

Dear new gTLD Auction Proceeds CCWG Chartering Organization,

On behalf of the CCWG, we are pleased to hereby share with you the CCWG's work plan as well as the approach for dealing with the charter questions (see Annex to this letter), which were recently adopted by the CCWG. As you will note, the CCWG has broken down its deliberations into six phases, namely:

1. Initial Run Through of all Charter Questions to assess initial responses, possible gating questions and common understanding of questions
2. Address any charter questions that have been identified requiring a response before commencing the next phase
3. Compile list of possible mechanisms that could be considered by CCWG
4. Determine which mechanism(s) demonstrates most potential to meet CCWG expectations as well as conform with legal & fiduciary constraints
5. Answer charter questions (as organized per 1) for mechanism(s) that demonstrated the most potential
6. Following consensus on mechanism and responses to charter questions, meeting legal, fiduciary and audit constraints, publish Initial Report for public comment

The CCWG aims to publish its Initial Report by the end of this year (2017) but notes that this is a target date and will be dependent on progress made throughout the different phases of work. You are encouraged to follow the CCWG's progress by reviewing its workspace (see <https://community.icann.org/x/yJXDAw>) and/or reaching out to any of your appointed members to the CCWG with any questions you may have.

Best regards,

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ANNEX - Draft Work Plan – new gTLD Auction Proceeds Cross Community Working Group – updated 23 May 2017

The draft work plan below outlines a proposed sequence as well as approach with regards to addressing the CCWG charter questions, based on the initial discussions of the CCWG. Note that the outline below is for discussion purposes only and will be updated to reflect the input from the CCWG. The current outline is a best case scenario approach –additional time may need to be built in to address the different charter questions and/or consult with CCWG and/or external experts. The CCWG may want to discuss what date it would like to set as a target for the publication of its Initial Report to determine whether to extend the overall timeline or consider other ways to speed up the work such as an increase in meetings (e.g. change from meeting every two weeks to meeting every week or increasing the duration of the call from 90 to 120 minutes). Note, there is no specific deadline that is expected to be met, either as the result of external events or charter organizations directions, so it is up to the CCWG to determine the pace and duration of its deliberations.

Meeting / Target Date	Proposed Topics	Whom	Status / Notes
CCWG Conference Call – 23 February 2017	Review CCWG expertise Review draft work plan High level review of charter questions & determine order to address questions	CCWG	
CCWG Conference Call – 2 March 2017	Briefing on legal & fiduciary constraints as well as ICANN’s mission Review updated work plan	Samantha Eisner / CCWG	
CCWG F2F Meeting at ICANN58 – 15 March 2017	Continue briefing on legal & fiduciary constraints as well as ICANN’s mission Review responses to survey	CCWG	
CCWG Conference Call – 30 March 2017	Continue review of survey responses Discuss proposed approach for tackling charter questions	CCWG	
CCWG Conference Call – 13 April 2017	Phase 1: Initial run through of charter questions 1 and 3	CCWG	
CCWG Conference Call – 27 April 2017	Phase 1: Initial run through of charter questions 5 and 7	CCWG	

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CCWG Conference Call – 11 May 2017	Phase 1: Initial run through of charter questions 11 and 2	CCWG	
CCWG Conference Call – 25 May 2017	Phase 1: Initial run through of charter questions 4 and 6	CCWG	
CCWG Conference Call – 8 June 2017	Phase 1: Initial run through of charter questions 8 and 10	CCWG	
CCWG Conference Call – 15 June 2017	Briefing on audit requirements by Xavier Calvez	CCWG/Xavier Calvez	
ICANN59 / 26-29 June – CCWG meeting	Phase 2: Address any charter questions that have been identified requiring a response before commencing the next phase	CCWG	Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 27 June from 13.30 – 15.00 local time.
CCWG Conference Call - 13 July 2017	Phase 2: Address any charter questions that have been identified requiring a response before commencing the next phase	CCWG	
CCWG Conference Call - 27 July 2017	Phase 3: Compile list of possible mechanisms that could be considered by CCWG	CCWG	Work on this could potentially commence in parallel with phase 2?
CCWG Conference Call - 10 August 2017	Phase 3: Compile list of possible mechanisms that could be considered by CCWG	CCWG	
CCWG Conference Call - 24 August 2017	Phase 3: Consultation with identified experts to obtain input / briefing on different mechanisms and confirm whether list compiled is complete and accurate	CCWG	Depending on # of experts identified (see current list of possible experts to consult) as well as their availability additional time may need to be allocated.

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CCWG Conference Call - 7 September 2017	Phase 4: Determine which mechanism(s) demonstrates most potential to meet CCWG expectations as well as conform with legal & fiduciary constraints	CCWG	
CCWG Conference Call - 21 September 2017	Phase 4: Determine which mechanism(s) demonstrates most potential to meet CCWG expectations as well as conform with legal & fiduciary constraints		
CCWG Conference Call - 5 October 2017	Phase 5: Answer charter questions (as organized per 1) for mechanism(s) that demonstrated the most potential	CCWG	Duration of phase 5 will be dependent on # of mechanisms that have demonstrated the most potential. As this work is iterative, it is also possible that CCWG may need to go back to phase 4 if it is determined that the mechanism(s) initially identified for this phase are not suitable based on the charter question responses.
CCWG Conference Call - 19 October 2017	Phase 5: Answer charter questions (as organized per 1) for mechanism(s) that demonstrated the most potential	CCWG	
ICANN60 – 28 October – 3 November 2017	Phase 5: Answer charter questions (as organized per 1) for mechanism(s) that demonstrated the most potential	CCWG	
CCWG Conference Call – 16 November 2017	Phase 5: Answer charter questions (as organized per 1) for mechanism(s) that demonstrated the most potential	CCWG	

Meeting / Target Date	Proposed Topics	Whom	Status / Notes
16 November 2017	Phase 6: Following consensus on mechanism and responses to charter questions, meeting legal, fiduciary and audit constraints, publish draft Initial Report for CCWG Review	Staff	Timing dependent on duration of phase 5.
CCWG Conference Call – 30 November 2017	Phase 6: Review draft Initial Report	CCWG	
CCWG Conference Call – 14 December 2017	Phase 6: Review draft Initial Report	CCWG	
31 December 2017	Phase 6: Publish Initial Report for public comment	Staff	

Proposed Approach for Dealing with Charter Questions (dated 18 April 2017)

