AF-WG Report

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ccNSO meeting Day 2, Mar del Plata
What is AF-WG

• develop 'AF Guidelines'
• recommend 'AF Guidelines' to ccNSO
  – which are for ccTLD managers
  – not exhaustive
  – but with coverage of common interests
• each ccTLD, who wants formal relationship with ICANN, can develop its own AF including its own terms with ICANN referring to the 'AF Guidelines' as a tool
History of AF-WG

- Sept.2004        WG created
- Nov-Dec.2004     WG meetings in Cape Town
                 ccNSO meeting in Cape Town
- Mar.10,2005      draft discussion paper to WG members
- Mar.18,2005      discussion paper to ccNSO and ccTLD
- April.2005       WG meetings in Mar del Plata
Main Issues

• scope of AF?
• scope of AF-WG?
• counterpart : IANA or ICANN?
• headings of
  – ccTLD's commitment
  – ICANN's commitment
  – administrative terms
Scope of AF?

- ccTLD registry has relationships mainly with 2 entities
  - ICANN
  - LIC/government

- AF is for ccTLD-ICANN relationship
- AF refers to LIC/Government?
  - No
  - AF termination may involve communication with LIC/government, but not written in 'AF Guidelines' (seems to have consensus in WG)
Scope of AF-WG?

- ccTLD registry has relationships mainly with 2 entities
  - ICANN
  - LIC/government
- AF is for ccTLD-ICANN relationship
- AF-WG is to develop 'AF Guidelines' between ccTLD-ICANN
- no consideration between ccTLD and LIC/government is given
  (seems to have consensus in WG)
Counterpart : IANA or ICANN?

• main relationships between ccTLD and ICANN are regarding DNS functions
• should AF refer to IANA only?
  – No
  – because legal entity, which currently runs IANA, is ICANN
• because some administrative relationships described in AF

(seems to have consensus in WG)
ccTLD commitments/obligations

- generation and maintenance of zone-files for the ccTLD
- maintenance of name service for the ccTLD
- adherence to relevant standards such as RFC1591, RFC1034, RFC1035
- maintain a reliable and stable interoperable DNS
- preservation of security and stability
- accuracy and completeness of information about the ccTLD manager
- financial contribution to ICANN

plus and/or minus?
ICANN commitments/obligations

• maintain authoritative-root database.
• update of name server information in a timely manner
• publication of root-zone Whois information
• assuring operation of authoritative root name server system
• maintenance of authoritative records and audit trail
• notification of contact changes

plus and/or minus ?
Administrative terms

• mutual recognition/acknowledgement
  – of ccTLD manager role as registry
  – of ICANN role
• financial support to ICANN
• term of the relationship
  – fixed term, renewal and review?
• termination
• effect of termination
• dispute resolution/arbitration
• choice of law
• periodic review

plus and/or minus?