

Improving Institutional Confidence



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President's Strategy Committee (PSC)



- ICANN Board of Directors decided in December 2005:
 - “Whereas the ICANN community could also benefit from the advice of a group responsible for making observations and recommendations concerning strategic issues facing ICANN;
 - “The President is directed to appoint, by 28 February 2006, a President's Strategy Committee, to be responsible for giving advice to the President and the Board on strategy issues.”



President's Strategy Committee (PSC)



- Since 2006 the PSC has done research on various options for ICANN:
 - ICANN's legal status and identity
 - Regional presence
- Conducted online consultations and workshops with the community
- Published 3 reports:
 - December 2006
 - March 2007
 - November 2007



ICANN Board of Directors decided in March 2007:



- To recognize the PSC's recommendations on ICANN's status;
- Request further detail on the recommendations; and
- Conduct in consultation with the community an evaluation and analysis of implementation and implications.





PSC's Current Work

- During the 2008 Midterm Review of the Joint Project Agreement that ICANN has with the United States government, the PSC was tasked by ICANN's chairman to facilitate discussions with the community about ICANN's transition to the private sector, and requested to outline a plan for developing a transition framework.



The PSC is here to listen:



- Hear your initial input on the proposals for discussion
- Get a reality check on the consultation itself
- Let you know about all the ways to take part in the discussion



Issues for Consultation



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Consultation Documents -

- Transition Action Plan
- Improving Institutional Confidence
- Frequently Asked Questions



Transition Action Plan

- Requirements of a post-JPA ICANN
- Steps needed to consult the community
- Steps needed to implement the Transition Action Plan

Improving Institutional Confidence



- Explanation of each issue for consultation
- Recommendations, where appropriate, of the PSC
- Proposals for discussion



FAQ



- Supplemental and explanatory guide to the two others
- Answers questions such as:
 - What is the Joint Project Agreement?
 - What are the IANA functions/contract?
 - What has ICANN achieved so far?
 - Why should you participate?



5 key structural improvements identified during:



1. Safeguard ICANN against capture.
2. ICANN needs to be accountable to its multi-stakeholder community and preserve bottom-up development of policies.
3. ICANN needs to meet the needs of the global Internet Community of the future.
4. ICANN needs to be financially and operationally secure.
5. Focus on organizational and operational excellence



1. Address freedom from capture

- Ensure consensus or super-majority requirements for policy making, based on broad and diverse participation of affected stakeholders;
- Ensure large and diverse constituencies
- Maintain presence in jurisdiction with strong anti-trust law;
- Continue best practice transparency measures;
- Limit cross-participation in SOs & ACs;



improve participation

2. Strengthen accountability to ICANN community



- Implement mechanism for the community to make the Board re-examine a decision;
- Make an extraordinary mechanism for the community to remove and replace the Board;
- Continue regular periodic reviews of ICANN structure, of Reconsideration, Independent Review and Ombudsman functions;
- Enhance and expand contractual compliance and enforcement.





3. Deepen ICANN's Globalization

- Explore adjusting bylaws to confirm ICANN's headquarters in the United States, while allowing for the establishment of legal presence in other jurisdictions;
- Establish subsidiary/ies in jurisdictions that best meet ICANN's defined objectives;
- Maintain and develop ICANN operations around the globe;
- Enhance efforts to make ICANN multilingual, including providing interpretation and translation services.



4. Ensure Financial and Operational Security



- Alternative sources of income
- Build on Strategic Planning, Operational Planning and Budgeting to ensure international organizational best practices are achieved.



5. Maintain Secure and Stable operations



- Make recommendations for improving efficiency and responsiveness of the IANA function, through the automation of processes;
- Implement, after discussions with Verisign and the US Department of Commerce, the Root Server Management Transition Completion Agreement.



Questions for input



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1. Address freedom from capture

- **Proposal for discussion:**
 - ICANN could make bylaw amendments requiring a specific prohibition against voting by the same individual or organization in more than one of the related Advisory or Supporting Organizations. Should it do so?
 - Participants in councils and constituencies should provide statements of interest to protect against conflict and make them transparent.



2. Strengthen accountability to ICANN community



- **Proposal for Discussion:**
 - Establish additional accountability mechanisms that allow the community to request reconsideration of a decision from the Board, and, as an ultimate sanction, to remove the Board collectively and reconstitute it.



3. Deepen ICANN's Globalization



- **Proposal for discussion:**
 - ICANN should have global legal presences in addition to its headquarters established in the United States.



4. Ensure Financial and Operational Security



- **Proposal for Discussion:**

- ICANN should adopt alternative sources of funding to lessen dependence on current registry and registrar funding.
- ICANN should maintain and enhance existing operational planning and budgeting mechanisms.



5. Maintain Secure and Stable operations (1)



- **Proposal for Discussion:**

- In addition, ICANN should seek to be a thought leader on issues on security and stability issues consistent with its narrow but critical role in the secure and stable operation of the Internet, but not at the expense of causing “mission creep”.
- In that regard, ICANN’s bylaws should be amended to provide for the preparation of the Strategic and Operating plans in which security and stability remain a principal part.



5. Maintain Secure and Stable operations (2)



- **Proposal for Discussion:**

- ICANN should consider amending its bylaws to confirm that its head quarters will remain in the United States.
- ICANN should also continue to pursue discussions with the United States Department of Commerce on the streamlining of the IANA function.
- Work should begin on implementing the root server management transition.



Expert Advisors



- **Proposal for Discussion:**
 - Should expert advisers be used to assist with consultations by:
 - Doing ‘feasibility testing’ of proposals?
 - Acting as ambassadors to facilitate outreach?





Consultation Information



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Consultation Timeline (1)

- 31 July 2008: End of on-line public comment period.
- August / September 2008: summary and analysis of public comments & revised Transition Action Plan
- 7 Sept. – 15 Oct. 2008: Second public comment period



Consultation Timeline (2)

- End Oct. 2008: Final Transition Action Plan.
- Nov. 2008: Final public discussion
- Dec. 2008: Final paper to ICANN Board





For More Information

- www.icann.org/iic
- Newsletter will provide regular updates on the process
- Email iic@icann.org if you have more questions after you read the documents.





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Gracias
Danke
Shukran
Abaraka
Go raibh maith agaibh
Thank You

