

The Accountability of SO/AC

Background

- * In Work Stream 1 it was suggested to
 - include the review of Supporting Organization and Advisory Committee accountability mechanisms into the independent periodical structural reviews performed on a regular basis.
- * This suggestion was implemented in the ICANN bylaws Section 4 of Article IV

WS 2 Tasks

Accountability of SO/AC DT has the following tasks :

- * Evaluate the proposed “Mutual Accountability Roundtable” to assess its viability and if viable, and undertake the necessary actions to implement it.
- * Develop a detailed working plan on enhancing Supporting Organization and Advisory Committee accountability.
- * Assess whether the Independent Review process would also be applicable to Supporting Organization and Advisory Committee activities as well.

1. Mutual Accountability Roundtable

- CWG-Accountability Advisor Willie Currie suggested MAR
 - * Multiple actors are accountable to each other
 - * Mutual accountability enable all ICANN structures to call one another to account
 - * Mutual Accountability Roundtable that meets at each ICANN meeting, perhaps replacing the current Public Forum
 - * The roundtable consists of the Board, CEO, and all Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees, represented by their chairpersons.
 - * The roundtable would designate a chairperson for the roundtable from year to year who would be responsible for facilitating each Mutual Accountability Roundtable.
 - * Each Roundtable may pick one or two key topics to examine. Each participant could give an account of how his or her constituency addressed the issue, indicating what worked and didn't work.
 - * This could be followed by a discussion on how to improve matters of performance. The purpose would be to create a space for mutual accountability as well as a learning space for improvement.

2. Working plan on enhancing SO/AC Accountability

- * The need to develop a working plan
- * Consideration of the comments made during the public comment period on the Third Draft Proposal
- * The DT approach to be discussed

3. Independent Review Process and SO/AC

- * Assess whether the Independent Review process would also be applicable to Supporting Organization and Advisory Committee activities as well.