

Presentation to ccNSO at
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ICANN ACCOUNTABILITY

AGENDA

- Context
- What's happening now? (Process)
- When to pay attention? (Timelines)
- Things to consider (Questions)
- Reflections
- Links

CONTEXT 1

What's happening?

- IANA Stewardship Transition
- ICANN “longing to be free”?
- A point of leverage for the community

CONTEXT 2

- ICANN's accountability generally & for IANA functions "after the contract"
- The lack of membership/funding constraints
- The lack of oversight
- The culture

PROCESS 1

- Cross-Community Group on Accountability and Governance. Staff propose 2 tracks:
 - Matters relevant to the IANA Stewardship transition
 - Broader ICANN matters

PROCESS 2

- IANA Stewardship Transition Coordination Group (ICG):
 - Looks at functional accountabilities for each specific IANA function/role.
- Naming Related Functions CCWG

PROCESS 3

- Coordination is a key challenge, between all groups involved including:
 - ICG
 - CWG-AG
 - CCWG-IANA-NRF
 - ccNSO Council

TIMELINES

- Some level of accountability agreement needed before IANA Stewardship transition finalised in June 2015
- Naming related functions aims to finalise its proposal by 31 Jan 2015, incl specific functional accountabilities

QUESTIONS 1

- ICANN accountability: who to?
- ICANN accountability: what for?
- ICANN versus IANA functions operator – what is the difference?
- How much of this needs to be resolved before the IANA Stewardship Transition?

QUESTIONS 2

- What other mechanisms would approve accountability?
 - Separations of functions (e.g. an IANA Board)?
 - Board member election process?
 - Create ‘membership’ of ICANN?
 - New appeals body?
 - External contracting parties for IANA functions?

REFLECTIONS

- A chance to build a stable settlement
- Names accountability is least clear
- Accountability supports trust but doesn't create it
- What is your bottom line?

LINKS

Current accountability proposal:

<https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/process-next-steps-2014-10-10-en>

THANK YOU!

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