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Strategic Plan

• 2007–2011 Strategic Plan started public comment period on 19 October 2007
  • http://icann.org/announcements/announcement-19oct07.htm

• Objectives identified by the community
  – Implementing IDNs and new gTLDs
  – Continuing to improve core operations
  – Strengthening ICANN’s multi-stakeholder model to manage increasing demands and changing needs
  – Enhancing security and stability of the Internet’s unique identifiers
  – Strengthening accountability and governance
Operating Plan

- Operating Plan updated and revised based on community feedback during and after San Juan meeting
Policy development activities

• New ccTLD accountability frameworks
• GNSO
  – Whois/Data escrow  – Transfer policy review
  – Domain name tasting  – Contractual conditions
  – New generic top-level domains  – Multiple entities/IDNs
• ccNSO
  – ICANN regions
  – IDN TLDs
• gTLD registry failover plan posted 20 October 2007 at http://icann.org/announcements/announcement-20oct07.htm
• IPv6 transition; IPv4 depletion
• All discussions taking place this week
New ccTLD accountability frameworks

• 19 months since ICANN posted Accountability Framework template documents
• During 2007, ICANN signed accountability frameworks or exchanged letters with

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• Discussions ongoing with a number of other ccTLDs
• Parties are pleased with progress to date
Registrar Accreditation Agreements

• Six amendments to Registrar Accreditation Agreement proposed –
  – Eliminating the practice of obtaining ICANN accreditation by purchase
  – Improved contractual compliance enforcement tools
  – Potential group liability of registrars owned by a single entity
  – Private registrations and registration data escrow requirements
  – Management of reseller relationships
  – Skills testing or certification of registrar personnel
• Will be discussed in public fora and at workshop at Los Angeles meeting
• Summary of public comments posted 23 October 2007 at http://icann.org/announcements/announcement-23oct07.htm
Internationalized domain names

• Milestones
  – December 2006 – successful laboratory testing of punycode strings representing top level domains inserted into the root zone
  – IETF leads efforts to finalize IDNA protocols
  – October 2007 – IANA inserts IDNs into the root zone for evaluation of example.test in 11 languages – Arabic, Persian, Chinese (simplified and traditional), Russian, Hindi, Greek, Korean, Yiddish, Japanese and Tamil
  – Wiki pages facilitate evaluation and feedback
  – Deployment expected during 2008
IDN evaluation of example.test

• First, watch –

– http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RK49jK-oIpU

My name. My language. My Internet.
IDN wikis

• Then, evaluate on wiki pages in Arabic, Persian, Chinese (simplified and traditional), Russian, Hindi, Greek, Korean, Yiddish, Japanese and Tamil –

– http://idn.icann.org
Internationalized domain names

• Milestones
  – ccNSO, GNSO and GAC complete 18-plus months defining processes for allocating new TLDs, some of which will be IDNs
  – ccNSO focus is a potentially faster way to put a process in place for regions having a strong need for IDN TLDs
  – GNSO has as its goal to make the IDN TLD process available by mid-2008
New gTLDs

- GNSO constituencies developed 19 policy recommendations
  - [http://www.gnso.icann.org/drafts/PDFPDPDec05FRPartA30July07.pdf](http://www.gnso.icann.org/drafts/PDFPDPDec05FRPartA30July07.pdf)
- Associated principles and guidelines will guide ICANN in implementing these policies
- Focus is on clear, transparent process
  - Baseline contract – obligations clearly spelled out
  - Baseline technical and business criteria – evaluate applicant suitability to operate domain
  - Independent, impartial dispute resolution process for infringement of rights or perceived bad acts
- Result – new choices at all market levels and all market arenas
Accountability and transparency initiatives

• What has ICANN done?
  – Strategic and Operating Plans
  – Budget plan and process
  – Better Board reporting with 72-hour posting to community
  – Blog
  – Public participation site
  – Monthly newsletters
  – One World Trust review
Accountability and transparency initiatives

• Accountability and transparency frameworks – revised and posted for public comment at http://icann.org/announcements/announcement-17oct07.htm
  – General and financial accountability
  – Dispute resolution
  – Information disclosure
  – Consultation
  – Translation
  – Standards of behavior
Regional fellowship program

• Provides financial grants to individuals from developing economies to facilitate participation in ICANN meetings

• Priority
  – Low, lower-middle and upper-middle income economies
  – Governments, ccTLDs and non-profit sector not associated with ALAC
  – Participants from ICANN region in which the meeting is taking place, participants from adjacent regions, and overseas participants

• 167 applications submitted to date
  – 58 fellowships awarded (34 attended San Juan meeting; 24 attending Los Angeles meeting; 9 will attend New Delhi meeting)
  – 22 countries represented at Los Angeles meeting
  – 8 are attending an ICANN meeting for the first time
President’s Operational Review Panel

- Chartered May 2007 to align the performance of ICANN’s functional organizations with the 2007–2010 Strategic Plan
- Panel members Paul Twomey, Hagen Hultzsch and Doug Brent picked team for Phase I review
- Phase I goals –
  - Baseline current operational performance for all ICANN functions
  - Create a plan/proposal for ICANN to set performance goals and metrics
President’s Operational Review Panel

• Phase I outcomes – October 2007
  – Written assessment of major ICANN functions that address urgent needs/gaps; input to a forthcoming quality process
    • Shared understanding among staff of major performance gaps and areas that are performing well
    • Greater management confidence that hidden problems are identified
    • A Hawthorne effect of measurement leading to improvement
  – Full plan for ICANN to engage in Baldrige-style quality process
    • Organizational understanding of the commitments and outcomes to come from this process
    • Vision for organic improvement in ICANN and ultimately its community
Nominating Committee

- New chair – Hagan Hultzsch
- Results of NomCom review will be available soon
Improvements in IANA function

Root Zone Change Requests
queue size
Jan-Oct 2007

- IDN test TLD requests opened
- IDN test TLD requests closed

Number of requests
1/31/07 2/28/07 3/31/07 4/30/07 5/31/07 6/30/07 7/31/07 8/31/07 9/30/07 10/31/07
- Created
- Resolved
- Open
Internet Governance Forum

• Second IGF meeting, Rio de Janeiro, November 2007

• Themes
  – Critical Internet resources and Internet infrastructure
  – Access and capacity available to developing countries
  – ICANN’s limited, defined and global role in the Internet arena
  – ICANN’s approach to Internet governance discussions

• ICANN Board members and staff will attend to participate in various sessions
Thank You