

**Strategic and Operational Planning Interaction
Working Group Charter
Adopted by ccNSO Council December 2010**

1. Description and Objective

The Working Group (WG) was created at the Cairo ICANN meeting in November 2008.

The goal of the WG is to coordinate, facilitate, and increase the participation of ccTLD managers in ICANN's strategic and operational planning processes and budgetary processes.

The WG may as part of its activities take a position and provide input to the public comments fora and relate to ICANN or other Supporting Organisations and Advisory WG's on its own behalf. The ccNSO Council and individual ccTLD managers collectively or individually, will be invited to endorse or support the position or input of the WG. Membership of the WG is open to all ccTLD managers (members and non-members of the ccNSO)

2. Chair, Members and Support

Members of the WG will be appointed by the ccNSO Council at the nomination of the chair of the WG. The chair of the ccNSO and the chair of the Finance WG are ex-officio members of the WG. The members of the WG will be listed on the webpage of the WG. Regional Organisations may nominate an observer, to be appointed by the ccNSO council as observers. Observership to the WG may be revoked by the ccNSO council by informing the Regional Organisation. The chair of the ccNSO is appointed ex-officio.

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Chair: Roelof Meijer, .NL

Support is provided by ICANN's ccNSO Support staff.

3. Scope

The scope of activities of the WG is to do whatever it deems relevant and necessary to facilitate and improve participation of ccTLD managers in the strategic and operational planning processes and budgetary processes.

The WG will take a proactive role in seeking and foster participation and input from ccTLD managers and provide regular feedback to the ccNSO on the strategic and operational plan.

In achieving its objective the WG will undertake, but is not limited to, the following activities:

- Organising ccTLD focused strategy and operations sessions at ICANN events;
- Disseminate and summarise information relevant to ICANN's strategic and operational plan.

4. Duration of membership

The term of the initial members of the WG ends at 30 June 2010. The term of additional members is two (2) years and ends on 30 June in the second year of their appointment. Members of the WG may be reappointed for a maximum of two (2) more subsequent periods (maximum of 3 terms) At least one of the members on the WG will be a member of the ccNSO Council.

5. Review of charter and activities of the WG

A review of this charter and activities will take place in June 2012 or when considered necessary, for instance when the general ICANN process will change and affects the charter of the WG. One of the criteria for review will be increased participation of ccTLDs in the ICANN strategic and operational planning processes.

6. Reporting

The Chair of the WG will report regularly through email to the ccNSO Council and provide a full report at the ccNSO meetings held during the ICANN meetings regarding the activities of the WG.