# SO/AC Accountability

Reporting Period: **NOVEMBER 16** 

**Progress:** 



Status: On-track

<u>Description / Scope:</u> Survey, Analyze, Assess and Recommend any Improvements to ICANN's SO and AC Accountability.

Track 1: Review and develop recommendations to improve SO/AC processes for accountability, transparency, & participation that are helpful to prevent capture.

Track 2: Evaluate the proposed "Mutual Accountability Roundtable" to assess its viability and, if viable, undertake the necessary actions to implement it.

Track 3: Assess whether the IRP would also be applicable to SO & AC activities.

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# of signed-up Active Participants: 40

# of signed-up Observers: 38

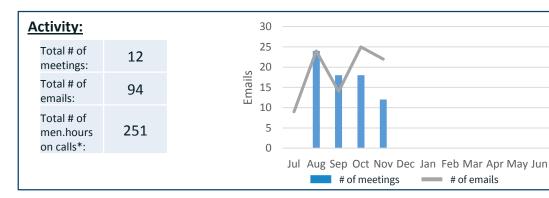
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### **Useful links:**

Wiki: https://community.icann.org/x/IBWOAw

Mailing List archive: <a href="http://mm.icann.org/pipermail/ws2-so\_ac/">http://mm.icann.org/pipermail/ws2-so\_ac/</a>

Meetings schedule: WS2-Master Call Schedule



Based on data available from the WS2 wiki - this

is a high level summary of the work underway.

## **Work Plan:**

Start work	Aug	✓
Document questions to answer	Sep	✓
Document work to do	Oct	$\checkmark$
Produce draft for subgroup	Nov-Jan	
Produce draft for CCWG	Feb	
Produce draft for PC	March	
Public Comment	Apr	
Revise draft	May	
CCWG approval	Jun	

#### **Updates:**

- In preparation for update/review of activities at ICANN 57 the following documents have been prepared and Distributed:
- Proposed 'Questions for AC/SOs'
- SOAC-ACC-Progress Report Oct'16

#### **Upcoming Activities:**

- Awaiting answers to questions to chairs of SO/ACs, as part of Track 1.
- The group as its next step of work will soon take up necessary actions on track 3, to discuss whether SO/ACs should be subjected to IRP.

#### Open Items:

Track 2, the group has briefly discussed the matter of Mutual Accountability (and to a lesser extent the proposal of a Mutual Accountability Round-table or other construct) but it has not come to any conclusion yet due to divergence of views among participants. This work will be addressed after other aspects of our work plan are more complete.



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