

# **Report on the 2017 Activities of the Cross Community Working Group on Internet Governance (CCWG-IG)**

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## 1. Introduction

This report to the chartering organizations of the Cross Community Working Group on Internet Governance (CCWG-IG) covers a number of issues including participation in events and contributions made to on-going Internet governance activities.

Discussion on the establishment of the CCWG-IG began in December 2013, well before the ICANN Community had developed [A Uniform Framework of Principles and Recommendations for Cross Community Working Groups \(CCWG\)](#). As a result, the original charter of the CCWG-IG did not include regular reporting from the CCWG-IG back to the chartering organizations.

The CCWG-IG is currently in the process of developing a new cross-community vehicle for its future activities.

In terms of **Resources** the CCWG IG is supported by minimal resources in the Government Engagement Group (amounting to no more than 0.2 FTE).

## 2. Events and activities in 2017

### 2.1 CCWG-IG engagement with wider ICANN Community

#### ICANN 58, Copenhagen

##### [Internet Governance Public Session](#)

*16 March 2017, 8:00-9:30 UTC*

##### Speakers:

- Redouane Houssaini, Head of United Nations Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Kingdom of Morocco
- Ambassador Benedicto Fonseca, Director of the Department of Scientific and Technological Affairs of the Ministry of External Relations, Brazil
- Peter Major, Special Advisor for IT, Government of Hungary; Chairman of the UN Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD)
- Chengetai Masango, Programme and Technology Manager at United Nations Secretariat for the Internet Governance Forum (IGF)
- Dr William Drake, University of Zurich
- Patrik Fältström, SSAC Chair
- Ihsan Durdu, Advisor to the Minister of Turkey's Ministry of Transport and Communications, GAC representative for Turkey

Agenda:

1. Main outcomes on IG front during 2016
2. Look ahead to main issues during 2017
  - a. Working Group of Enhanced Cooperation (a Working Group of UN Commission of Science and Technology for Development)
  - b. WSIS Forum 2017
  - c. ITU Expert Group on International Telecommunication ITU World Telecommunications Development Conference)
  - d. G20 and OECD work on Internet,
  - e. UN ECOSOC High Level Political Forum (HLPF)
  - f. UN Group of Governmental Experts (UN GGE)
  - g. Global Commission on the Stability of Cyberspace (GCSC) on
3. Internet Governance priorities for CCWG-IG and ICANN, taking account of the new global political agenda

**ICANN 59, Johannesburg**

No public meeting on Internet governance as ICANN 59 was a “Meeting B” format meeting.

**2.2 CCWG-IG participation in external events during 2017**

**2.2.1 World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Forum 2017**

*12-16 June 2017, Geneva*

At the [World Summit on the Information Society \(WSIS\) Forum 2017](#), CCWG-IG organized a workshop, [Capacity Building Programmes at ICANN and elsewhere](#), held 15 June 2017.

Agenda overview:

- Review of capacity building programmes
  - o Summer Schools on Internet Governance
  - o ICANN constituency capacity building programmes
  - o NetMission
- Questions to panelists and participants
  - o How do these programmes fulfill the ongoing requirements for more active stakeholders in an increasingly busy Internet Governance space?
  - o Are these programmes successful at balancing the diversity of active stakeholders?
  - o What is the funding model for these programmes?

Conclusions from the discussion in the session:

- There needs to be enhanced coordination between these important but diverse initiatives
- Some form of common approach; common standards (especially pertaining to Summer Schools) could be beneficial
- The most successful programmes for capacity building on Internet Governance are those that are multi-stakeholder in process and driven by bottom-up demand - not those that are centrally driven.

Full details of the CCWG-IG's preparation for, the multistakeholder panelists and documentation of the workshop is available [here](#). It was a successful event.

### **2.2.2 Internet Governance Forum ([IGF](#)) 2017**

*18-21 December 2017, Geneva*

The CCWG-IG developed a workshop proposal, [Multistakeholder governance of the Domain Name System, lessons learned for other IG issues](#), which has been accepted by the IGF Multistakeholder Advisory Group ([MAG](#)) for inclusion in the [December program](#) of IGF 2017. The workshop proposal was drafted by ICANN staff based on input from CCWG-IG members during the CCWG's teleconferences.

Full details of the CCWG-IG's preparation for and documentation of the workshop is available [here](#).

## **2.3 CCWG-IG input into ICANN's engagement with external processes**

The ICANN Global Engagement Team sought the CCWG-IG's input on the following processes:

### **2.3.1 Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation ([WGEC](#)) of the Commission for Science and Technology for Development ([CSTD](#))**

The ICANN Global Engagement Team [sought input](#) from the members of the CCWG-IG in November 2016 for the call for contributions to the WGEC's [January 26-27 2017 meeting](#) of the WGEC. Based on the input from CCWG-IG members, ICANN contributed [this document](#) to the meeting. The CCWG-IG also discussed other individuals' and organizations' input to the open consultation. The CCWG-IG also maintained a [community wiki page](#) for members who wished to follow the process.

### **2.3.2 Input on International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Council Working Group on International Internet-related Public Policy ([CWG-Internet](#)) [Open Consultation on Over the Top \(OTT\) services](#)**

In August, the Global Engagement team [sought input](#) into ICANN's [position](#) on the Open Consultation on OTT services, which was open June to September 2017. The individual input of CCWG-IG members was taken into account when developing ICANN's submission to the consultation, which is available [here](#).

### **2.3.3. Input on ITU Expert Group on International Telecommunication Regulations ([EG-ITRs](#))**

In January, the Global Engagement team [sought input](#) on how ICANN should engage in the work of the ITU EG-ITRs. CCWG-IG members discussed their views on the on the mailing list in January. The January mailing list archive of discussion is [here](#).

## **2.4 CCWG-IG internal work during 2017**

The Chair, and other representatives, of the Board Working Group on Internet Governance ([BWG-IG\[features.icann.org\]](#)) were present at the CCWG-IG's face-to-face meetings in 2016.

### **2.4.1 Face-to-face meetings**

#### **ICANN 55, Copenhagen**

*15 March 2017, 12:45-14:00 UTC*

##### Topics discussed:

- Update on planning for Public Internet Governance Session
- Updates on CCWG 2016 Report - Status and next steps
- CCWG-IG Charter amendments - Status and next steps
- Liaison with the BWG-IG- Update and discussion
- Working Group priorities for 2017

For more information and links to the transcript, see the [Public ICANN 58 Sched page for the meeting](#).

#### **ICANN 56, Johannesburg**

*15 March 2017, 12:45-14:00 UTC*

##### Topics discussed:

- Discussions with BWG-IG
- Status of proposed revisions to Charter of CCWG-IG
- Update on WSIS Forum 2017 and IGF 2017

- Brief look ahead to main activities/issues of interest to CCWG-IG

For more information and links to the transcript, see the [Public ICANN 59 Sched page for the meeting](#).

### 2.4.2 CCWG-IG teleconferences

Date	In Attendance	Topics Discussed
<a href="#">2 Feb 2017</a>	15 (17, inc. staff)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Policy Topics               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. IGF Community Public Consultation - ICANN Comment                   <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. IGF Consultation Page</li> <li>ii. List of Comments received</li> <li>iii. ICANN Final Comment</li> </ol> </li> <li>b. CSTD Intersessional meeting</li> <li>c. ITU EG-ITR</li> <li>d. CCWG Participation in WSIS Forum 2017</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Organisational Topics               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Proposal for Annual Review of Working Group activities                   <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Proposed table of contents / structure</li> </ol> </li> <li>b. GNSO Council Request for CCWG-IG charter amendments                   <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Comparison table</li> <li>ii. Workspace with all documents</li> <li>iii. Process forward</li> </ol> </li> <li>c. Forthcoming activities</li> <li>d. ICANN 58 Public Internet Governance and CCWG-IG F2F Session</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
<a href="#">16 Feb 2017</a>	11 (15, inc. staff)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Organisational Topics               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Proposal for Annual Review of Working Group activities</li> <li>b. GNSO Council Request for CCWG-IG charter amendments                   <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Comparison table</li> <li>ii. Workspace with all documents</li> <li>iii. Process forward</li> </ol> </li> <li>c. ICANN 58 CCWG-IG and F2F</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. CCWG Participation in WSIS Forum</li> </ol>
<a href="#">7 Mar 2017</a>	7 (12, inc. staff)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Organisational Topics               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Proposal for Annual Review of Working Group activities</li> <li>b. GNSO Council Request for CCWG-IG charter amendments</li> <li>c. ICANN 58 CCWG-IG and F2F                   <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Public Session Agenda</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ii. F2F Meeting Agenda</li> <li>2. Policy Topics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. ICANN CCWG-IG Workshop Submission for WSIS Forum 2017</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<a href="#">4 Apr 2017</a>	11 (14, inc. staff)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. WSIS Forum 2017</li> <li>2. IGF 2017 - CCWG input <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 2017 Call for Workshop Proposals</li> <li>b. IGF 2016 Workshop: A Post IANA Transition ICANN</li> <li>c. IGF 2017/workshop or Day Zero event?</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Review of CCWG-IG at ICANN 58 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. F2F Meeting in Copenhagen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. F2F Meeting Recordings</li> <li>ii. Informal note/summary</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. IG Public Session</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<a href="#">28 Apr 2017</a>	8 (11, inc. staff)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Discussion for IGF Proposal</li> <li>2. Discussion for WSIS Forum Proposal</li> <li>3. ICANN Board in Geneva – IG and IGF</li> </ul>
<a href="#">20 Jun 2017</a>	13 (16, inc. staff)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reviewing questions from GNSO and CCNSO about the amended charter</li> </ul> <p><i>From CCNSO:</i>  "The CCWG IG does satisfy the need to discuss Internet Governance issues among SO/AC and ICANN relevant staff and provide a platform to share information and for discussion at the ICANN level as a whole.</p> <p>Is this properly reflected in the proposed charter? A related question is whether this provide enough basis to stay involved as a chartering organization?</p> <p>Assuming the ccNSO adopts the updated charter, will the CCWG be able to initiate a statement that would imply a position on ccNSO or ccTLD related matters without properly consulting the ccNSO? What mechanisms are involved to ensure proper consultation, if any?</p> <p>Does the new charter provide a mechanism to ensure that the CCWG update the chartering organizations adequately and regularly? This was foreseen in original charter, but never been effective. How will such a situation be avoided in future?</p> <p>Assuming the charter is adopted by the ccNSO, does the ccNSO need to invite more ccTLDs to participate (as members, observers, or otherwise)?"</p> <p><i>From Donna Austin (gNSO):</i></p>



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		<p>"I understand that post-transition ICANN needs to be cognizant, and responsive, to any potential threats to its mandate and well-being from external entities. This is not a new situation, but certainly the new environment may see a new wave of threats emerge. I certainly appreciate the benefits of having a community that is conversant of these threats and are actively engaged with ICANN the organisation and the Board with a view to mitigating against any emerging threats.</p> <p>I do have concerns about the authority of the CCWG- IG to develop position papers and present these as ICANN community contributions, but perhaps this concern would be allayed if I had a better understanding of the subject matter of these position papers. I would also hope that any position papers would be supported by ICANN's Global Engagement team and the BWG-IG. I think the Charter would benefit from more specificity in this regard, along with concrete examples of the IG fora the CCWG would attend or be involved in in some way.</p> <p>I still struggle with the CCWG as the most appropriate vehicle for this effort and it would be helpful to understand if other possibilities were discussed, or conversely why the CCWG believes this is the most appropriate vehicle. My struggle relates to the fact that the Charter speaks to a number of different products, but no timeline or specificity. While the charter proposes co-ordination with the ICANN's GE team and the Board IG WG, to me it would seem a much better option to have the members of the current CCWG IG, ICANN's GE team and the Board IG WG, develop an overarching strategy on IG, which clearly sets out roles and responsibilities and project plans could be developed as a result. Perhaps this has already been done and I am just not familiar with it."</p>
<p><a href="#">14 Jul 2017</a></p>	<p>9 (13, inc. staff)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Follow-up drafting the new Charter of the new cross community vehicle             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. GNSO Motion CCWG-IG - 30 June 2017</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Preparation of IGF 2017 Workshop: Multistakeholder governance of the Domain Name System, lessons learned for other Internet governance issues</li> <li>3. Looking ahead to ICANN 60</li> </ol>
<p><a href="#">11 Oct 2017</a></p>	<p>11 (16, inc. staff)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Updates on recent Internet Governance activities             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. UNCTAD - CSTD // recent report</li> <li>b. G7 - Meeting of ICT ministers in Turin, Italy – Final Declaration</li> <li>c. IGF</li> <li>d. ITU WTDC 17</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

		<p>e. UNESCO - Internet Identifiers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Preparation for ICANN 60 Abu Dhabi Meeting</li> <li>3. Public Meeting</li> <li>4. F2F Meeting</li> <li>5. Update on Group Charter</li> </ol>
<a href="#">17 Oct 2017</a>	9	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Presentation of the <a href="#">draft proposal</a> for new structure for cross-community group</li> <li>2. Action plan</li> </ol>

### 3. Work on developing a way forward for ICANN cross-community work on Internet governance

After ICANN 59, the members of the CCWG-IG began work on a new “vehicle” following concerns from ICANN Community – particularly, the gNSO – on the structure of the CCWG-IG and its engagement with Supporting Organizations (SOs) and Advisory Committees (ACs). Reference was also drawn to the fact that given (naturally) the CCWG-IG does not have an end-goal or time-limit it does not comply with the (recently) agreed criteria for an ICANN CCWG.

In August 2017, the GNSO Council [resolved](#) to withdraw as a chartered member of CCWG-IG ahead of ICANN 61.

The working group has, inter-alia, been focusing on:

- How the new vehicle can interact effectively with SOs and ACs, the ICANN BWG-IG and the ICANN Organization; and
- How the new vehicle can be resourced from the ICANN Organisation.

Progress has been made in defining attributes of a “Cross Community Engagement Group” with a first draft now under discussion.

Further discussion with the Community is planned at the [Face-to-Face meeting of the CCWG-IG at ICANN 60](#), with representatives of the BWG-IG in attendance.

### 4. Identified threats to ICANN Mission

Through the dialogue in CCWG IG Public Forums, the F2F meetings, and on the CCWG IG list, it has become clear that ICANN is facing enhanced threats to its Mission; especially with regard to an open, single and interoperable Internet.

Concerns have also been expressed within the CCWG on proposals (as articulated above) before the UN, not least in the Working Group on Enhanced

Cooperation ([WGEC](#)), that would mandate the UN to establish mechanisms to discuss and determine Internet public policy issues, including such issues as naming and addressing.

Within the context of the ITU, proposals (as recognised previously) were submitted to ITU WTSA in 2016 and to ITU WTDC (last month) from some countries that would oblige the ITU to work on domain name issues; including the determination of geographic names and on concerns relating to any discrimination found on the allocation of names.

These proposals were not adopted, due to the consensus based nature of discussions at these two Conferences. It is, though, likely that similar proposals will be discussed and debated at the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference in October 2018 in Dubai (PP-18).

In the UN context, it is also worth noting that proposals relating to a Cybersecurity Treaty are being discussed.

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