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Agenda

- New gTLD's – where are we?
- IDN status
- Registry relations
- Institutional confidence, JPA status
- Internet Governance
- Enhancing Participation

On new gTLDs

- ICANN Staff working to address Community concerns
- Working on Applicant Guidebook version 3 expected in Q3, prior to ICANN Seoul Meeting
- Seeking comments through participation in the Overarching Issues dedicated Wiki and through direct contact with Staff
- Tentative launch scheduled for 2010

The 4 "Overarching Issues"

- Root zone scaling
  - What is the technical impact of expanding the root zone?

- Trademark protection
  - How can the process provide appropriate trademark protection?

- Malicious conduct
  - What safeguards can be put in place to reduce opportunities for malicious uses of the DNS?

- Economic analysis
  - What will the economic impact of new gTLDs be?

Relationships with
TLD Registries and Registrars (1/2)

- New gTLDs:
  - Ensure applicant evaluation of new gTLD and IDN applicants continues to provide for secure operations

- gTLD registries:
  - mature the gTLD registry continuity plan and test the data escrow system
  - Conduct RSEP (Registry Services Evaluation Process)/ RSTEP (Registry Services Technical Evaluation Panel) processes on registry services proposals

Relationships with
TLD Registries and Registrars (2/2)

- ## ccTLD Registries:
  - Enhance collaboration on maturing the joint Attack and Contingency Response Planning (ACRP) program that has been established in conjunction with the ccNSO and the regional TLD associations

- ## Registrars:
  - Continue policy development to enhance registrar accreditation and data escrow requirements through improvements to the RAA (Registrar Accreditation Agreement)

IDN status

General Implementation Status

- **DNS Stability Panel**
  - contractor designated
  - panel members to be hired and briefed

- **Linguistic related processes**
  - support processes as needed (some UN focused)

- **Request system**
  - last development steps
  - legal review & testing process

- **Support material**
  - revision of http://www.icann.org/en/topics/idn/fast-track/
  - establish support function

Relationship with ICANN

- Proposed three solutions:
  - mandatory arrangement similar to AF
  - exchange of Letters
  - checkboxes in online request system

- Current activity:
  - need finalization for Board consideration
    - ICANN meeting in Seoul, Korea.
    - to be included in request system forms and notifications

Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) Operations

- Supporting the implementation of DNS Security Extensions (DNSSec)
  - Agreement with USG/VeriSign to sign root by end of year
- Initiate improving root zone management through automation
- Improve authentication of communication with TLD managers

DNS Root Server Operations

- Continuing to seek mutual recognition of roles and responsibilities and initiate a voluntary effort to conduct contingency planning and exercises
- Secure, resilient L-root operation

Institutional Confidence (1/2)

- 27 February 2009, the President Strategy Committee (PSC) published a draft implementation plan for Improving Institutional Confidence http://www.icann.org/en/jpa/iic/draft-iic-implementation-26feb09-en.pdf for information and discussion during ICANN's Mexico City (March 09) meeting. The Board directed staff to produce implementation analysis of the PSC proposals.

- On 31 May 2009, the report "Improving Institutional Confidence: The Way Forward" http://www.icann.org/en/jpa/iic/iic-the-way-forward-31may09-en.pdf was published for information and discussion ahead of the Sydney meeting in June 2009

Institutional Confidence (2/2)

- ICANN Board Resolution in Sydney identified next steps, which include:
  - Staff working with leadership of the SO's and AC's to establish guidance on disclosing and handling conflicts of interest across the SO's and AC's
  - Further improvements in coordination and potentially increased cross-participation between SO's and AC's, issue-identification stage of new policy initiatives
  - Develop staff code of conduct
  - Procedures for implementing practice of executive summaries
  - Continued progress to operational and management excellence.

Board accountability and review mechanisms

- The ICANN Bylaws currently set forth three mechanisms for accountability and review of ICANN Board decisions: (1) the Reconsideration Process (Article IV, Section 2); (2) the Independent Review Process (Article IV, Section 3.1); and (3) the Office of the Ombudsman (Article V).

- The " IIC, the way forward" report included two detailed proposals for implementing the PSC's recommended bylaw changes to modify or create accountability and review mechanisms: a) re-examination vote and b) Independent review body

  - the objective of the **Community Re-Examination Vote** is to allow the ICANN community to come together and vote for the Board to re-examine a decision taken by resolution (two-thirds majority vote of two-thirds of the Councils of all the Supporting Organizations and two-thirds of members of all the Advisory Committees)

  - the proposed changes that would create the **Independent Review Body** would allow reviews of the Board decisions under the rubrics of Fairness, Fidelity and Rationality. The Independent Review Body should consist of a standing panel of internationally recognized relevant technical experts as well as internationally recognized jurists, including persons with senior appellate judge experience

- *The two proposed accountability measures have been posted for 60 days of public comments, from 23 July 2009 through 25 September 2009.*

Board-GAC working group

- Government Advisory Committee proposed a joint Board-GAC working group to initiate process to consider role of GAC in ICANN.

- Consider measures to enhance support of the GAC's work, and better ways for governments to be informed about ICANN and for enhanced opportunities for the GAC to meet with the ICANN Board and community.

- Work on appointing this Committee is underway

Joint Project Agreement

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- NTIA posted a Notice of Inquiry seeking public comments on the termination of JPA. Feedback was due 8 June 2009 and responses posted.

- ICANN's view on the JPA: The original MOU used the word "Test" when it was commenced almost 11 years ago - it was a test of whether ICANN could perform the function

- After those 11 years, ICANN's evolved and proved to be a successful organization with international support and participation - in simple terms "it works"

- Whilst the JPA is not an oversight mechanism, its conclusion will prove that the model works – it is now time to end the 11 years of temporary MOUs and tentative acceptance of this model

- Next steps

Internet Governance

- IGF: Outcome of WSIS with 5 year mandate
- Emerging global platform for multistakeholder discussion in Internet related issues.
  - Addresses range of issues including openness, access, multilingualism, critical Internet resources
  - Wide range of issues, including ones relating to ccTLDs
- Debate about models for managing Internet:
  - Global
  - Regional
  - National

On enhancing Participation

- Raise awareness of the various constituency groups in ICANN
- ICANN meeting fellowships
  - Support to ccTLDs
  - GAC has also requested support
  - Fellowships for Seoul
    - Just posted, good diversity of participation
    - 35 overall, with 17 from region
- Outreach
  - Security updates (ccTLDs)
  - Presentation and participation of staff at various Internet fora
- Remote participation tools
- Translation
- Participation varies, from unaware to leadership

See you in Seoul!

- ICANN 36 in Seoul, 25-30 October 2009

Thank you

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