Perspectives ICANN's Accountability Process

ccNSO Meeting

24 June 2014

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IANA Functions Stewardship Transition - Process and Next steps

+ 6 June 2014 – Process to Develop a Proposal and Next Steps posted online, echoing community feedback:

  + Renamed the "Steering Group" to "Coordination Group"

  + No role for the Chair of the ICANN Board and Chair of the GAC in selection of members;

  + Direct representation (self-selection);

  + Eliminated the distinction between affected and non-affected parties;

  + Revised composition to ensure greater balance and representation, including indirect stakeholders.

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Process and next steps
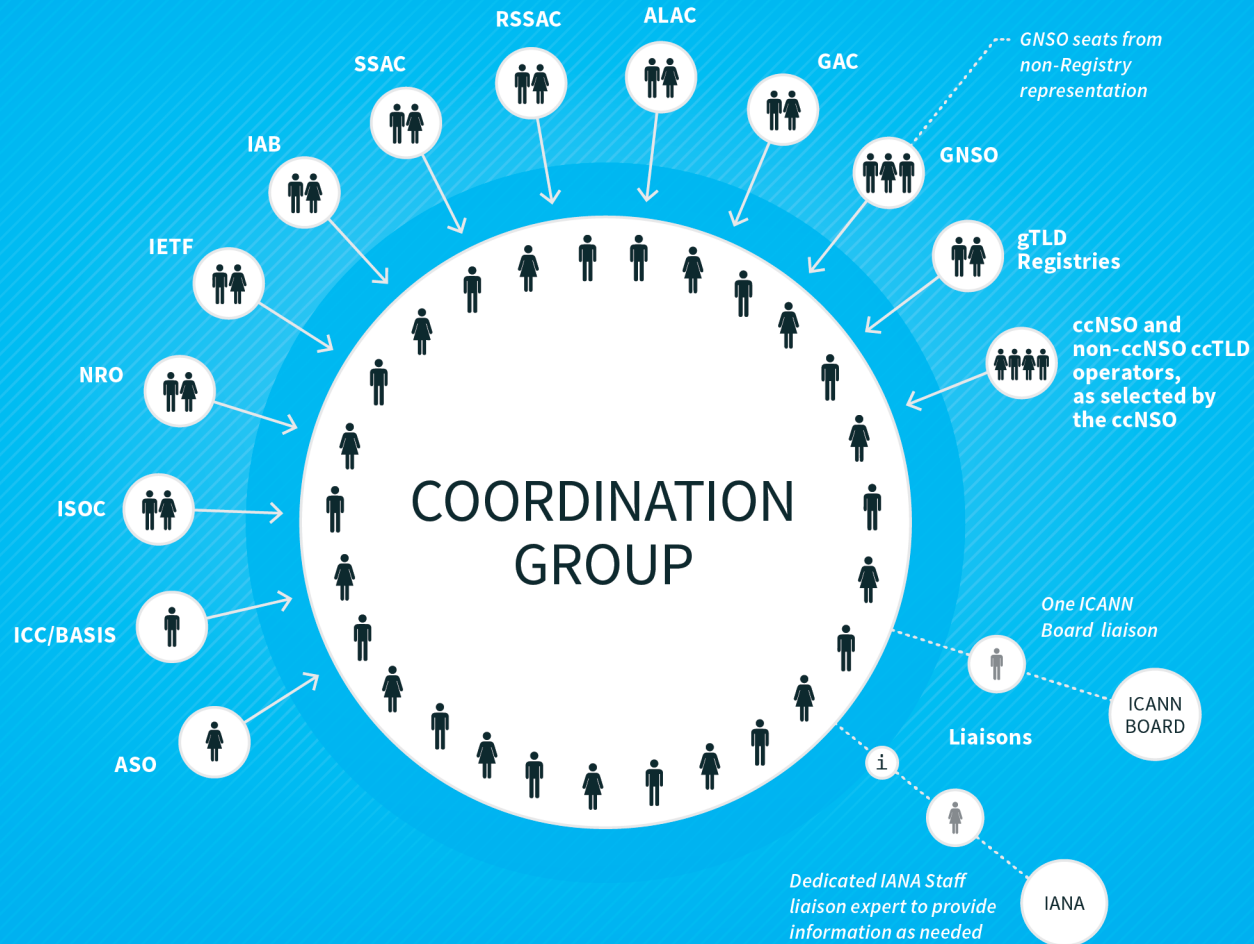
+ Revisions to draft process echoing community feedback:

  + Non-prescriptive about the roles and responsibilities of the Coordination Group;

    + Coordination Group will establish its own working methods and modes of operation;

  + ICANN maintains neutral role as convener and facilitator of process;

  + Coordination Group encouraged to adhere to diversity standards as they undergo internal selection processes.

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Process and next steps

+ Next steps:

  + Call for names from respective communities;

  + Deadline to submit names is 2 July 2014;

  + Tentative face-to-face meeting in mid-July.

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RSSAC

ALAC

SSAC

GAC

IAB

GNSO seats from
non-Registry
representation

GNSO

IETF

gTLD
Registries

NRO

ccNSO and
non-ccNSO ccTLD
operators,
as selected by
the ccNSO

ISOC

COORDINATION
GROUP

One ICANN
Board liaison

ICC/BASIS

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BOARD

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Enhancing ICANN Accountability

+ Separate interdependent ICANN community process (open to all);

+ Proposed framework for process with questions for community input published on 6 May;

+ Proposed scope:

  + Look at contractual relationship with the U.S. Government and the **perceived backstop** with regard to ICANN's organization-wide accountability provided by that role, such as the renewal process of the IANA Functions Contract;

+ Deadline for public comment and reply period extended by one week (27 June) to address community requests for additional time.

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Accountability Inventory: Non-Exhaustive

Bylaws

The Affirmation of Commitments

Documented Relationships

External Laws

General ICANN Operational Information

Affirmation of Commitments Reviews

Organizational Reviews

ICANN Board Selection Process

Board of Directors Documentation

Bylaws-Mandated Redress Mechanisms

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Call for Input and Dialogue on the Proposed Process

+ Proposed Output would:

    + Identify the key elements for strengthening ICANN's accountability to address the absence of its historical contractual relationship to the U.S. Government;

    + Prioritize those elements for development and/or refinement; and,

    + Set forth a timeline and mechanisms for the implementation of the improvements identified.

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Enhancing ICANN Accountability – Proposed Process

+ Proposed process:

  + ICANN Accountability Working Group is proposed to coordinate community dialogue and prepare report for public dialogue and input and Board consideration;

    - Working group is proposed to be composed of community members selected through SO/ACs;

    - Outside subject-matter experts appointed by ICANN staff; to bring in new ideas;

    - Potential Board liaisons;

    - Sub-working groups in subject areas expected to convene within community (open participation);

    - Mode of operation should be transparency and openness;

    - Selectees to be announced by SO/ACs by 27 June.

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Subject-Matter Areas

+ Internet Technical Operations

+ International Organizational Reviews

+ Global Accountability Tools and Metrics

+ Jurisprudence / Accountability Mechanism

+ Internet Consumer Protection

+ Economics (Marketplace and Competition)

+ Global Ethics Frameworks

+ Operational, Finance and Process

+ Board Governance

+ Transparency

+ Risk Management

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