

ccNSO Policy Gaps Analysis Working Group (PGA-WG)

Update to ccNSO Members Meeting

12 UTC | Tuesday, 12 November 2024

Agenda

1. Background and role
 - a. Why the Policy Gaps Analysis Working Group (PGA-WG) was established
 - b. WG members

2. Work & output to date
 - a. Overview Document – introduction to the community
 - b. List of gaps / issues under consideration

3. Next steps

1. Background and Role - why the PGA-WG was established

1. .LB case highlighted a potential gap in the global policy framework (June 2023)
2. Ad-hoc group of ccNSO Council members established after ICANN77
3. Agreed at ICANN80 in Kigali that a more formal, transparent structure needed
4. Policy Gaps Analysis Working Group formed (first meeting August 2024) to
 - a. Prepare an overview of policies and guidance related to ccTLDs
 - b. Identify possible gaps in current policy/guidance/practices
 - c. Advise ccNSO Council whether to act (and if so how) on any gaps identified

1. Background and Role – Working Group membership

Members:

Jordan Carter (.au) - chair

Chris Disspain (Council),

Abdalmonem Galila (Egypt IDN ccTLD)

Peter Koch (.de),

Diego Ernesto Luna Quevedo (.co),

Pablo Rodriguez (.pr),

Mirjana Tasić (.rs),

Nick Wenban-Smith (.uk),

Declan McDermott (.ie)

Irina Danelia (.ru/.pф),

Atsushi Endo (.jp),

Eric Iriarte Ahon (.pe),

Svetlana Lobanova (.ru/.pф),

Laxmi Prasad Yadav (.np),

Maria Camila Rojas Azula (.co) - vice chair

Eduardo José Tomé Peralta (.hn),

Pengyu Zhu (.cn)

Liaisons. Rocío de la Fuente (LACTLD), Federica Tortorella (LACTLD) & Peter van Roste (CENTR)

Participants. Laura Margolis (ALAC Liaison to ccNSO)

Observers. Sagar Gupta (observer)

Experts. Kim Davies (PTI) & Selina Harrington (PTI)

2. Work & output to date

Building on informal group's work and community discussions up to ICANN 80:

1. Refine draft Overview Document of existing policies and guidance to create a useful community resource (sharing with community at ICANN 81)
2. Assess IANA list of potential gaps and propose methods to fill them (still underway)

2. Work & output to date: The Overview Document

The Working Group created an Overview Document to bring all the elements of the existing policies, practices and guidance together in one place.

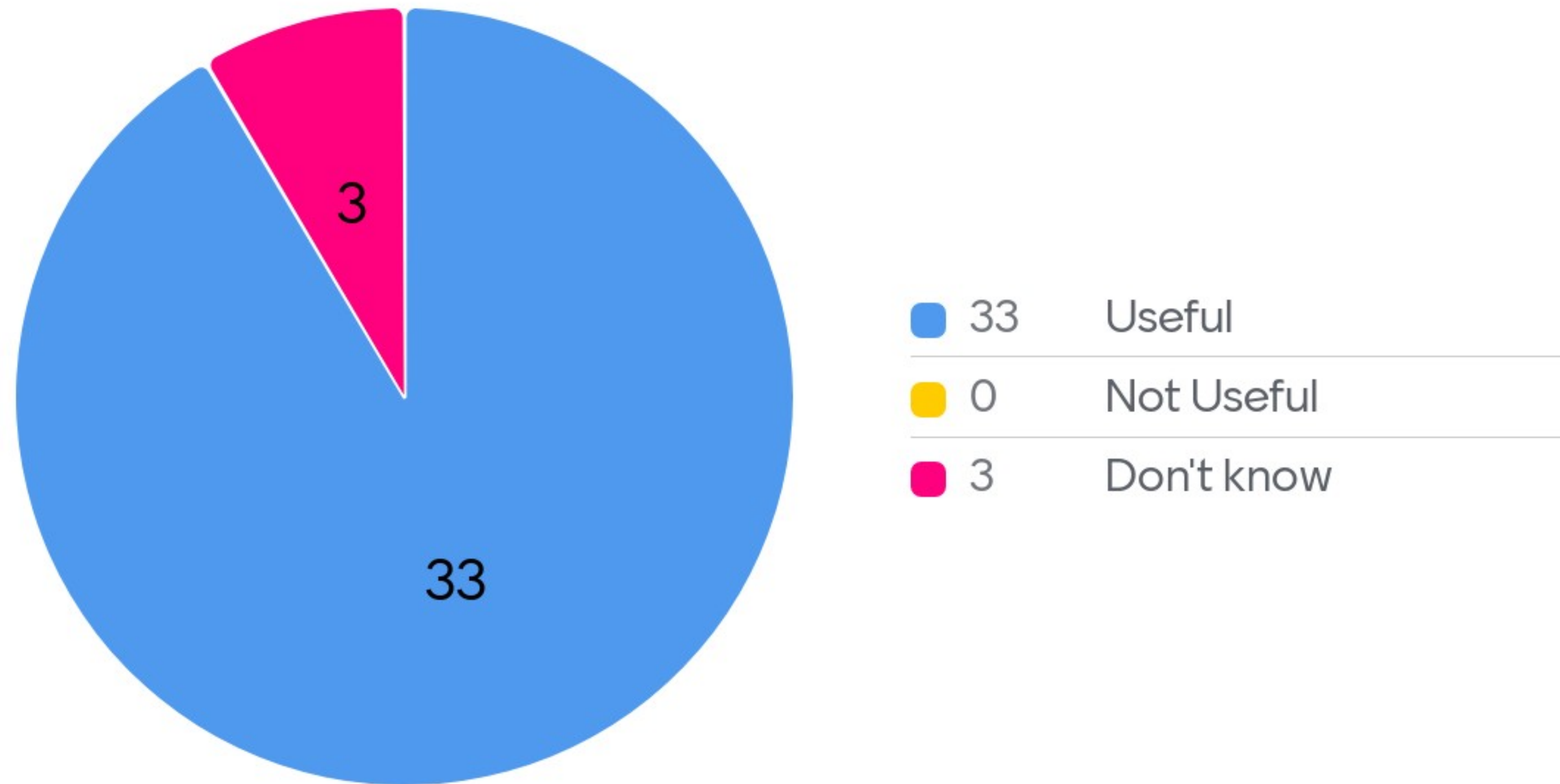
This helps with Working Group participants being able to find and review all existing policy / practices / guidance.

The [Overview Document](#) can be a community resource, helping anyone understand the whole framework of policy, practice and guidance that shape how IANA and ccTLDs relate to each other.

We will introduce it to you next.

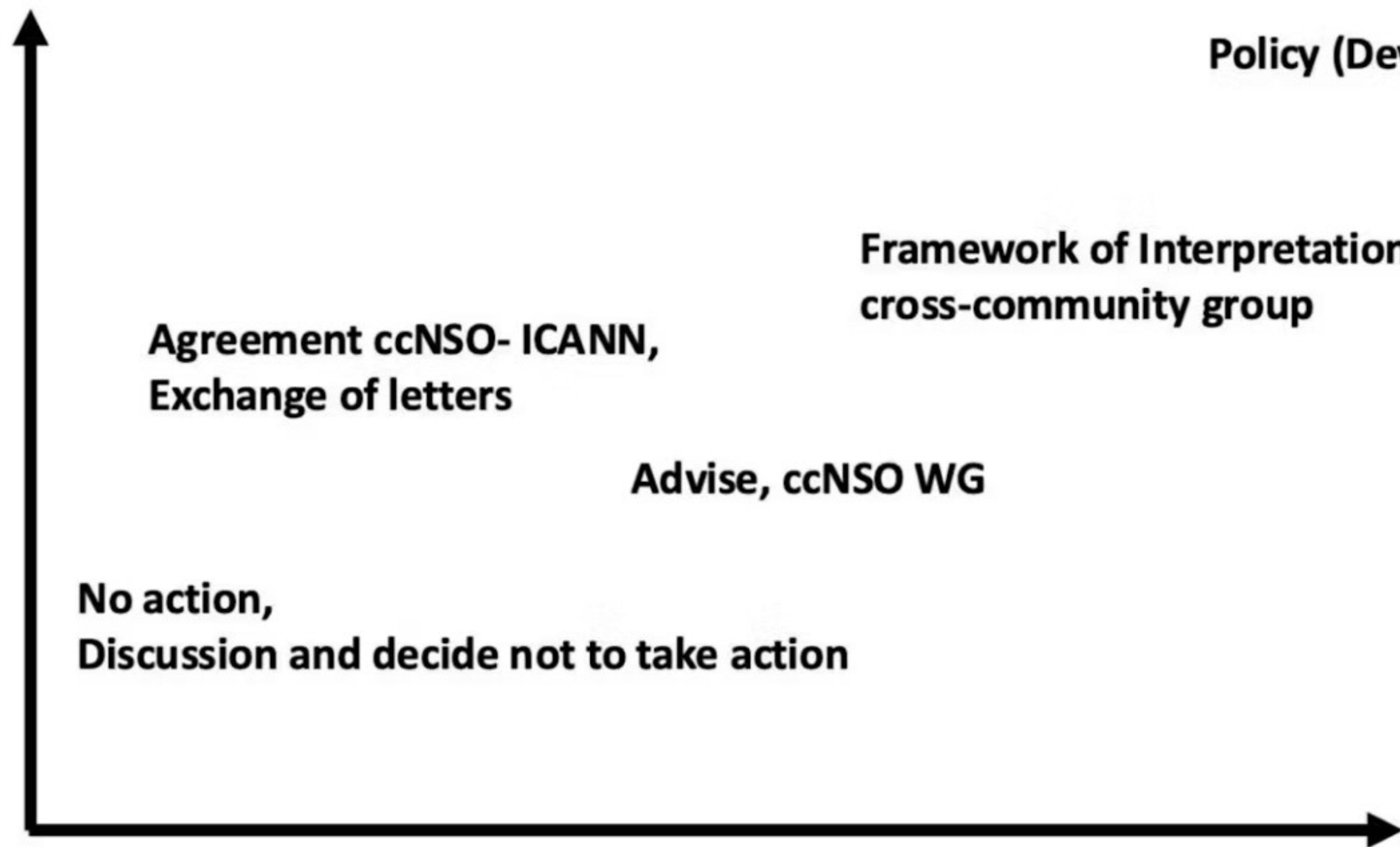
⇒ Comments or Feedback welcome (to the ccNSO Secretariat) by **Friday 17 January 2025**.

Do you think the overview document will be useful for you and/or your ccTLD?



2. Work & Output to date: overview of methods to resolve issues

Impact on issue, scope of work



Resources
Time, volunteers, staff

2. Work & output to date: Current Issues

The Working Group's first focus has been on a list of potential gaps (in policy, or practice, or guidance) identified by IANA and shared with the WG.

We are working on categorizing the type of gap or issue, and how to resolve it.

Discussed so far	Yet to fully discuss
Data accuracy	Local presence requirements
Purpose of public records	Resignation of a ccTLD manager
Enforcement/graduated compliance options	Minimum involvement by ccTLD manager in ccTLD operations
Ensuring eligibility assessment before practical changes	Disaster recovery
	Request confidentiality
	Lack of clear statement of current policies

2. Work & output to date:

Tentative approaches to resolve issues

	Nature of gap	Lack/gap in policy	Interpretation of policy	Gap in IANA procedure	Gap / Lack of Guidance to ccTLDs	Unique, once in a lifetime	No issue ccNSO
IANA Issue	Method to address gap	Use PDP	USE CCG/WG Example Framework of Interpretation	USE WG OR Study Group	USE WG Example: Wildcard Study Group	USE Exchange of letters between ccNSO and ICANN (.lb case)	No action
Purpose of public DNS records, Data Accuracy				X	X		
Enforcement / graduated compliance				X			

3. Next Steps

Complete assessment of IANA list of potential gaps and prepare recommendations on next steps for ccNSO Council

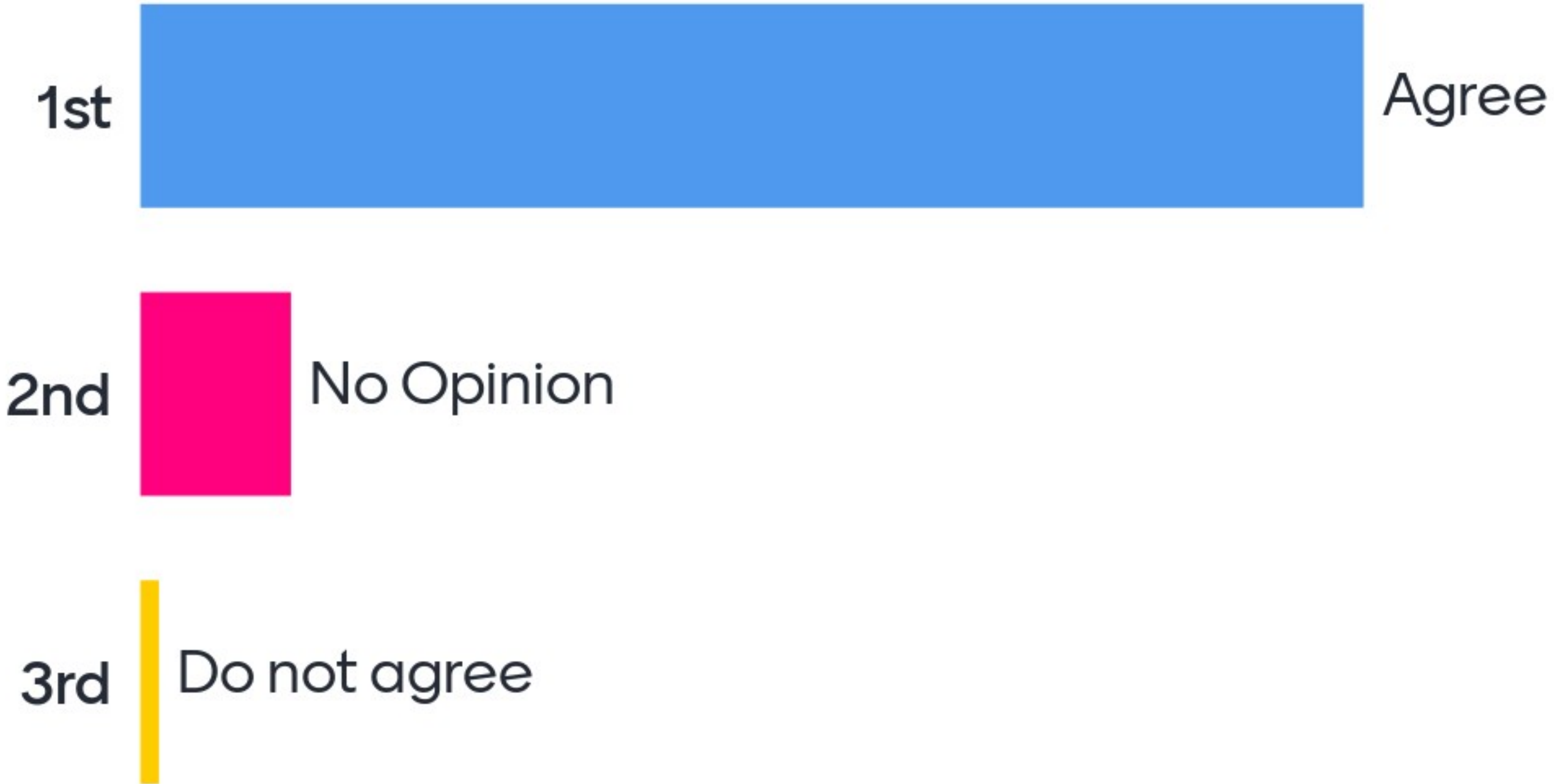
⇒ In time to discuss priority issue(s) and ways to address them at ICANN 82 (Mar-25)

Assess any community feedback on Overview Document and update if required

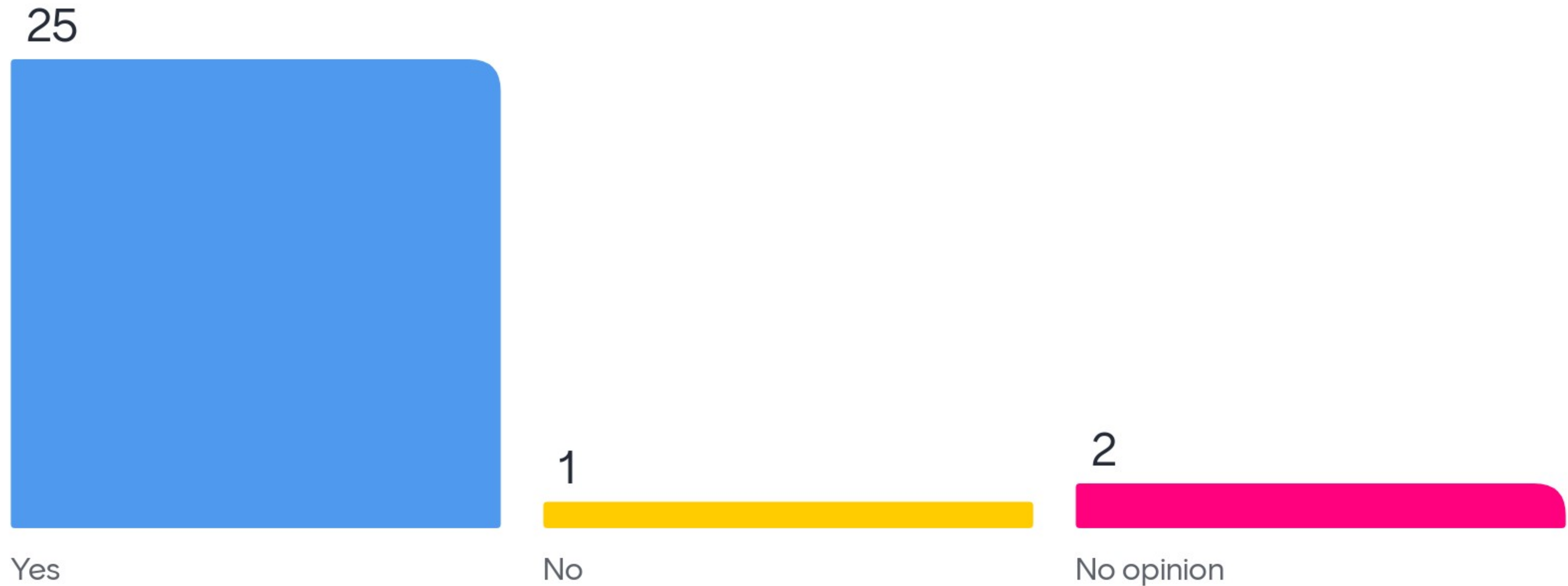
⇒ Revised version at ICANN 82 (Mar-25)

IF TIME: Ask for community input on any other gaps in policy / practice / guidelines

Do you agree with the planned next steps?



Do you think this policy gap analysis work should stay as a priority of the ccNSO?



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How would you rate this session?

