

Draft Purpose and scope of activities “Internet Governance” study group.

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Background

At its meeting in Buenos Aires (20 November 2013), the ccNSO Council discussed the need to keep track of the developments in the various Internet Governance tracks such as the IStar group, 1Net, the Brazil conference on Internet Governance and ICANN’s Strategy Panels. Volunteers related to ccTLDs and ccTLD regional Organizations offered to keep track of the developments, and inform the ccNSO membership on a regular basis. In order to structure the efforts of these volunteers and keep the ccNSO membership and the broader ccTLD community abreast of the developments pertaining to Internet Governance that are relevant to the ccTLD community, the ccNSO Council decided to create an Ad-Hoc Study Group on “Internet Governance”.

Purpose

The study group is established by the ccNSO Council to provide to ccTLD community and the ccNSO Council a comprehensive overview of the issues and discussions pertaining to Internet Governance deemed to be relevant by the Study Group, and as discussed in and by 1Net, the relevant Strategy Panels appointed by ICANN, the Netmundial meeting in Brazil and the “High-Level Panel on Global Internet Cooperation and Governance Mechanisms “ and other Fora and groups deemed relevant by the members of the study group. If considered appropriate by the study group, the study group will advise on a course of further actions, if any.

Scope of activities

The study group will:

- Provide guidance to the support staff on maintaining references and links to relevant documents, announcements, and other publications deemed relevant by the members of the Study group on the webpage of the Study Group.
- Summarise the issues associated with Internet Governance as identified and considered relevant by the Study Group members, including summaries of the documents considered relevant;

- Liaise with other groups to seek further clarification and input if considered needed and appropriate by the group, for example to avoid overlap of activities of the “cross-community working group” established by ICANN community members;
- Liaise with ICANN staff to seek further clarification and input if considered needed and appropriate by the group;
- Liaise with the ccTLDs who are currently active in the area of Internet Governance discussions to solicit their views and perspective on issues identified by the Study Group;
- Assist in preparation of the ccNSO sessions on Internet Governance in Singapore (23-27 March) and London (22-26 June 2014) at the ccNSO meeting in London, for example by presenting and discuss with the ccTLD community present the issues relating to Internet Governance relevant to the ccTLD community;
- Provide regular updates to the ccNSO Council.

The study group may also undertake other activities the members consider to be relevant and appropriate for the purpose of the study group.

Membership and chair

The ccNSO Council has appointed its chair as chair of the group. The chair will ask the volunteers who already keep track of the developments to participate in the Study Group, and may request others to participate as well, after consulting the members of the Study Group. The ccNSO staff will provide support to the group.

Closure

The study group closes at the end of the ccNSO Council meeting in London (25 June 2014), unless decided otherwise by the ccNSO Council.