

Draft Principles for Cross-Community Working Groups (CWGs)

- 1) Scope of CWGs
 - a) Possible Purposes:
 - i) To provide information and recommendations to the chartering organizations (and perhaps ultimately the broader ICANN community) in accordance with the charter or directions from the chartering organizations.
 - ii) To provide a discussion forum to achieve greater community understanding.
 - iii) In any event, consensus policy development must occur using current Supporting Organization (SO) and Advisory Committee (AC) rules.
 - b) Relationship to Policy Development Processes (PDPs): The formation of a CWG may occur either prior to, following, or independent of a PDP to help define issues and concerns, or to provide implementation recommendations or related guidance.
- 2) Operations of CWGs
 - a) Formation of CWGs:
 - i) Apply appropriate SO/AC WG Guidelines to all CWGs whenever possible.
 - ii) All participating SOs/ACs should approve a single, joint Charter that defines the rules and procedures for the CWG.
 - iii) CWG Charters should include outcomes expected of the CWG and steps to be followed to review outcomes by chartering SOs and ACs.
 - b) Execution of CWGs
 - i) CWGs should follow the approved charter and bring concerns back to all chartering organizations for resolution according to their respective processes.
 - ii) SOs/ACs should solicit and consider the views of other SOs/ACs.
 - iii) CWGs should seek to accommodate diverging views where possible before finalizing positions.
 - c) Outcomes of CWGs:
 - i) CWGs do not develop policy. CWG recommendations should be considered for possible approval through the appropriate PDP.
 - ii) CWGs must communicate final reports and outcomes to chartering organizations for review and action
 - iii) CWGs' output must not be taken as an expression of community consensus, except as it may be endorsed as such by its chartering organizations.
 - iv) SOs/ACs should commit to timely review and finalizing of actions to avoid delays.