Geographic Regions Review Update

GNSO Council

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Geographic Regions Review

• Geographic diversity is a fundamental component of the ICANN organization.

• The ICANN Bylaws currently define five geographic regions as Africa, North America, Latin America/Caribbean, Asia/Australia/Pacific and Europe.
Geographic Regions Review - Why?

- Review anticipated in Bylaws
- ccNSO Council requested review (2007)
- Board agreed and approved community-wide working group concept (2008) and charter (2009)
- WG has so far produced two reports
- Third (and final) report is drafted - with recommendations for potential changes.
Geographic Regions Review - Recs

- ICANN adopt its own independent allocation standards
- RIR framework seems to be the best model
- Give individual communities flexibility to set own standards and procedures
- Opportunity for sub-groupings to recognize unique culture, language or other characteristics
- Respect sovereignty and desires of individual countries to stay where they are
Geographic Regions Review - Next Steps

- Public Comment Forum Open on WG Draft Final Report
- Comments Due 14 December
- WG will review comments and publish Final Report in early 2012
- Community (SO-AC) formal review opportunity
- Presentation To Board - mid 2012
- Board Review and Action - late 2012.
Additional Information

- Geographic Regions Review Public Comment Forum -

- Working Group Wiki Page -
  https://community.icann.org/display/georegionwg/Home+Page+of+Geographic+Regions+Review+Working+Group
Thank You
Questions