

Teleconference with ccNSO Leadership

DETAILS

Wednesday, 17 October 2024: 10:15-11:00 UTC

COMMUNITY PARTICIPANTS

- Alejandra Reynoso (chair)

Notes of conversation

1. ccNSO Council election

- Councillors from 5 of 15 Councillors appointed by ICANN region end of term March 2025
- Election process has started. Q&A session during ICANN81
- ccNSO Members vote November/December 2024

2. Board Seat 12 Nomination Process

- Candidates: Byron Holland (Cira, .ca) Nick Wenban-Smith (Nominet, .uk)
- Currently background check, once completed virtual Q&A session.
- Vote by ccNSO members anticipated in January – February 2025.

3. ccTLD Financial contributions:

- Topic ccTLD Financial contributions to be introduced @ ICANN81 meeting. Presenters: Xavier Calvez, Byron Holland and Roelof Meijer.
- Goal of session 5 years review, of model (banded model) and level of contributions and table the topic for further work by ccNSO
- Next steps: establish group to do review and suggest improvements (Roadmap)
- Roadmap to be presented in Seattle during ICANN82

4. WSIS+20 informal community group

- Group kick-started, observation on the call that it slow started due to various circumstances.
- From ICANN side Elena coordinating the group, From ccNSO: Jordan Carter and Peter Koch
- Sub-goal is to bring active cc's (technical coordination group) into broader community.

5. Applicant assistance program

This program might be of interest to ccTLDs and/or ccTLDs may act as point of contact for communities interested parties in country

6. "How we meet" dialogue

Summary to date

- ICANN internal “How we work” initiative. Opportunity to revisit the working method. Why do we do this, this way, making it more efficient. Cost-saving, efficiency ideas. Over 100 ideas across organization. These ideas are currently being reviewed and implemented
- “How we meet” initiative. Start discussion on do we need 3 meetings? Looking at how we meet from a cost and efficiency angle. Received a lot of constructive feedback, which is now being analysed and combined in common topics
- Budget prep time FY 26. (Oct. 24 for FY 26, starting 1 July 2024) One of the issues is “guestimates” around the meeting venues
- Final thread: new CEO starting in December, Sally back to GSE, overseeing meetings
- Message from letter from ccNSO on “how we meet” initiative is don’t change without community consultation. This sentiment was shared by RySG. However invitation on need to have conversation. Others are open to conversation

What is next?

- ICANN org looked at policy and policy is not problem. However landscape in which ICANN operates changed:
 - World more dangerous and polarized in general
 - People are becoming more polarized. Oman as example
 - General issue of finding affordable, available acceptable place to convene meeting venues.
- Suggestion is don’t need a new policy, but new set of requirement

Proposed process

- Kick-off meeting with SO/AC leadership (representatives) in Istanbul
- Agree on formation discussion group of SO/AC to discuss on how meetings could look like.
 - ICANN to provide:
 - Details on costs,
 - Summary of requirements today
 - Summary feedback organized thematically, understand if common ground
- SO/AC group to develop new requirements
 - ICANN assisting in drafting strawman where do we need to go to explore options
- New requirements go to public comment.
- Board and new CEO to be involved at later stage

Comments

- How much work it will be, to be assessed in Istanbul.
- “How we Meet” broader than ICANN meetings. However only the 3 ICANN meetings are subject of the meeting strategy policy, other (intersessional meetings) not subject of this policy.
- Background material to be provided a few days before the roundtable: allow attendees to familiarize with material
- Request also data on costs etc. other meetings (intersessional meetings)

