

CCWG Accountability WS4 – Scenarios

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For definitional purposes, a scenario consists of:

- **an event (threat), such as new federal legislation relating to the IANA Functions Contract,**
- **its consequence, such as creating significant interference with existing policy or the policy development processes, and**
- **what contingency plan, if any, is known to exist.**

The measures of the probability of and the impact of each event may be addressed in subsequent draft(s) of the WS4 work product.

Scenarios for the CCWG to consider:

1. Change authority for the IANA Root Zone ceases to function, in part or in whole.

Consequence: significant interference with existing policy (or policies) relating to the content of the IANA Root Zone.

2. Delegation authority for the IANA Root Zone ceases to function, in part or in whole.

Consequence: significant interference with existing policy (or policies) relating to the delegation from the IANA Root Zone.

3. Litigation arising from existing public policy, e.g., Anti-Trust (Sherman Act, et. seq.).

Consequence: significant interference with existing policy (or policies) and/or policy development relating to one or more relevant activities.

4. New regulation or legislation (see above).

Consequence: significant interference with existing policy (or policies) and/or policy development relating to one or more relevant activities.

5. Domain industry financial crisis.

Consequence: significant reduction in domain sales generated revenues and significant increase in registrar and registry continuity costs.

6. General financial crisis.

Consequence: loss affecting reserves sufficient to threaten business continuity.

7. Litigation arising from private contract, e.g., Breach of Contract.

Consequence: significant loss of contracted party fees.

8. Technology competing with DNS

Consequence: significant reduction in domain sales generated revenues and significant increase in registrar and registry continuity costs.

9. Major corruption or fraud

Consequence: significant litigation and loss of some or all reserves

10. Chairman, CEO or major officer acting in a manner inconsistent with the organization's mission.

Consequence: significant litigation.

11. Compromise of credentials.

Consequence: significant loss of authentication and/or authorization capacities.

Scenarios that relate to the feasibility of the transition itself are intentionally excluded, and input from the Board's Risk Committee is anticipated in the near term.