Perspectives ICANN’s Accountability Process

ccNSO Meeting

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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.
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.
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.
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.
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
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.
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.
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