Introduction to The ICANN Mexico City Meeting – What You’ll Be Hearing This Week

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ICANN Structure

Address Supporting Organization
- Regional Internet Registries
  - ARIN
  - APNIC
  - RIPE NCC

Generic Names Supporting Organization
- Intellectual property
- ISPs
- Businesses
- Registrars
- Registries
- Non-Commercial

County Code Names Supporting Organization
- ccTLD Registries
  - .us, .uk, .au, .it, .nl, et al.

ICANN Board of Directors
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  - GAC
  - RSSAC
  - SSAC
  - ALAC

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What You’ll Be Hearing:
Review and Discussion of Hot Policy Issues

- WHOIS
- Internationalized Domain Name (IDNs)
- Transferring Domain Names Between Registrars
- E-Crimes (upcoming workshop; issues of interest)
- Registration Abuse Policies
- Other Ongoing Activities
- Improving & Restructuring the GNSO
WHOIS:

- WHOIS - is a query/response protocol used to determine the owner of a domain name, an IP address, or an autonomous system number on the Internet. Questions persist concerning the use and misuse of this important resource.

- This week GNSO Council will be identifying potential studies to help the GNSO develop objective information to support future policy development efforts. Staff will then cost out studies and Council will subsequently pick specific studies.
IDN Policy Development Process

- Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs) are domain names represented by local language characters.
- The ccNSO Council is in the early stages of considering a comprehensive long-term policy development process for IDN ccTLDs.
- The ccNSO Council is exploring the policies, procedures, and Bylaws that should be reviewed/revised.
IDN Fast Track Process

- The ICANN Community has recommended development of an expedited process for the introduction of a limited number of IDN ccTLDs.

- The ICANN Board asked Staff to provide a detailed, proposed implementation plan for community/Board consideration, based on the community recommendations of a community working group.
WHOIS and IDNs

- IDN standards only apply to domain name composition and do not cover how registration information is collected, stored and displayed in WHOIS. This is currently left as a local matter for registrars and registries.

- Should the ICANN community consider a successor or alternative to WHOIS that can better accommodate the anticipated needs of the community and IDN TLDs?
Inter-Registrar Transfer Policy

- The Inter-Registrar Transfer Policy (IRTP) provides procedures for domain name holders to transfer their names from one ICANN-accredited registrar to another.
- GNSO has identified 20+ potential areas for clarification/improvement; 6 policy development processes (PDPs) will address specific categories.
- Examples of items being addressed:
  - Exchange of registrant e-mail information
  - The potential for including new forms of electronic authentication
  - Potential provisions for "partial bulk transfers" – are examples.
E-Crime Forum

- E-Crime and Abuse of the DNS - Wednesday 4 March
- Bring different stakeholders together to discuss way forward and gain better understanding of what ICANN’s role and obligations are in relation to E-Crimes
- Follow-up to E-Crime update in Cairo which attracted broad interest/demand for continued discussion
- Forum will include E-Crime introduction, landscape and trends, criminal attacks and abuse response, role of ICANN community and Staff.
- ICANN serving as a facilitator for this debate – not all issues discussed fall under ICANN’s remit
The GNSO Council intends to take a closer look at registration abuse provisions in registry and registrar agreements.

GNSO Working Group will have a public discussion on Tuesday 2 March 1730 – 1900
GNSO Improvements

Open GNSO Council Meeting will be on Wednesday March 4 at 800 AM

- Adopt Working Group Model
- Enhance Constituencies
- GNSO Council Restructure
- Improve Communication with ICANN Structures
- Revise the Policy Development Process
How to Keep Up-To-Date and Participate?

- Check the ICANN web site announcements on a regular basis: 
  http://www.icann.org
- Sign up for the Monthly Policy Update: 
  http://www.icann.org/en/topics/policy/
- Check the GNSO Calendar for upcoming meetings: 
  http://gnso.icann.org/calendar/
- GNSO Council Meeting, Wednesday 4 March AM