

1. Executive Summary

The CCWG WS2 on Accountability of SO/AC works on four tracks of issues (the tracks are in no specific order) track one on effectiveness, track two on assessing the mutual accountability roundtable, track three on proposition of a detailed working plan on enhancing SO and AC accountability and track four on assessing whether the IRP would also be applicable to SO and AC activities. Some preliminary discussion took place on effectiveness and the topic was divided into effectiveness of SO/AC Outreach, effectiveness of community representation in SO/AC decisions. The mutual accountability round table was discussed as well and it has not come to a conclusion yet. In order to provide the working plan on enhancing SO/AC accountability the group has worked on some questions to be forwarded to the head of SO/ACs. The group has not yet discussed whether SO/ACs should be subjected to IRP.

2. Description of the Issue

The issues discussed within the group are: To whom SO/ACs are accountable to and what are they accountable for. The group discussed various scenarios. The mostly discussed scenario was that SO/ACs are accountable to their stakeholder group (internal and external) as defined by the bylaws. We are still in the process of asking SO/ACs to define their designated community and if their designated community is broader than what is indicated in the Bylaws. The accountability of SO/ACs to each other and to the global Internet users were discussed as well but has not yet received strong support and need to be discussed further.

We address the question of what SO/ACs are accountable for in track 1, effectiveness which includes efforts for outreach, entry barriers and representation in decision making. This will be combined with the effort of asking several questions from the SO/ACs about their accountability mechanisms and feeds into the track three (working plan on enhancing SO/AC accountability as well).

2.1 Current State of Play

The WS2 SO/AC Accountability members have worked on some questions to be forwarded to the head of SO/AC as a part of carrying out track three, proposition for a detailed working plan on enhancing SO and AC accountability. Its next step is to work on track four on assessing whether the IRP would also be applicable to SO and AC activities.

2.2 Supplemental Report

A link to our google doc

3 Recommendation

3.1 Requirements for Recommendation

3.2 Rationale for Recommendation