

Charter

CCNSO Working Group

2009-10-28

1 Purpose and Background

This Technical Information Gathering/Sharing Working Group ("TechWG", "Working Group") was established by the Country Code Names Supporting Organization ("CCNSO") Council ("CCNSO Council", "Council") meeting in Wellington 2006.

The purpose of the Working Group is to provide the country code Top Level Domain ("ccTLD") community with advice and to share information on the technical and operational aspects of running a ccTLD.

2 Scope of Activities

The Working Group shall undertake the following activities:

1. The Working Group shall gather information on how small, medium and large ccTLDs operate from a technical, and policy perspective.
2. During each International Public Meeting of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers ("ICANN") the Working Group shall conduct workshops to gather and share information of interest to ccTLDs in terms of paragraph 1 above.
3. The Working Group shall document examples of the technical and operational solutions in use in, and potentially appropriate for adoption by different sizes of ccTLDs.
4. The Working Group shall liaise with the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority ("IANA") and
 - monitor the ccTLD related services provided by IANA;
 - make recommendations with regards to the provision of such services;
 - provide information and input to the CCNSO and ccTLDs on matters of relevance to IANA and ccTLDs; and
 - facilitate discussions on issues relating to IANA.

The Working Group shall select one of its members to be specifically tasked with organizing the activities relating to and liaising with IANA.

5. The Working Group shall liaise with other related ICANN Working Groups and organizations such as *inter alia* the IETF.
6. In the event that the Working Group identifies potential policy issues that follow from the above it shall report these issues to the ccTLD community and the CCNSO Council to take appropriate action.
7. In the event this charter does not provide guidance and/or the impact of the charter is unreasonable for conducting the business of the Working Group the Working Group shall decide.

3 Information Sharing

The documents produced by the Working Group shall not be binding in any way on any ccTLD, and are merely intended to assist ccTLD managers by sharing information about safe, secure and successful operational practices.

4 Membership, Chair and Support

Membership in this Working Group is open to all ccTLDs regardless of their membership in the CCNSO. Its members and Chair are appointed by the CCNSO Council. The Working Group shall select a Co-Chair from among its members.

1. Current Members

- a) David Archbold (.KY)
- b) Jay Daley (.NZ)
- c) Ondrej Filip (.CZ)
- d) Hansang Lee (.KR)
- e) Eberhard Lisse (.NA) (Chair)
- f) Slobodan Markovic (GAC)
- g) Norm Ritchie (.CA) (Co-Chair)

The Working Group is supported by the CCNSO Secretariat.

5 Duration

It is anticipated that the Working Group is established for an undetermined time.

If the Working Group determines that it has completed its work, or that it can not achieve its goals, it shall submit a final report to the Council and recommend closure of the Working Group.

6 Working Group Meetings and Communication

The Working Group shall deliberate predominantly via a mailing list set up, maintained and archived by CCNSO/ICANN staff. The archives of the mailing list and this charter shall be publicly accessible. Interested members of the public at large may subscribe to the mailing list ("*lurkers*"). In its deliberations the Working Group shall seek to reach consensus among its members. If there is a minority view of the members on a particular issue, that minority position shall be articulated in the relevant document.

Meetings of the Working Group shall be organized by its Chair. If an in-person meeting is considered to be necessary it shall be held in conjunction with an ICANN meeting. Teleconferences shall be arranged from time to time by ICANN/CCNSO staff on the request of the Chair. At all meetings or teleconferences minutes shall be taken, circulated via the mailing list, and made public on the CCNSO Website.

All communications circulated to and from the Working Group shall be in non-proprietary formats.

7 Review of Charter

This Charter will be reviewed on a regular basis by the CCNSO Council.

The Working Group may propose changes to this Charter to the CCNSO Council for adoption.