

Update on CWG

Copenhagen, January 25, 2015

In the weekend of January 10 and 11 the CWG had a couple of intense work days, where the co-chairs and coordinators of the sub-groups met in Washington and prepared and chaired 4 calls with the rest of the CWG. The group made some very good progress, and there were active and constructive participation. Before the weekend surveys regarding proposals coming out from the public comments had been sent to the CWG. We discussed the surveys systematically in order to find convergence in relation to the two proposals – “Internal ICANN” and “Contract co”. After the work weekend the co-chairs sent out a chair’s statement Sunday describing the key developments.

The original intention of this meeting was to produce a basis to prepare a final draft to be reviewed and signed off by the chartering organizations by January 19. Even though we all worked flat out during the weekend we didn’t reach the goal. The delay was addressed by the CWG chairs to the ICG chairs, and it has been agreed that the CWG has to revise the timeline and get back to the ICG with a new timeline and project-plan by the end of January.

This new timeline will include the dependencies that effects finalization of the proposal. The dependencies are:

1. Legal advice – the CWG has decided to get legal advice on the two proposals, the “Internal ICANN” solution and the “Contract co”. This has been requested in the comments and from the CWG. A legal scoping document is being prepared, and a client committee of 4 (Greg Shatan, Maarten Simon, SIDN and both co-chairs) has been established in order to have a small group of people dealing with the lawyers. This speed of getting this work started has high priority for the CWG.
2. The CCWG Accountability – is another dependency. The work of the CWG needs to be in close coordination with the CCWG. The CWG has sent a document to the CCWG with issues that has been identified as issues that the CCWG should take into account of their work. The CCWG meet in Frankfurt on January 19 and 20, and they are preparing an answer to the CWG document. The co-chairs of CWG are having weekly calls with the chairs of CCWG, and will continuously ensure to coordinate issues of interest for the two groups, timeline and legal advice.
3. The sign of by the chartering organizations – A key component in the timeline for development of the CWG proposal is ensuring that the chartering organisations are in the right position to support the proposal. Moreover, that the chartering organisations can deliver that support in as timely a manner as possible. In relation

to the ccNSO this means that in order to ensure the timely support from the ccNSO as a chartering organisation of the CWG, at least two pre-requisites must be met.

- a. The ccNSO needs to be both well informed on and fully engaged with the development of the proposal.
- b. The ccNSO needs to be prepared and organised to receive the final proposal as soon as it is ready to be reviewed for approval.

Singapore will be a good opportunity to inform and discuss the two proposals and focus on the issues where the cc-community diverges. Furthermore the cc-world list must be used to further inform the ccTLDs that are not member of the ccNSO.

The group has discussed that we might have a second round of public consultation, and if this should be 40 days or less. This will also be incorporated in the new timeline as an option.

The CWG is having their next meeting on Thursday January 29, and a revised timeline should be agreed by the group on this call. More information will follow regarding this.