(this list was prepared in response to a question from the CCWG Advisors on call with CCWG chairs and members on Friday 29 May 2015 asking for and overview of SO/AC current accountability mechanisms.)

1. **Governmental Advisory Committee** (GAC) https://gacweb.icann.org/display/gacweb/Governmental+Advisory+Committee

The GAC Operating Principles, attached, provide information about the GAC's processes and procedures.

Principle 50 says that GAC meetings are ordinarily private. In practice the GAC tends to hold open meetings, except when drafting the communique produced at each ICANN meeting and when preparing for a meeting with the Board.

Note Principle 47, GAC seeks to base its decisions on consensus.

GAC mailing list discussions are not open, do not have public archives.

2. **Country Code Names Supporting Organisation** (ccNSO) http://ccnso.icann.org/

ccNSO organizational documents http://ccnso.icann.org/about/organisational.htm

The relevant ICANN bylaws https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/governance/bylaws-en#IX, extracted and attached.

A few issues to note:

Article IX section 2. "The ccNSO shall consist of (i) ccTLD managers that have agreed in writing to be members of the ccNSO (see Section 4(2) of this Article) and (ii) a ccNSO Council responsible for managing the policy-development process of the ccNSO."

Note. There are ccTLD operators that are not members of the ccNSO. See also Article IX section 4.2

Article IX section 3.11. "The ccNSO Council, subject to direction by the ccNSO members, shall adopt such rules and procedures for the ccNSO as it deems necessary, provided they are consistent with these Bylaws. Rules for ccNSO membership and operating procedures adopted by the ccNSO Council shall be published on the Website."

Article IX section 4.3. Note, a ccTLD manager may leave at any time and this will not effect services received from ICANN/IANA

Note. National law is paramount: Article IX section 4.2, read with section 4.10 and 4.11

Other relevant documents:
ccNSO rules http://ccnso.icann.org/about/ccnso-rules-dec04-en.pdf (file attached)
ccNSO statements: http://ccnso.icann.org/about/guidelines-ccnso-statements-procedures-jun11-en.pdf
ccNSO FAQ: http://ccnso.icann.org/about/faqs.htm

3. **Generic Names Supporting Organization** (GNSO) http://gnso.icann.org

The relevant ICANN
bylaws https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/governance/bylaws-en/#X,
extracted and attached.

GNSO Operating
Procedures, http://gnso.icann.org/en/council/procedures document attached. See Chapter 6.0 Stakeholder Groups and Constituencies: Operating Principles and Participation Guidelines.

Procedures include the requirements for Stakeholder Groups and Constituencies (groups) to publish various types of information:

All Groups should adopt these rules for participation to encourage openness, transparency and accountability.
Groups should have their participation rules based on common principles developed by the GNSO.
All Groups should strive to improve inclusiveness and representativeness
All Groups should strive to remove information barriers and put in place well-structured outreach programs (...)

Membership: (inter alia) groups should publish rules and procedures for admission, decisions making processes about membership should be open and transparent to the extent possible, membership lists should be published. All Group members should be eligible to participate in the Policy work of the Group
Operating principles: (inter alia) Groups should adhere to the following common operating principles: representativeness, process integrity, flexibility, transparency, participation, openness, and other norms common to the GNSO.
Operating procedures should be published, management committees should publish their rules of procedure, mailing lists should be open to the whole membership and public, group policy decisions should be open and publicly archived.

Links to information about Stakeholder Groups and
Constituencies: http://gnso.icann.org/en/about/stakeholders-constituencies.

(STAFF comment: Not clear how deeply all constituency groups satisfy the criteria described in the operating procedures)

4. **At-Large Advisory Committee** (ALAC)

At-Large Advisory Committee Rules of Procedure attached. (http://tinyurl.com/ALAC-RoP-2013-04)

ALAC is comprised of five Regional At-Large Organizations (RALO), each RALO has its own rules and procedures (RoP), these are different across the five groups:

African Regional At Large Organisation (AFRALO) organizing documents including RoP: https://community.icann.org/display/AFRALO/AFRALO+MOU+and+Organising+Documents
Asian, Australasian and Pacific Islands Regional At-Large Organization (APRALO) policy development workspace including RoP: https://community.icann.org/display/APRALO/APRALO+Policy+Development+Workspace
European Regional At-Large Organization (EURALO) organizing documents including articles of association: https://community.icann.org/display/EURALO/RALO+Organising+Instruments
Latin American and Caribbean Islands Regional At-Large Organization (LACRALO) organizing documents including operating principles: https://community.icann.org/display/LACRALO/LACRALO+Organising+Documents
North-American Regional At-Large Organization (NARALO) organizing documents including operating principles: https://community.icann.org/display/NARALO/RALO+Organising+Documents

Each RALO is comprised of member organizations called "At Large Strictures" (ALS). In broad terms, goal is for policy to be developed in a bottom-up fashion involving the ALS and RALO with policy flowing to the ALAC and to ICANN.

5. **Address Supporting Organization** (ASO) https://aso.icann.org/

The ASO advises the ICANN Board of Directors on policy issues relating to the allocation and management of Internet Protocol (IP) addresses. ASO operating procedures attached.

The ASO has an alter-ego, the Number Resource Organization (NRO). The ASO is an ICANN-facing body while the NRO is a Regional Internet Registry-facing body. The two bodies are connected but have different responsibilities.

The purpose of the ASO is to review and develop recommendations on global Internet number resource policy and to advise the ICANN Board. The functions of the ASO are carried out by the ASO Address Council (ASO AC), which consists of the members of the NRO Number Council (NRO NC). NRO NC members are elected and appointed by their respective RIR communities.

The NRO provides the secretariat support for the ASO. One of the NRO's core functions is the promotion and protection of bottom-up Internet number resource policy development processes. The NRO is led by an Executive Council (NRO EC). See https://aso.icann.org/about-the-aso/address-supporting-organization-and-the-number-resource-organization/

6. **Security and Stability Advisory Committee** (SSAC) https://www.icann.org/groups/ssac

SSAC advises the ICANN community and Board on matters relating to the security and integrity of the Internet's naming and address allocation systems. SSAC is a volunteer expert committee, the SSAC recommends members to the ICANN Board, which appoints. ICANN SO/AC may appoint liaisons to the SSAC.
Relevant ICANN bylaws Article XI section
2.2 https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/governance/bylaws-en/#XI-2.2
Operational procedures attached.

7. **Root Server System Advisory Committee** (RSSAC) https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/rssac-4c-2012-02-25-en

The RSSAC is responsible for advising the ICANN community and Board on matters relating to the operation, administration, security, and integrity of the Internet's Root Server System.
Relevant ICANN bylaws Article XI section
2.3 https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/governance/bylaws-en/#XI-2.3, extracted and attached.

The RSSAC consists of representatives of the organizations responsible for operating the world's 13 root name servers as voting members, see https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/rssac-4c-2012-02-25-en
A "Caucus" of DNS and root server system experts will be responsible for the essential work of the RSSAC. Each Caucus member publishes a Statement of Interest, see https://community.icann.org/display/RSI/RSSAC+Caucus+Statements+of+Interest

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