

CROSS COMMUNITY WORKING GROUP ON INTERNET GOVERNANCE (CCWG IG – FACE TO FACE MEETING; ICANN 58; WEDNESDAY 15th MARCH; 2017

The following is an informal note of this meeting; the formal transcript and agenda are at the Wiki page for the CCWG IG at

<https://community.icann.org/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=43984275>

Summary

This was a constructive, well attended and participatory session which discussed a number of issues concerning both the wider Internet Governance agenda and the priorities for the work of the CCWG. It also noted and briefly discussed the recent production of a Report for activities of the WG in 2016 and a revised draft Charter.

Detail

The ICANN 58 link for session is at <https://schedule.icann.org/event/9oMs/ccwg-ig-f2f-meeting>; there were around 35 present.

Olivier Crepin Leblond chaired the session. He introduced fellow co-chairs Rafik Dammak and Young-eum Lee.

1. Agenda

The agenda posted was agreed; a Rollcall was conducted.

2. Notice of IG Public Meeting

Olivier noted that the usual IG public session would be at 09.00hrs on Thursday (16th March); he noted the agenda was roughly as follows (in had changed slightly from that posted on site)

1. Issues ahead for 2017; including Enhanced Cooperation and ITRs; and GGE, and G20 etc.
2. Main outcomes on 2016 (where CCWG had inputs) – what were implications on ICANN Mission
3. Priorities for the CCWG IG

Marilyn Cade asked to add WTDC to Item 1 and asked that Tony Holmes (BC) also be invited to contribute.

Nigel Hickson noted request for horseshoe layout for the public meeting was confirmed.

3. Work of CCWG

Olivier, in introducing the 2016 Report from the CCWG IG noted the importance of engagement in IG issues given the challenging environment we face on IG issues both globally and (in some cases) nationally.

(a) CCWG IG 2016 Report

Olivier outlined why the Report was drafted; linking purpose both to revised Charter and the requirement to periodically update the SO/AC of our deliberations. Was complimentary to Sam Dickinson (ICANN consultant) and staff for producing it.

There was not yet any formal information or reaction to this Report from SO/AC but several members informally had been complimentary.

(b) CCWG IG Charter

Rafik introduced topic and explained the background noting concerns at GNSO and elsewhere on current draft during ICANN 57.

He noted the work that had been taken forward and the comparison made with the “template” from the output of the CCWG on CCWGs.

Noted that we had initiated a reviewable time-period for 2 years. He noted the main objectives which had been outlined in the draft which has been sent to SO/AC just prior to Copenhagen meeting.

Rafik reported on brief discussion in GNSO Council where it had been welcomed but will not be formally discussed in Council until April.

Young-Em said the Charter had been reported to ccNSO; they were happy with process.

Olivier noted that ALAC had not looked at this yet.

In discussion

Marilyn Cade said it would be useful for Report to be shown to Fellows and to GAC members. She thought perhaps an engagement session should be held at a future ICANN meeting.

A question was asked as to whether we might need (as a CCWG) to be “re-chartered” once the changes we had proposed had been agreed with the Chartering organisations. This was agreed to be an important question. Samantha Eisner (ICANN Legal) said we may not need to. Was thus agreed we would check this.

Action: To follow up on “rec-chartering” issue.

4. Report on Board WG on Internet Governance

Markus Kummer (chair) noted (and agreed with previous comments) that the Internet Governance agenda is becoming even more crowded

He went over the three level of engagement (for IG issues) that had been discussed and agreed with the ICANN Board, and noted the filtering process we will be engaged in for issues. Noted filtering could not be absolute as some events move from one level of engagement to another (such as we saw in the WTSA in 2016).

Markus noted the strong Board interest in these issues and noted the recent discussion on and support shown for IGF (as the global locus for IG discussions).

Noted discussion on support of global IGF as well as the NRIs.

In discussion

George Sadowsky said he was staggered by the proliferation of new Initiatives which GE had outlined to Board; the majority of which did touch on ICANN’s remit in one way or another.

Christopher Wilkinson noted importance of supporting global IGF and not so much the NRIs.

Michael Oghia said NRIs were very important. Wanted them to have ICANN support.

Marilyn noted the overall importance of NRIs and noted how influential they were to the overall IG agenda.

George agreed with Marilyn and said we probably had more leverage at local and regional level

Renate noted that IGF was so much more than an annual Conference as through inter-sessional work there was now more of an on-going dialogue. .

There was a question on funding which Tarek Kamel answered in terms of our support for main IGF (around \$150k with some of this in-kind). We also contribute \$50k for IGFSAs and we support NRIs through our regional Engagement teams depending on circumstance and need.

Olivier asked about policy / legislative work in Brussels (re European Union) and where it fits in terms of work. Tarek noted the differences in work between GSE Europe and GE.

5. Working Group Priorities for 2017

Marilyn said we should primarily focus on work at ITU and UN and championing the multi-stakeholder approach; linked this to the debate between GAC / Board on 2-letter cc with the Board.

Renate touched on cross-border data flows. There is a significance here for IG issues in several respects.

Matthew Shears said we do need to map out landscape and to prioritize. Also, thought that the ITU related work on ITRs and DOA as issues were potentially important.

Michael Oghia talked about retention of volunteers within Community for discussions on IG issues to be critical.

6. Any Other Business

Olivier thanked the participants in the room and those on-line. He ended the meeting and referenced the IG public session the following day.

Nigel Hickson
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