

CCWG Accountability Co-Chairs letter  
Subject: CCWG Accountability Draft Report  
9 December 2015

Dear all,

On 30 November, the CCWG-Accountability delivered its third Draft Proposal to the ICANN community for consideration. The proposal includes twelve recommendations and annexes describing each of these in detail.

As previously announced, the comment period - <https://www.icann.org/public-comments/draft-ccwg-accountability-proposal-2015-11-30-en> - is two-fold: firstly It invites Chartering Organization to indicate their endorsement of the proposed Work Stream 1 recommendations to ICANN's accountability and secondly It seeks feedback from the broader public.

To assist the community in considering its proposal the CCWG-Accountability held two informational webinars on 2 December, which were attended by a diverse set of community members (140 attendees including 56 who were neither member nor participants to the CCWG). Session archives and list of attendees can be found on the wiki page at <https://community.icann.org/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=56984258>.

The CCWG-Accountability encourages individuals to channel their comments through their respective SO/ACs to streamline the processing of input and avoid duplication of comments. However, any individual, whether or not they are part of a Chartering Organization or an SO/AC, is welcome to provide their comments with respect to the CCWG-Accountability's proposal.

*As indicated in the CCWG-Accountability Charter: Following submission of the Draft Proposal(s), each of the chartering organizations shall, in accordance with their own rules and procedures, review and discuss the Draft Proposal(s) and decide whether to adopt the recommendations contained in it. The chairs of the chartering organizations shall notify the co-chairs of the WG of the result of the deliberations as soon as feasible.*

The CCWG-Accountability considers this Draft Proposal to be the Final proposal unless significant concerns are raised by Chartering Organizations. As the case may be, the CCWG-Accountability might then amend the proposal to address these and post a supplementary report for approval by the Chartering Organizations.

In an effort to clearly identify the level of support for the recommendations the CCWG-Accountability would request that input clearly indicate your position on each of the twelve recommendations. Should a Chartering Organization, in its process to approve the proposal, identify any significant concerns that would require it to reject a specific recommendation, the CCWG-Accountability would request that such concerns be

communicated to it as soon as possible even if the approval process in the Chartering Organization is not yet completed. This would allow the CCWG-Accountability to begin addressing any such concerns while advising the other Chartering Organizations of the situation.

The CCWG-Accountability would also like to remind the Chartering Organizations that the language proposed in the recommendations for ICANN Bylaw revisions, which affects all of the recommendations, are conceptual in nature at this stage. The CCWG-Accountability's external legal counsel and the ICANN legal team will draft final language for these revisions to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws (Fundamental/Standard Bylaws). As such the CCWG-Accountability is asking the Chartering Organizations to focus on approving the core concepts of the recommendations and not specific wording or implementation details. Any comments or issues on implementation should be clearly identified as such and will be considered for the implementation phase.

Given the time constraints the CCWG-Accountability is working to we would appreciate indications of support, if formal approval is not possible, from Chartering Organizations in a timeframe that is generally consistent with the official closing date of 21 December. The CCWG-Accountability recognizes that the internal process requirements of the Chartering Organizations may only allow these to provide formal approval of the proposal in the early days of January which would be acceptable if an indication of support has been provided.

Following the conclusion of the public comment period (21 December – 23:59 UTC), the CCWG-Accountability will assess the level of support received and attempt to reconcile differing input, if any, from the Chartering Organizations. Should a Supplementary Report be necessary, the CCWG-Accountability would inform the Chartering Organizations of this promptly.

We look forward to your input on our Draft Proposal. For your information, to facilitate responses as well as enable the collection and aggregation of input, a survey was created for the community's use – see <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ccwg-acct-draftproposal>.

Should you wish to organize an informational webinar for your membership, we are more than happy to schedule a meeting.

As always, feel free to contact us should you have any questions.

Thanks

Best regards

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