

## FACE TO FACE MEETING OF THE CCWG ON INTERNET GOVERNANCE; 27<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, ICANN62, PANAMA

*This was the normal CCWG IG session held at ICANN62 in conjunction with the Board WG on Internet Governance; the link to details of Session and audio Recording is at <https://62.schedule.icann.org/meetings/703309>*

### Summary

This was a very productive session focusing on a discussion on future priorities for ICANN, with respect to the global IG agenda, between the CCWG IG and the Board WG on IG issues. The importance of the ITU PP-18 was discussed as was the prospect of ICANN becoming a sector member of the ITU. Was also decided that a definitive target of ICANN63 be set for formal transfer of CCWG IG to CCEG IG.

### Detail

#### 1. Opening and Introduction

Olivier Crepin-Leblond (OCL) welcomed participants (both physically present and on-line) to the meeting (around 30 present) and noted the change in order of the agenda. He acknowledged presence of co-chair Young-eum Lee.

Marilyn Cade asked to added transparency on discussions between the Board WG and CCWG IG, such as on membership of ICANN to any UN Specialised Agencies to be added to agenda.

#### 2. Transition from the CCWG IG to CCEG IG

*This discussion was essentially on the requirement for adoption of a new Charter in effect of the Transition.*

OCL reported on the questions and comments made by the ccNSO on the proposed Charter. He noted that the questions (and proposed answers from Young-eum Lee) that were discussed at a joint session of the ccNSO and gNSO earlier in the day.

Was noted that at the joint session this morning there had been a positive dialogue on work of CCWG IG with the Chair of gNSO noting that the on-going study of Charter should be seen as irrespective of the importance of work of CCWG IG on IG issues

OCL noted (by reference to screen) to the questions posed to Charter by ccNSO and the draft answers.

Marilyn said important that by changing vehicle we do not lose importance of continued engagement with Organisation. Especially in terms of continuation of support staff and resources. Nigel Hickson noted there was no change in this regard.

Matthew Shears (Chair of Board WG) noted importance of maintaining focus of engagement and did not see any need for change in support from Organisation or Board.

OCL said that under new Charter (one of questions) there would be enhanced reporting from CCEB<sup>1</sup>

Tatiana Tropina was keen to know the timeline for securing final agreement on Charter, could CCWG come up with time line.

OCL noted that all SO/AC had been sent the Charter; so indeed, welcomed feedback in good time to effect change by ICANN63. Was noted that within gNSO the constituencies will look at revised Charter (post ccNSO suggested changes).

Marilyn said at CSG we will look at comments from their three constituencies.

Young-eum Lee said one useful clarification was the non-binding decisions on SO/AC of any position adopted by CCEB.

Greg Shatan thanked Tatiana for work on Charter; agreed need for rigid time line and for some applied project management on this.

OCL confirmed that we would do all that was possible to wrap this whole process up by Barcelona.

Matthew concurred in this. Noted CCEB had substantive work to do; looking at strategic policy on IG issues.

### 3. Interaction with Board WG on IG

Matthew (Chair WG) said our work in Group has been thrown off focus by GDPR, but we are now bringing the discussions on IG into the ICANN Strategic Planning process. We have also been doing a SWOT analysis.

He noted the presentation<sup>2</sup> to the ICANN Board on the previous Saturday giving an opportunity, for Tarek (and his team) and Theresa Swinehart to update us on significance and outcome of past events, the current business and technology trends / risks and future activities that will impact ICANN, not least at the ITU.

He noted how this latter forward look was important with respect to Board engagement on future events. We also will be looking at wider strategic issues moving forward, not least our ever-improving relationship with the ITU.

Tarek Kamel noted the positive engagement with Board on IG issues on Saturday; noted discussion on trends led by Theresa. On IG issues noted commitments to IGF and application

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<sup>1</sup> Will circulate report to ICANN62 from GE

<sup>2</sup> This was circulated to CCWG IG and will be again with this Note

for ECOSOC Accreditation. On ITU sector membership noted that now ICANN was now a mature and substantial player in debate on IG and this had raised consideration as to whether we should be representing ourselves as ICANN at ITU meetings (concerning ICANN issues and mandate) rather than attending under the flag of other government delegations or of ISOC or the RIRs. The latter has attracted criticism and is seen to an extent as a lack of transparency. This is not a sustainable situation especially as more Internet related issues are discussed. We also, on some occasions, have been unable to attend some sessions discussing ICANN issues as no vehicle for joining has been available. The discussion on sector membership takes place from time to time with Board.

Marilyn said that in past she (for her business) had to work hard to be represented at ITU, including with US Government for ITU Council. Just as critical is work at UNESCO and elsewhere at UN. Fully support ECOSOC accreditation.

Christopher Wilkinson said that if ICANN were to join, it would then be quite unique in having a sector member advised by governments through the GAC; all rather circular.

Matthew said, in light of interest on this topic, that perhaps a Call of CCWG IG should be made to look at this issue specifically?

**Action:** A CCWG IG Call on ITU Sector membership to be held.

#### 4. ITU PP-18 – November 2018

Nigel, using the slides for presentation of Board WG to Board, outlined bullets on this; looking at the Opportunities for PP-18 (such as a focus by ITU on enhanced telecoms regulation globally); Concerns (such as moves for a Cyber Treaty and ITU work on ccTLD and Geographic Names) and our planned Engagement and Participation (including preparatory work in Regions).

OCL asked what could be discussed with the CCWG IG with respect to PP-18? Nigel noted there may be proposals of concern we could socialize in advance for comments.

Nigel also noted (in a brief discussion) that there were also ICANN related issues being discussed at WTO, in WIPO (SCT Committee on Trademarks) and potentially at G20.

#### 5. AOB

There was no time for any AOB but Olivier offered thanks to all for a good discussion.

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