

ICANN FY16 budget

Concerns within council that ICANN budget allocation for policy work may be too low or not adequate. David Olive provided an update to council regarding how budget has evolved (increased support to SO/ACs) as well as specific items and shared budget allocations. The GNSO may bring together volunteers from within the GNSO to draft a comment to the ICANN FY16 budget (would be unrepresented as it's normally done via SG's and constituencies). Deadline for comment is 1 May.

Update on CWG on new gTLD auction proceeds

After an invite for expression of interest, good response was received from other SO/ACs (ccNSO offered expert advice, but would not be a chartering organisation). There is now a call for volunteers for a drafting team. Proceeds were mentioned to stand at around 55 million.

GNSO discussed letter from Steve Crocker where he notes a CWG is welcome and that Board would be doing its own work on this topic too and that a CWG would be 'one' input to the process. It was stated that the Board would be reaching out to broader internet community (outside the SO/AC structure). This raised concern within GNSO and with further input from GNSO communities will determine how to respond to Board.

Updates on CCWG Enhancing ICANN Accountability and CWG IANA stewardship transition

Updates were provided by Thomas Rickert (CCWG Accountability) and Jonathan Robinson (CWG IANA stewardship) to the GNSO on the recent council call (this report will not include details given ccNSO knowledge of issue already). Regarding IANA stewardship proposal, a question was posed on the expectation of the group as to the how ICG would treat the naming community proposal given other two communities have already completed proposals. Jonathan noted they are structuring the proposal as close as possible to the existing proposals so ICG can work with all submissions as efficiently as possible. The group are also very mindful of the autonomy of the other community groups.

New gTLD subsequent rounds discussion group

The work of this group is close to complete and they are working on some deliverables in the coming weeks after which they'll submit a motion to council for request of an issue report along with a table of issues for consideration and draft charter for a future working group. It's like the group will make an informational presentation at ICANN Buenos Aires in June.

Update on GNSO Council Template for Feedback on GAC Communiqués

The GNSO are reviewing a draft template ([see ICANN Singapore version](#)) used to help GNSO assess implications of GAC communiqué's to GNSO policy.

Update on Proposed Framework for PDP WG on Next-Generation Registration Directory Services

Susan Kawaguchi updated briefly on from this group noting [documents](#) (final framework proposal) posted. Staff are working on a preliminary report due out for comment in June.

Dot sucks TLD

The IPC forwarded a [letter](#) to GNSO which they had sent to ICANN management regarding concerns about activity of the .sucks TLD. GNSO had some minor discussion via mails but probably won't take any action as the new gTLD had already passed delegation. Any contractual issues will be dealt with by ICANN compliance. Excerpt from the letter: *"...Approving "sucks", a gTLD with little or no public interest value, will have the effect of undermining the credibility ICANN has slowly been building with skeptical stakeholders. Three companies - Donuts Inc., Momentous Corporation, and Top Level Spectrum Inc. - have applied for this gTLD, claiming that it will foster debate and benefit consumers. I view it as little more than a predatory shakedown scheme. The business model behind this gTLD seems to be the following: force large corporations, small businesses, non-profits, and even individuals, to pay ongoing fees to prevent seeing the phrase "sucks" appended to their names on the Internet..."*

Recent motions passed:

1. Adoption of the Standing Committee on Improvement Implementation (SCI) Review Request Concerning Seconding and Amendments
2. Adoption of the Standing Committee on Improvement Implementation (SCI) Review Request Concerning Overlap of Waiver and Resubmission
3. Amendment to the charter for the IGO-INGO access to Curative Rights Protection Mechanisms PDP Working Group.

See details of the above motions at <http://gns0.icann.org/en/council/resolutions#201504>