

ccNSO Presentation

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What's happened so far ?

- Annual Report
- Blog
- Board Minutes
- Public Participation Site
- New Website
- One World Trust
- MOPs

The Plan

- October 16 2006: Series of Questions about Management Operating principles posted. (done)
- October 31 2006: Initial responses required to posted questions.(extended)
- November 2006: Summary of responses and first draft of principles posted. Further comment to be received.(done)
- December 2-8 2006: Discussion of first draft of principles and further input at Sao Paulo meeting. (consultation undertaken. Benchmarking process through OWT announced)
- December 31 2006: Final date for input to development of Management Operating Principles.(done. Summary posted Jan '07)
- February 2007: Posting of final draft of Management Operating Principles. (Postponed: awaiting OWT input)
- March 26-30 2007: Adoption of Management Operating Principles by ICANN Board at Lisbon Meeting.(Postponed: community input)

One World Trust Report

- UK based organisation - work with global organisations to make them answerable to the people they affect
- Key recommendations:
 - Development of Information Disclosure Policy
 - Improving ease of document location
 - Development of Translation Policy
 - Further Improvements in Board reporting
 - Consistent information across Supporting Organisations and Advisory Committees
 - Regular self assessment
 - Improvements in Annual report
 - Improvements in complaint processes - how do they interrelate?
 - ICANN code of conduct

Overall Message

- "ICANN is in many ways a very transparent organisation. It shares a large quantity of information through its website, probably more than any other global organisation. Their practice of transparency is supported by provisions in the By-Laws, which state that, "ICANN and its constituent bodies shall operate to the maximum extent feasible in an open and transparent manner and consistent with procedures designed to ensure fairness." The example of the policy development process is indicative: throughout each of the stages of the process; Supporting Organisations disclose the different versions of the policy, input from stakeholders and the minutes of the Council meetings where the policy is discussed and formal recommendations to the Board are developed".

Overall Message

- “However, while openness is undoubtedly common practice within the organisation, there remain a number of areas where ICANN’s transparency could benefit. Cutting across the different constituent bodies of ICANN are issues of information accessibility, consistency in what information is disclosed, and consistent compliance with stated commitments in the disclosure of information”.
- “Compared with other global organisations, the ICANN Board meets standards of good practice. It is committed to disclosing a preliminary report five working days after every Board meeting, and this identifies any actions taken. It discloses minutes that provide a detailed summary of official business conducted (including identifying speakers by name) and voting transcripts. The background documentation disseminated to the Board is also provided. While there have been issues in the past with the preliminary report of the Board being disclosed within the five-day period (with requests for reconsideration being filed on the issue), the overall level of transparency of the ICANN Board is high when benchmarked against other global organisations”.

So What Happens Now?

- Public comment on OWT Report
- Draft Action Plan: Response to Report and comments
- ‘Umbrella’ Principles under which are a series of guiding practices for ICANN:
 - information disclosure
 - code of conduct
 - consistency

We Will Not Rush

- Community has made it clear that we are not to rush
- We will release draft approach before Puerto Rico
- Consultation before any decision

New dates

- Public Forum on OWT report after posting
- Preparation of draft Principles
- Response to OWT recommendations - early May.
- Draft documents for consultation made public - Mid May
- Consultation at Puerto Rico
- Posting of revised documents post Puerto Rico
- Submission to Board for consideration