

CCWG-Accountability Work Stream 2

ICANN Ombuds Office

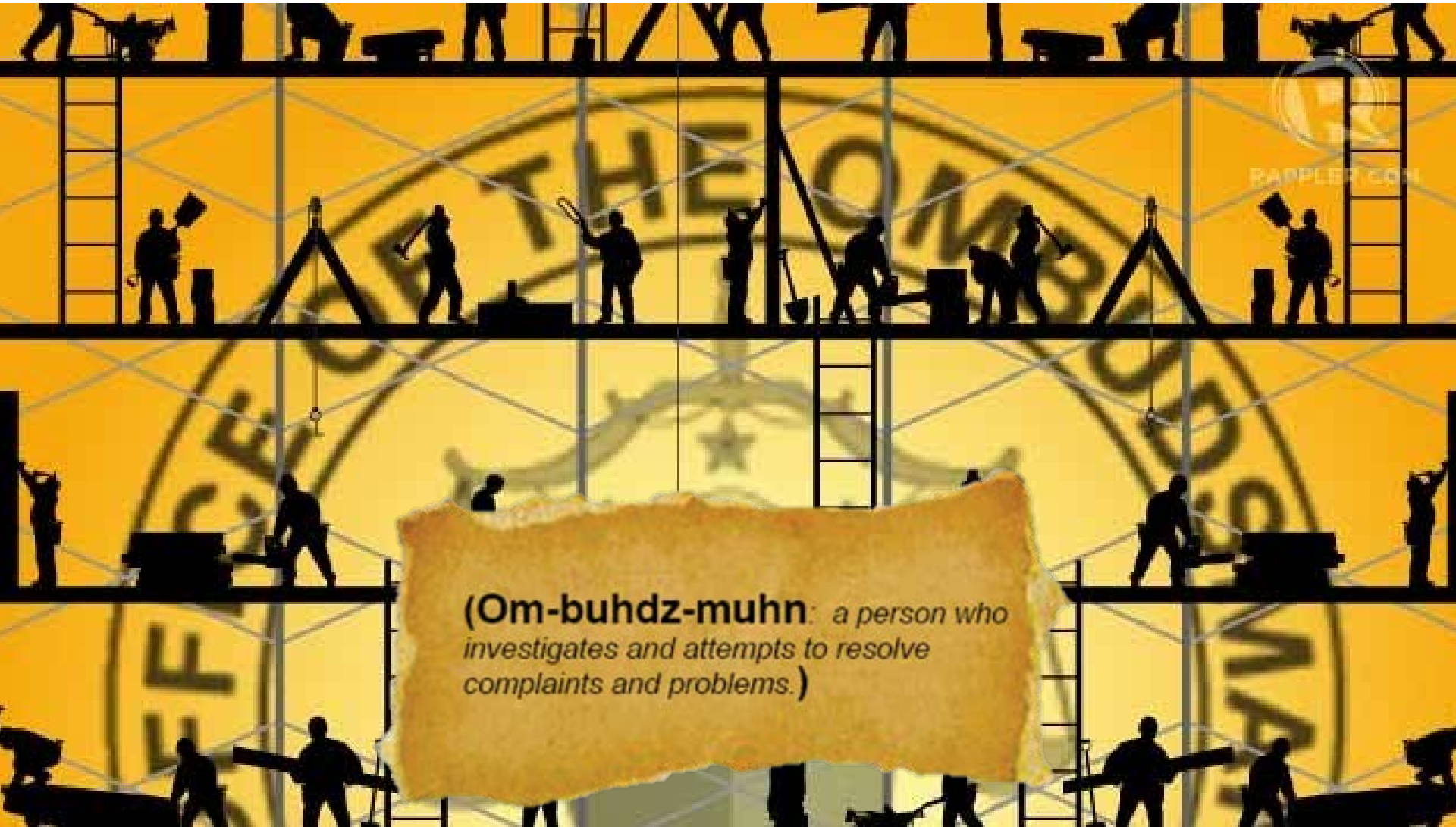


Meeting #14
10 January 2017

Rapporteur: Sébastien Bachollet

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Agenda Meeting #14 Ombuds

- Roll Call / Apologies – Welcome – Opening Remarks
- External review of the ICANN Ombuds Office
- Other tasks that
 - Need to be delay after receiving the external review report
 - Can be handle in //
- Calendar
 - Next meetings
 - #15 Monday 23 January 2017
- AOB

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WS2 Drafting Team “Ombudsman”

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5. Carlos Vera Quintana (5)
6. Cheryl **L**angdon-Orr (7)
7. Chris LaHatte (previous Ombuds) (8)
8. Denise Michel (-)
9. Edward Morris (2)
10. Farzaneh Badii (6)
11. Herb Waye (Ombuds) (12)
12. José Francisco Arce (2)
13. Jimson Olufuye (1)
14. Karel Douglas (3)
15. Klaus Stoll (8)
16. Michael Karanicolas (1)
17. Raoul Plommer (2)
18. Robin **G**ross (2)
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10. Iftikhar Shah
11. Johan Helsingius
12. Jon Nevett
13. Mike Rodenbaugh
14. Pam Little (1)
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16. Philip Corwin
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- Mathieu **W**eill

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Subgroup Time Slots

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Tuesday 22 November 16		Omb-WS2 05:00UTC
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External review of the ICANN Ombuds Office

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Candidate Evaluation Criteria

Understanding of the assignment, timeline, deliverables

Understanding of the role and function of Ombudsman

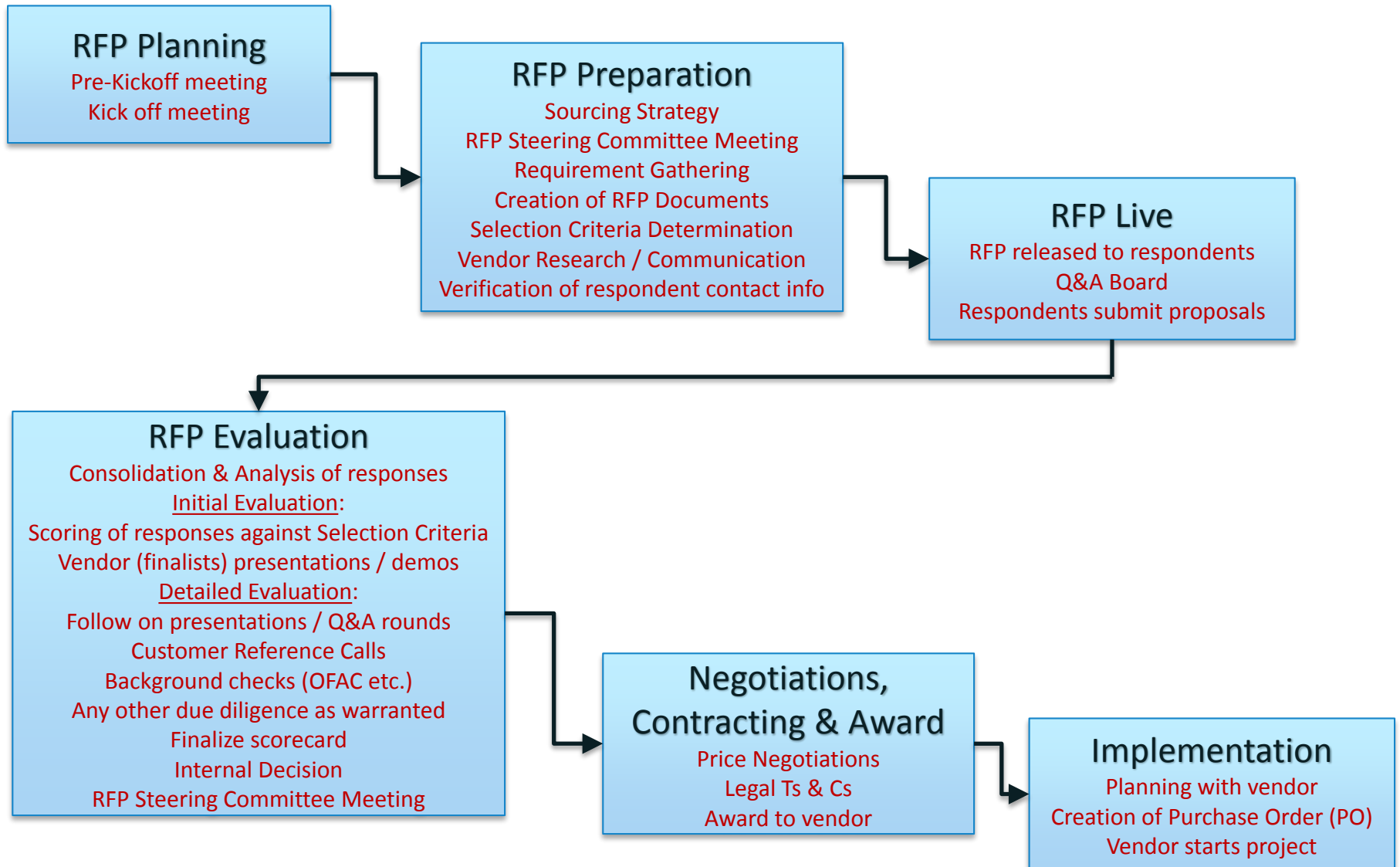
Demonstrated experience in conducting broadly similar examinations of the Ombudsman office

Demonstrated experience in conducting similar assessments for international organizations

Demonstrated understanding of not-for-profit or non-governmental organizations

Commitment to working with ICANN's multistakeholder model and basic understanding of ICANN

Lifecycle of ICANN RFP Process



Roles and Responsibilities

Ombudsman Subgroup

- Confirm RFP, including scope, selection criteria, deliverables, and methodology
- Provide feedback on candidate scoring
- Confirm final selection
- Provide clarification and factual corrections to Examiner
- Review Examiners Final Report
- Integrate recs into Subgroup's final report

Independent Examiner

- Review of documents, records
- Conduct interviews and observations
Engage with stakeholders for clarification and correction
- Prepare Final Report including implementable recs

ICANN Ombudsman

- Inform about the process and work of the Ombudsman Office
- Provide clarification and factual corrections to Examiner
- Provide input as to feasibility and usefulness of recs

ICANN org

- Run RFP process in cooperation with Subgroup
- Support outreach and engagement as needed
- Provide clarification and factual corrections to Examiner
- Liaise between Independent Examiner, ICANN Ombudsman and Subgroup as needed

Evaluation (1/2)

- Evaluate the current Ombudsman charter and operations against industry best practices
 - [Ombudsman Framework](#) (April 2009)
- International Ombuds Association
 - <http://www.ombudsassociation.org/About-Us/IOA-Standards-of-Practice-IOA-Best-Practices.aspx>
 - http://www.ombudsassociation.org/IOA_Main/media/SiteFiles/IOA_Best_Practices_Version3_101309_0.pdf

Evaluation (2/2)

- Jurisdiction
- Power
- Independence
- Neutrality, Impartiality, Fairness
- Confidentiality
- Informality and other standards
- Communication
- Output

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2. Dependencies between WS2 Design Teams

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1. **Diversity** (Sébastien Bachollet)
2. **Human Rights** (Raoul Plommer)
3. **Jurisdiction** (Farzaneh Badii)
4. **SO/AC Accountability** (Cheryl Langdon-Orr)
5. **Staff Accountability** (Avri Doria)
6. **Transparency** (Michael Karanicolas)
7. **Reviewing CEP** (Edward Morris)
8. **Guidelines stand. conduct** (Karel Douglas)
9. **IRP "Phase 2"** (Robin Gross)
10. **ATRT2** (Avri Doria)

Transparency (Michael Karanicolas) vs I00

- ICANN CCWG-Transparency Report WS 2
 - Draft report December 2016
 - Executive summary (P.1)
 - We recommend that several of the exceptions be narrowed, so that they only apply to material whose disclosure would cause actual harm, and that the exception for vexatious requests should require consent from the Ombudsman before it is invoked. We also recommend that the Ombudsman's promotional mandate with regard to the DIDP be expanded, and that they should assume a monitoring and evaluation role, including tracking and reporting basic statistics on the DIDP's use.

Transparency (Michael Karanicolas) vs I00

- ICANN CCWG-Transparency Report WS 2
 - Draft report December 2016
 - **Subtheme 1: Improving the DIDP**
 - As a result, and because it is difficult to objectively define when a request should be considered abusive or vexatious, we recommend that the consent of the Ombudsman should be required in order to invoke this exception.
 - A further recommendation is that the Ombudsman's mandate regarding the DIDP should also be boosted to grant the office a stronger promotional role, including specific steps to raise public awareness about the DIDP and how it works, including by integrating understanding of transparency and the DIDP into ICANN's broader outreach efforts.
 - Monitoring and evaluation are also essential to a successful right to information policy, and the Ombudsman should be tasked with tracking and reporting basic statistics on the DIDP's use, such as the number of requests received, the proportion which were denied, in whole or in part, the average time taken to respond, and so on.

Transparency (Michael Karanicolas) vs IOO

- ICANN CCWG-Transparency Report WS 2
 - Draft report December 2016
 - **Subtheme 4: Whistleblower Protection**
 - We note that the scope of the Hotline policy is limited to ICANN employees. We agree with the NAVEX report that it is appropriate to limit the scope of the Hotline policy to employees and rely on the Ombudsman to handle complaints from external stakeholders.

Transparency (Michael Karanicolas) vs I 00

- ICANN CCWG-Transparency Report WS 2
 - Draft report December 2016
 - **SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS**
 - The DIDP
 - 13) The exception for information requests which are “not reasonable, excessive or overly burdensome, not feasible, abusive or vexatious or made by a vexatious or querulous individual” should be amended to require the consent of the Ombudsman before it is invoked.
 - 19) The Ombudsman’s mandate regarding the DIDP should also be boosted to grant the office a stronger promotional role, including by integrating understanding of transparency and the DIDP into ICANN’s broader outreach efforts, by publishing a list of the categories of information ICANN holds and by tracking and reporting basic statistics on the DIDP’s use, such as the number of requests received, the proportion which were denied, in whole or in part, the average time taken to respond, and so on.

Draft Doc IOO-WS2 chapters (V#6)

Executive summary

Description of issue

1. Background for ICANN Ombuds Office (IOO) in Work Stream 2
2. Dependencies between the WS2 Design Teams
3. Overlap ATRT2 / CCWG-Accountability
4. Stress Tests (WS1) vs Ombuds
5. Current role of the IOO
6. Evaluation (Framework vs best practices)
7. Various types of Ombuds roles
8. Challenges
9. Recommendation (about the IOO)
10. Additional role for the IOO?
11. Interaction (with other ICANN mechanisms)
12. Communication & Relationship
13. Trust
14. Advice to the ICANN Ombuds Office (IOO)
15. Conclusion

Recommendations



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- Next meeting #15 – Monday Jan 23, 2017
- Proposed Agenda
 - Roll Call / Apologies – Welcome – Opening Remarks
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 - Other tasks
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 - Next meeting #16 – Monday Feb 06, 2017
 - AOB

