

## CCWG Accountability WS4 – Scenarios

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### Context :

The Charter of the CCWG-Accountability mentions that “the CCWG-Accountability is expected to provide a detailed description on how its proposals would provide an adequate level of resistance to contingencies (“stress tests”), within the scope of each Work Stream.”

It further notes that the “CCWG-Accountability must structure its work to ensure that stress tests can be (i) designed (ii) carried out and (iii) its results being analyzed timely before the transition”.

The goal of WA4 is to identify the main contingencies that CCWG Accountability will use to test the proposed mechanisms and solutions, once they are elaborated.

For definitional purposes, a contingency / 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 and/or prejudice to the security and stability of one or several TLDs.

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 [and/or prejudice to the security and stability of one or several TLDs.](#)

**Commentaire [MW1]:** How would you clarify difference between 1 and 2 ? Should we keep both or merge them ?

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, [threatening Icann's ability to continue operating.](#)

6. General financial crisis.

Consequence: loss affecting reserves sufficient to threaten business continuity.

**Commentaire [MW2]:** We might consider merging 5 & 6

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

Consequence: significant loss of contracted party fees.

**Commentaire [MW3]:** I would propose a slightly different angle.  
7. Large contributors to Icann budget (top 2 or 3) refuse payment of fees due to contractual or policy dispute. Consequence : loss of revenues and legal costs threatening Icann's ability to continue operations.

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 of fraud

Consequence: [major impact on corporate reputation](#), 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: [major impact on corporate reputation](#), significant litigation.

11. Compromise of credentials.

Consequence: [major impact on corporate reputation](#), significant loss of authentication and/or authorization capacities.

### [12. Capture by one or several groups of stakeholders](#)

[Consequence : major impact on trust in multistakeholder model, prejudice to other stakeholders](#)

### [13. One or several stakeholders excessively rely on accountability mechanism to "paralyze" Ican](#)

[Consequence : major impact on corporate reputation, inability to take decisions, instability of governance bodies, loss of key staff, ...](#)

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**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.**