancing ICANN Accountability processes.

#### Key links

1. [Draft report](#) – 108 pages [no annexes]
2. [Draft report & annexes](#) – 143 pages
3. [Graphical Supplement](#) [12 pages of pictorial representations of the main concepts included in the draft report]
4. [Announcement of call for public comments](#)
5. [Archive of public comments received](#)

#### How to submit a public comment

Comment on the draft report, [with](#) or [without](#) annexes, by 3 June 2015, 23:59 UTC ([convert to your time zone](#)):

1. Respond to any or all of the 3 general questions and 15 issue-specific questions related to Work Stream 1 included in the [announcement of the public comment period](#) as well as in section 11 of the draft report. There is also an additional question on Work Stream 2 to help guide the CCWG-Accountability with its work.
2. Send your comments to:  
<mailto:mcomments-ccwg-accountability-draft-proposal-04may15@icann.org>



3. When you receive an automatically generated email asking you to confirm your submission, please follow the instructions in the email to ensure your comments are submitted to the [archive of public comments](#).

To help better understand the contents and context of the draft proposal, you may wish to join one of the [two following webinars](#) live:

- **11 May from 11:00 – 12:30 UTC** (time zone converter [here](#))
- **11 May from 19:00 – 20:30 UTC** (time zone converter [here](#))

The webinars will also be transcribed and published from [this CCWG-Accountability webpage](#) in the six UN languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish).

### A timeline of events and processes related to the accountability proposal

Below is a summary of upcoming key meetings and processes specifically related to Work Stream 1 draft report and its interactions with the naming related portion of the IANA Stewardship Transition proposal. A list of dates associated with a wider range of stewardship transition related activities is included near the end of this report.

4 May 2015	The <b>CCWG-Accountability</b> halts work on draft Work Stream 1 accountability enhancements. Work Stream 2 accountability work continues.
20 May 2015	Last day for <b>community</b> comments on the CWG-Stewardship second draft proposal.
1 Jun 2015	<b>ICANN staff</b> publishes report of public comments on the CWG-Stewardship's second draft proposal.
3 Jun 2015	Last day for <b>community</b> comments on the ICANN accountability enhancements (Work Stream 1).
4-29 Jun 2015	<b>ICANN staff</b> compiles a report of the public comments received on CCWG-Accountability's draft report on Work Stream 1-related ICANN accountability enhancements.
5-18 Jun 2015	The <b>CCWG-Accountability</b> reviews public comments on Work Stream 1 accountability enhancements and prepares documents for ICANN 53 briefings with the community.
8 Jun 2015	The <b>CWG-Stewardship</b> presents revised version of its proposal to their chartering members (Supporting Organizations and Advisory Councils) for review and adoption.
8-25 Jun 2015	<b>ALAC, ccNSO, GAC and GNSO</b> review and consider adoption of CWG-Stewardship's revised proposal.
19 Jun 2015	The <b>CCWG-Accountability</b> meets for working session before <a href="#">ICANN 53</a> .
21-25 Jun 2015	<b>All ICANN communities and other parties interested in IANA</b> meet during <a href="#">ICANN 53</a> in Buenos Aires, and online via remote participation, to discuss the IANA stewardship transition in a number of cross-community as well as stakeholder-specific sessions. (See <a href="#">preliminary schedule</a> ).

- 25 Jun 2015 The **CWG-Stewardship** delivers the final proposal on the naming related portion of the IANA Stewardship Transition Coordination Group ([ICG](#)).
- 20 Jul 2015 The **CCWG-Accountability** publishes second, revised, version of draft report on Work Stream 1 accountability enhancements for public comment.
- 29 Aug 2015 Last day for **community** comments on the second draft of ICANN accountability enhancements (Work Stream 1).
- 30 Sep-15 Oct 2015 **ALAC, ASO, ccNSO, GAC and GNSO** review and consider adoption of CCWG-Accountability's revised proposal.
- 22 Oct 2015 The **CCWG-Accountability** present Work Stream 1 accountability enhancements report to the **ICANN Board**.

## Updates on other transition-related activities

### **IETF Working Group on Planning for the IANA/NTIA Transition (IANAPLAN)**

On 30 April, the chairs of IETF, IAOC and IAB [notified](#) members of [IANAPLAN](#) of the status of work between IETF and ICANN regarding the annual SLA or Supplemental Agreement to the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between IETF and ICANN in relation to IANA's performance of the protocol parameters function. Following that notification, there was much discussion on the [IANAPLAN mailing list](#) about the possible reasons behind ICANN's communication to IETF that it believed that agreeing to the proposed text of the SLA would possibly put ICANN in breach of its existing agreement with the NTIA. The discussion was [forwarded](#) on to the CWG-Stewardship mailing list and, in response, ICANN [clarified](#) that the concerns it had expressed were not related to the proposed stewardship model for the protocol parameters function of IANA after the expiration of ICANN's contract with NTIA, but were specifically related to constraints that applied solely while the current contract with NTIA remained in place. ICANN expressed it did not want to pre-empt or create a perception of pre-empting any of the community consensus process around any areas in the finalization of the transition. A further email was [posted](#) to the CCWG-Accountability list by a member of the ICANN Board containing more information on the MoU and the process IETF can invoke to terminate the agreement.

### **Consolidated RIR IANA Stewardship Proposal (CRISP) Team**

As a result of the [CRISP](#) Team's draft proposal for the numbers component of the IANA functions, the Number Resource Organization ([NRO](#)) has produced a [Draft Service Level Agreement \(SLA\) for the IANA Numbering Services](#). The draft SLA, which has not been reviewed by the CRISP Team nor negotiated with any other parties, including ICANN, is [available for comment](#) until 14 June 2015. Comments received are archived on the NRO's [ianaxfer mailing list](#).

### **IANA Stewardship Transition Coordination Group (ICG)**

The [ICG](#) has announced that it has published its [final process](#) for how it will handle comments sent by members of the community to the [ICG forum](#). Comments may be directly submitted to the ICG any time via [icg-forum@ianacg.org](mailto:icg-forum@ianacg.org). In response to the SLA-related discussions described in the sections above, the ICG has posted [a statement on its homepage](#) that encourages all interested parties, including ICANN staff and Board members, to participate within the open, transparent processes being used by the three

operational communities to transition the stewardship of the IANA functions away from NTIA. Board Chair, Steve Crocker, issued a [response](#). The ICG has also created [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) accounts to assist with disseminating information about their activities.

### Transition timeline and implementation

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) has written to the chairs of the ICG and CCWG-Accountability requesting information on projected dates related to completing the transition proposal, as well as the estimated time to implement the transition, to assist the NTIA in planning for the transition. The NTIA has requested this information be communicated by the end of June.

- [Letter to the CCWG-Accountability](#)
- [Letter to the ICG](#)

### U.S. Congressional Hearings

On 13 May, the U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet held a hearing titled [Stakeholder Perspectives on ICANN: The .Sucks Domain and Essential Steps to Guarantee Trust and Accountability in the Internet's Operation](#). ICANN [submitted written testimony for the record](#).

Later that afternoon, the U.S. House of Representatives Energy and Commerce Committee held a separate hearing titled, [Stakeholder Perspectives on the IANA Transition](#). ICANN also [submitted written testimony for the record](#) in that hearing.

## Upcoming key dates

14 May 2015	<a href="#">CWG-Stewardship Meeting #47</a> , 11:00-13:00 UTC
19 May 2015	<a href="#">CCWG-Accountability Meeting #33</a> , 6:00-8:00 UTC <a href="#">ICG Teleconference</a> (TBC) <a href="#">CWG-Stewardship Meeting #48</a> , 17:00-19:00 UTC
21 May 2015	<a href="#">CWG-Stewardship Meeting #49</a> , 11:00-13:00 UTC
26 May 2015	<a href="#">CCWG-Accountability Meeting #34</a> , 12:00-14:00 UTC <a href="#">CWG-Stewardship Meeting #50</a> , 17:00-19:00 UTC
28 May 2015	<a href="#">CWG-Stewardship Meeting #51</a> , 11:00-13:00 UTC
28-29 May 2015	<a href="#">CWG-Stewardship Intensive Working Days</a>
2 Jun 2015	<a href="#">CWG-Stewardship Meeting #52</a> , 17:00-19:00 UTC <a href="#">CCWG-Accountability Meeting #35</a> , 19:00-21:00 UTC
4 Jun 2015	<a href="#">CWG-Stewardship Meeting #53</a> , 11:00-13:00 UTC
14 Jun 2015	<a href="#">Deadline for comments to NRO on Draft Service Level Agreement (SLA) for the IANA Numbering Services</a>
18-19 Jun 2015	ICG Face-to-Face Meeting, <a href="#">ICANN 53</a> , Buenos Aires, all day
19 Jun 2015	CCWG-Accountability Working Session 1, <a href="#">ICANN 53</a> , Buenos Aires, all day

May 14, 2015



21-25 Jun 2015 [ICANN 53](#), Buenos Aires

## IANA stewardship in the news

- 7 May 2015 [Dot What? The surprisingly interesting history of the Internet domain system](#), Slate [EN]
- 6 May 2015 [专访张建川解读ICANN互联网管理权移交建议草案内容](#), Sohu.com [CN]
- 5 May 2015 [Le Burkina veut participer aux instances de la gouvernance mondiale de l'internet](#), Burkina24 [FR]
- 4 May 2015 [Internet in Ghana not controlled – Omane Boamah](#), Ghana Broadcasting Corporation [EN]  
[ICANN will IANA dauerhaft betreiben](#), Heise Online [DE]
- 28 April 2015 [ICANN ABRE NOVA CONSULTA SOBRE TRANSIÇÃO DE FUNÇÕES IANA](#), Tele Síntese [PT]

## YOU CAN PLAY A ROLE IN IANA'S FUTURE...

*Anyone can participate in discussions about the future of IANA's stewardship and ICANN accountability. For information on joining **CWG-Stewardship**, contact [grace.abuhamad@icann.org](mailto:grace.abuhamad@icann.org). For information on joining **CCWG-Accountability**, contact [accountability-staff@icann.org](mailto:accountability-staff@icann.org).*