ICANN Update at PacNOG15

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Overview

- NTIA-IANA function stewardship transition

- ICANN update from ICANN 50

- Participation in ICANN

NTIA IANA stewardship function transition

- Announcement by USG-NTIA on 14 March 2014
- Proposals Guiding Principles
  - Must have broad community support and address the following 4 principles
    - Support and enhance the multistakeholder model;
    - Maintain the security, stability and resiliency of the Internet DNS;
    - Meet the needs and expectation of the global customers and partners of the IANA services; and,
    - Maintain the openness of the Internet.

- NTIA also specified that it will **not** accept a proposal that replaces the NTIA role with a government-led or an intergovernmental organization solution.

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What are the IANA functions?

- The IANA functions involve the coordination of unique Internet identifiers, including:

    o maintenance of the protocol parameter registries on behalf of the IETF;

    o allocation of Internet Numbers in cooperation with the Regional Internet Registries;

    o management of the .ARPA and .INT domains;

    o administrative responsibilities of the DNS root zone;

    o coordination of root zone management.

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Developments since the announcement

+ ICANN launched a multistakeholder-designed process at the ICANN 49 Meeting in Singapore in March 2014;

+ The goal was to gather the community's views and contributions on how the mechanisms for the transition of NTIA's stewardship of the IANA functions should occur;

+ The wider Internet community was also invited to provide their input via a publicly archived mailing list (*ianatransition@icann.org*), with an initial comment deadline of 27 March.

Developments since the announcement

+ From 8 April – 8 May 2014, ICANN issued a call for public comment on the draft principles, mechanisms and process to develop a proposal (translated into 5 official UN languages, plus Portuguese);

   + 700 email exchanges;

   + 60 process contributions;

   + Participation from global stakeholders, including government, private sector, civil society, technical, academic community and end users;

   + Submissions made in different languages.

Developments since the announcement

+ On 24 April, a special session was held at NETmundial conference in Brazil:

  + Over 1,000 attendees from 116 countries;

  + 1168 remote participants from 33 worldwide remote hubs in 23 countries;

  + Participation from global stakeholders, including government, private sector, civil society, technical, academic community and end users;

+ ICANN's GSE team and partner organizations have been and continue to engage in a series of regional dialogues with global stakeholders.

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Process and next steps

+ 6 June 2014 – Process to Develop a Proposal and Next Steps posted online, echoing community feedback:

  + Renamed the "Steering Group" to "Coordination Group"

  + No role for the Chair of the ICANN Board and Chair of the GAC in selection of members;

  + Direct representation (self-selection);

  + Eliminated the distinction between affected and non-affected parties;

  + Revised composition to ensure greater balance and representation, including indirect stakeholders.
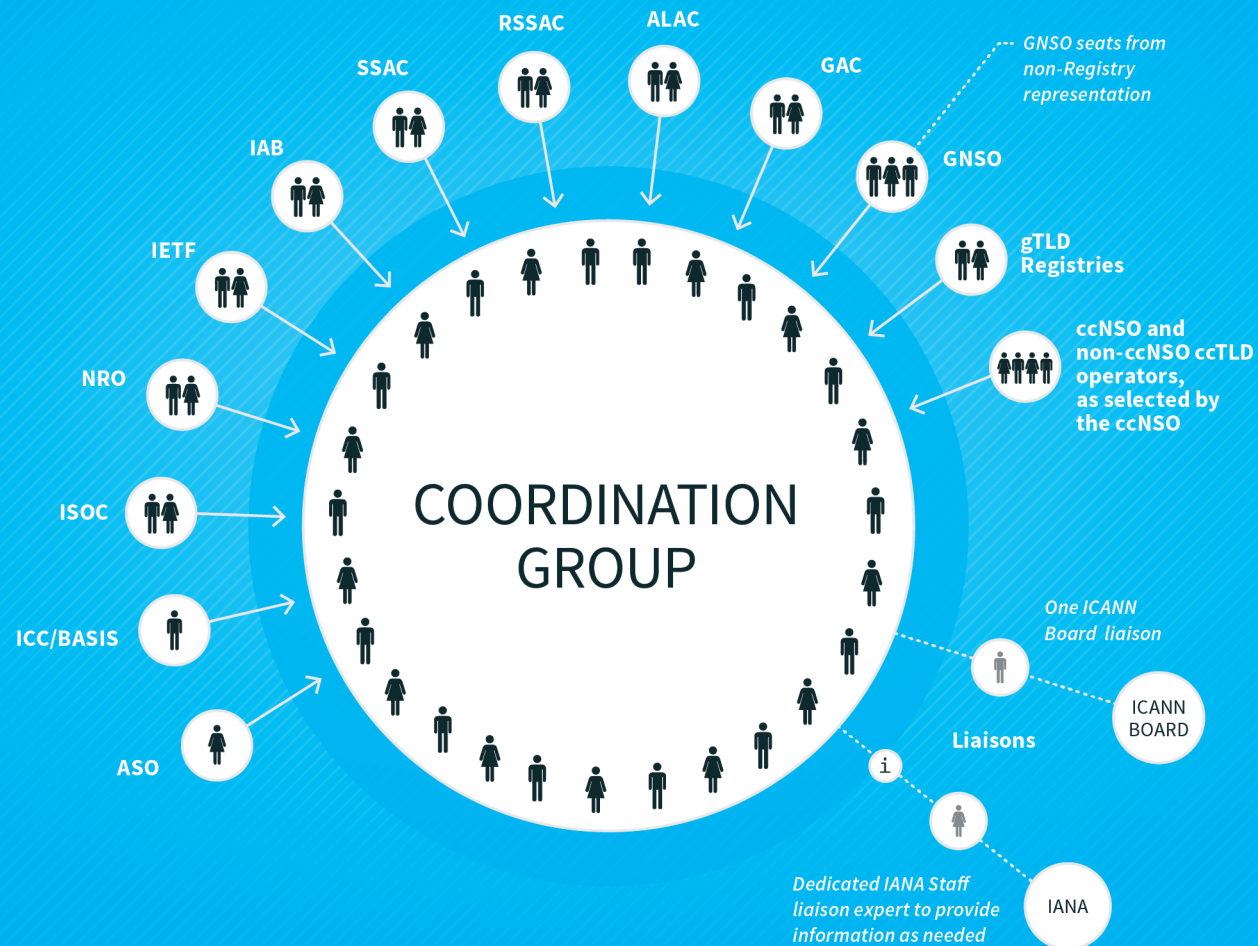
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+ Revisions to draft process echoing community feedback:

  + Non-prescriptive about the roles and responsibilities of the Coordination Group;

    + Coordination Group will establish its own working methods and modes of operation;

  + ICANN maintains neutral role as convener and facilitator of process;

  + Coordination Group encouraged to adhere to diversity standards as they undergo internal selection processes.

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Process and next steps

+ Next steps:

  + Call for names from respective communities;
  + Deadline to submit names is 2 July 2014;
  + Tentative face-to-face meeting in mid-July.

+ Dedicated microsite: https://www.icann.org/stewardship/

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New gTLD program update

- As of ICANN 50 week:
    - 1721 applications had passed evaluation
    - 440 contracts had been signed (many more invited)
    - 319 strings had been delegated
    - Expect delegation of remaining strings up till 2017

- Latest Program statistics at:
    - http://newgtlds.icann.org/en/program-status/statistics

New WHOIS

- Proposed changes to the current WHOIS

- Expert Working Group report on Registration Directory Services proposes:

    o A balance between accuracy, access and accountability

    o A more centralized approach to registrant contact data

    o Hidden or "gated" contact data, but available to registered (accredited) users of the system

- Final report: https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/final-report-06jun14-en.pdf

- Check out Whois beta for gTLDs:

    o http://whois.icann.org/

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Participation in ICANN

- Open to entire Internet ecosystem

- Receive updates via MyICANN.org
  - Free online courses at ICANN Learn

- Submit public comments via online forum

- Attend ICANN's public meetings in person or online (fellowship programs)
  - ICANN 51 Los Angeles (http://meetings.icann.org/)

- Join one of ICANN's Supporting Organizations or Advisory Committees

How to participate in Asia Pacific

- A Bi-monthly webinar scheduled every 2nd Thursday at 3.00UTC
  - o Next up: Contractual compliance on 14 August
- Subscribe to a Bi-monthly newsletter <apachub@icann.org>
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