Multi-Stakeholder Accountability Forum

A Multi-Stakeholder Accountability Forum (MSAF) is established in the Bylaws to exercise the community powers.

The MSAF's activities are premised on the basis of mutual accountability of all key ICANN actors in the ICANN governance system.

The MSAF consists of:

- The Board
- The GNSO
- The ASO
- The ccNSO
- The ALAC
- The GAC
- The RSAC
- The SSAC.

Decisions of the MSAF are made on the basis of sufficient consensus and where this is not possible, by voting.

Voting ratios are as follows:

Board – non-voting

GNSO – 5

ASO – 5

ccNSO – 5

ALAC - 5

GAC – non-voting

RSAC – non-voting

SSAC – non-voting.

Thresholds are as follows:

60% - approval of Strategic Plan and Budget

60% - approval of changes to standard Bylaws

75% - approval of changes to fundamental Bylaws

60% - referral of removal of individual Board Member to arbitration

75% - referral of removal of whole Board to arbitration.

The MSAF meets at each ICANN meeting and is chaired by an independent facilitator. Its agenda is approved by stakeholder groups by one month before the ICANN meeting.

Referral to arbitration is as per the Board's Multistakeholder Enforcement mechanism (MEM) proposal.