

ccNSO Participation Working Group Update

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Working group goal

The WG goal is to improve the participation of ccTLD managers in the ccNSO and regional organisations, for the benefit of all ccTLDs and the industry generally

Scope of our work

- To research and report on the current level of participation in the ccNSO and regional organisations
- To research and report on the barriers to participation and to propose solutions, where possible
- To research and report on the opportunities for the ccNSO to better serve the ccTLD community
- To develop and recommend improvements to communications regarding the benefits of ccTLD manager participation and the roles of both the ccNSO and regional organisations.
- To develop and recommend proposals regarding the possible establishment of a clearer relationship between the ccNSO and regional organisations
- To take a leading role in the implementation of solutions and improvements to improve the participation of ccTLD managers in the ccNSO and regional organisations, where appropriate

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- Ron Sherwood, ALAC Liaison
- ICANN Regional Liaisons

Task groups

- Research and reporting task group
- Improving communications task group
- Relationships task group

Research and reporting task group

Progress

- Designed and issued a survey to all ccTLDs about participation
- Collated ccNSO attendance information

Coming Up

- Analysis of survey responses and identification of common issues
- Analysis of previous ccNSO attendance
- Talking with newcomers to ccNSO meetings
- Reporting of findings to WG, ccNSO and regional organisations

Improving communications task group

Progress

- Designed a draft leaflet which gives information about the ccNSO and regional organisations
- Identified some of the issues that need decision and/or better clarity, such as ccNSO membership fees

Coming Up

- Receiving feedback on the leaflet and issuing the final version
- Discussion of any communication issues from the research

Relationships task group

Progress

- Discussions about how the Regional Organisations and the ccNSO can work together on improving participation
- Suggestion of training sessions organised by the relevant Regional Organisations just before an ICANN meeting
- Suggestion of better information exchange between Regional Organisations

Coming Up

- Discussion of any relationship issues from the research
- Clarification of the role of Regional Organisation representatives in the ccNSO

Other progress

- Liaison with ICANN Fellowship team
- Link to Fellowship programme now on ccNSO website
- ccNSO Secretariat reminder to ccTLDs re Fellowship programme
- Call for volunteer mentors for new ccTLD Fellows
- Discussions with ccTLD managers who are thinking about becoming ccNSO members – pleased to welcome new members

Next steps

- ccTLD manager survey now issued
- Encourage you to assist with the research
- Analysis of research and identification of issues
- Development of action plans to address issues
- Launch of ccNSO information leaflet
- Progress report to ICANN Paris

Q&A/Comments

- Any questions/comments?