On 25 June 2017, the Cross Community Working Group on Enhancing ICANN Accountability (CCWG-Accountability) held a face-to-face meeting in Johannesburg, South Africa to further its discussions on Work Stream 2. 93 members and participants attended in-person and remotely using the virtual meeting room.

As a part of Work Stream 1, the CCWG-Accountability defined areas where further accountability discussions needed to take place. These discussions, called Work Stream 2, have been underway since June 2016. The purpose of Work Stream 2 is to disseminate the new accountability principles into several key parts of ICANN's day-to-day operations and to develop a culture of accountability across the ICANN Community, Organization, and Board.

During the meeting the CCWG-Accountability:

- Received confirmation that the CCWG-Accountability-WS2 request to extend its activities until the end of FY 18 (July 2018) was approved.
- Confirmed the acceptance of the Approval Process for WS2 Recommendations.
- Received updates from:
    - IRP Implementation Oversight Team (IOT)
    - Cooperative Engagement Process (CEP) sub-group on the results of its interviews with CEP participants and its direction going forward.
    - SO/AC Accountability sub-group on the results of its public consultation on its draft recommendations.
    - Transparency sub-group on the results of its public consultation on its draft recommendations.
    - Ombudsman sub-group on the results of the external review of the office of the Ombudsman.
- Held a first reading of the Staff Accountability draft recommendations.
- Held a session on the Jurisdiction sub-group's recent discussions regarding the possibility of changing the location of ICANN's headquarters or creating a blanket immunity for ICANN. In this session it was confirmed that it was unlikely there would be consensus in the CCWG for any recommendation that involved changing ICANN's headquarters' location or jurisdiction of incorporation or creating a blanket immunity for ICANN. As such, the sub-group's work shall focus on recommending accountability improvements that are issue-driven remedies which build upon ICANN's status as a non-for-profit organization headquartered in California.

The CCWG-Accountability Co-Chairs recognized the outstanding dedication of its volunteers, and express gratitude to ICANN staff for their diligent and skilled support. For more information on the CCWG-Accountability, or to view meeting archives and draft documents, please refer to their dedicated wiki page.

About the CCWG-Accountability

The CCWG-Accountability was established in 2014 as a part of the IANA stewardship transition. The group's goal is to ensure that ICANN's accountability and transparency commitments to the global Internet community are maintained and enhanced in the absence of the IANA functions contract with the U.S. Government.

The group divided its work into two Work Streams:

• Work Stream 1 was focused on identifying mechanisms to enhance ICANN's accountability that must be in place or committed to within the timeframe of the IANA stewardship transition.

• Work Stream 2 is focused on addressing accountability topics for which a timeline for developing solutions and full implementation may extend beyond the IANA stewardship transition.

The CCWG-Accountability proposed twelve recommendations to enhance ICANN's accountability as a part of the IANA stewardship transition. The consensus Work Stream 1 proposal was approved and transmitted by the ICANN Board to the U.S. National Telecommunications and Information Administration on 10 March 2016. On 1 October 2016, the IANA functions contract lapsed, and CCWG-Accountability's Work Stream 1 recommendations went into effect.

The CCWG-Accountability is comprised of 227 people, organized as members appointed by and accountable to Chartering Organizations; individual participants; one ICANN Board liaison; one ICANNstaff representative; and one former ATRT member who serves as a liaison. The group also has over 130 mailing list observers.

The CCWG-Accountability is an open group. Anyone interested in the work of the CCWG-Accountability can join as a participant or observer. For more information about how to join the CCWG-Accountability, please send an email to acct-staff [at] icann.org.

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