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Community Dialogue Session: Draft ICANN Community Participant Code of Conduct concerning Statements of Interest

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Agenda

- Introduction & Background
 - Russ Weinstein (SVP for Policy Development Support, ICANN)
- Panel Discussion
 - Jorge Cancio (GAC)
 - Manju Chen (NCSG)
 - Brian Cimboric (RySG)
 - Claire Craig (At Large)
 - Michael Graham (IPC)
 - Ashley Heineman (RrSG)
 - Adetola Sogbesan (BC)
 - Samantha Eisner (Deputy General Counsel, ICANN)
- Community Discussion/Q&A
- Next Steps & Closing

Draft Language from the Code (as Posted for Public Comment)

Enforcement: Compliance with this Code is, first and foremost, a matter of personal responsibility for each individual ICANN community participant. An ICANN community member who participates within ICANN processes without full and proper disclosure of interests may be subject to a range of consequences, up to and including a prohibition from future participation within ICANN.

The chairs and leadership of ICANN's SOs, ACs, Constituencies, Working Groups, Task Forces, Review Teams, and other similar groups, already maintain primary responsibility for enforcing the appropriate standards of participation and preparation within the groups they lead, and this Code of Conduct shall be incorporated. Complaints of alleged violations of this Code are to be made first to the relevant chair of leadership of the group or session within which the violation is alleged to have occurred. All complaints of alleged violations of this Code shall be accompanied by an explanation of the basis of the allegations.

The ICANN Ombuds maintains no specific role or right of investigation under this Code of Conduct. However, the ICANN Ombuds remains available for any claims of unfairness within the ICANN community as contemplated by the ICANN Bylaws and the Ombudsman Framework.

Questions for Discussion

1. How will the Code be enforced uniformly across the community?
 - Examples: Practices? Principles? Tools?
 - Examples of specific situations:
 - What happens when the Chair/leader refuses to act?
 - What happens when it's the Chair/leader that is the subject of a complaint of alleged violation?
2. What should the consequences be for violations?
3. What role should the ICANN Board have in enforcement, if any? ICANN staff? The Ombuds?

Next Steps

- New Draft posted for Public Comment
- Board Consideration
- Development of updated forms, processes as necessary
- Training to support understanding of updates
- Ongoing feedback