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IMPROVING INSTITUTIONAL CONFIDENCE WORKSHOP



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Improving Institutional Confidence



The PSC / Consultation Topics

Input from consultations

What we've heard this week

Timeline

More detail: Internationalization



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I.I.C. Topics

- Capture
- Accountability
- Internationalization
- Financial and Operational Stability
- Stability & Security of the Internet's Unique Identifiers
- Bottom-up, consensus-based model

Participation in Improving Institutional Confidence

icann.org/en/jpa/iic/regional-meetings.htm

- Video, audio, transcripts
- All consultation documents in 11 languages

Outreach

- Montevideo, Uruguay (LACNIC), August
- Christchurch, New Zealand (APNIC), August
- Geneva, (IGF prep meeting), September 2008
- Washington D.C. , 1st October 2008
- Dakar, Senegal, (Internet Governance and Policy Makers in Africa), 13 October 2008



Outreach & Input

Montevideo, Uruguay

Christchurch, New Zealand

Dakar, Senegal

Priorities:

- Internationalization is essential
- Participation is crucial and needs to be encouraged
- More time for consultation



Outreach & Input

Geneva, Switzerland

Priorities:

- Role of the GAC and the USG's oversight role
- Importance of broader participation
- Different kinds of capture
- Importance of internationalization
- More time for consultation



Outreach & Input

Washington D.C.
USA

Priorities:

- Concerns about new gTLDs
- Maintaining business user participation
- Risk of external capture by governments
- Uncertainty about the international presence
- Importance of compliance, especially Whois
- Board accountability mechanisms
- More time for consultation



Outreach & Input - online

2 public comment periods:

16 June - 31 July 2008

19 Sept - 20 Oct 2008



Priorities:

- Capture, including external
- Increased Board accountability mechanisms
- Support internationalization, not necessarily more legal presences
- Business user participation in ICANN
- Identify additional sources of funding, but only after consulting the community.
- GAC should continue to be advisory, but participation be increased.

Still to come

- Mauritius, Afrinic meeting, November 2008
- Hyderabad, India, IGF meeting, December 2008: side meeting to raise awareness about IIC initiative

2009:

More to come



What we are hearing in Cairo

The community wants:

More detail on:

- Internationalization
- Accountability

Next steps

More time

Address all types of capture

Underlying all of these:

ACCOUNTABILITY

ICANN'S legitimacy derives from its accountability.

Accountability must apply to all policy processes and all stakeholders.



More details

Internationalization

Broad agreement in principle, but need more detail and discussion on what is needed and why

Publication of:

“Internationalization of ICANN: Meeting the needs of the Global Internet Community of the Future”



Accountability:

Some call the proposal to remove the Board a “nuclear option”.

- Want to see more detail?
- Want to see alternatives?

We will invite expert advisors to explore the options.

Next steps

1. “From Design to Implementation” – draft work plan, for information, November 2008
1. “Design Document”, for public comment in January/February 2009, before the Mexico City meeting

We have heard that the community needs to be an active participant in this process.



More time

Detailed information documents will be published during November & December ahead of consultations on “Draft Design” in February-March.

Before we proceed to implementation, we need the confidence of the community that these are the measures you can rely upon post-September 2009



Address all types of capture

Broad agreement that ICANN needs to be protected against all forms of capture, including capture by external actors.

We invite your comments on effective mechanisms to avoid and diminish the different potential kinds of capture.



Timetable

Nov: IIC 2008-2009 Timetable and “Internationalizing ICANN”

Dec: “From Design to Implementation”, the draft IIC work plan with proposed deliverables for each outstanding issue

19-23 Jan: “Draft Design”, published for information to Board’s February meeting.

Jan-Feb: Drafts of implementation materials (e.g. reports, proposed bylaw changes) published for comments/information

1-6 Mar: Mexico City meeting – public discussions on Draft Design and implementation materials

5 Mar: Board meeting, decision on Draft Design

21 June: Progress report to the ICANN Board and community

September 2009: Publication of Implementation Report on Improving Institutional Confidence



Reasons for internationalization

- Meet the needs of continued expansion of the global Internet (history of WSIS discussions that internationalization is desirable)
- Strengthen relationships with governments, intergovernmental organizations and NGOs
- Global advocacy and policy making (some parties will not engage because Californian law is foreign to them)
- Contractual issues (some contracts delayed by fear of entering into contracts with a California-based public benefit non-profit)
- Human resource issues (hiring, visas, immigration, healthcare, location, taxation)



Questions & Answers

