Cross Community Working Groups

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Context & Objectives

Cross Community Working Groups

- Increased use of cross-community working groups (CWGs) i.e. chartered by more than one Supporting Organization (SO) or Advisory Committee (AC)

- Perceived importance of CWGs raised questions about whether special rules or guidelines are needed

- GNSO Council established a CWG Drafting Team (CCWG-DT)

CWG Drafting Team

Cross community working groups Drafting Team

- Included representatives from all GNSO Stakeholder Groups, most Constituencies, and from the ALAC

- Developed a proposed framework under which jointly chartered CWGs:
  - Function effectively, and
  - Produce meaningful and timely reports and recommendations

- Developed a GNSO-agreed perspective. A potential departure point for developing broader community agreement on CWGs i.e. the role, function and method of conducting joint activities in future

Current Status

Cross Community Working Groups

- GNSO Council approved the Principles in March 2012
- The GNSO Council Chair sent the Principles to the other Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees for consideration

What are the Principles?

Discussion of Principles and Rationale

Scope of CWGs

- Possible purposes

- Relationship to PDPs

Operation of CWGs

- Formation

- Operation

- Possible outcomes

Scope

Scope of Community Working Groups

a) Possible Purposes:

i) To provide information and recommendations to the chartering organizations (and perhaps ultimately the broader ICANN community) in accordance with the charter or directions from the chartering organizations.

ii) To provide a discussion forum to achieve greater community understanding.

iii) In any event, consensus policy development must occur using current Supporting Organization (SO) and/or Advisory Committee (AC) rules.

b) Relationship to Policy Development Processes (PDPs): The formation of a CWG may occur either prior to, following, or independent of a PDP to help define issues and concerns, or to provide implementation recommendations or related guidance.

Operation

Operation of Community Working Groups

a) Formation of CWGs:

i) Apply appropriate SO/AC WG Guidelines to all CWGs whenever possible.

ii) All participating SOs/ACs should approve a single, joint Charter that defines the rules and procedures for the CWG.

iii) CWG Charters should include outcomes expected of the CWG and steps to be followed to review outcomes by chartering SOs and ACs.

b) Execution of CWGs

i) CWGs should follow the approved charter and bring concerns back to all chartering organizations for resolution according to their respective processes.

ii) SOs/ACs should solicit and consider the views of other SOs/ACs.

iii) CWGs should seek to accommodate diverging views where possible before finalizing positions.

Issues/Questions for Discussion

- How should we as SOs and ACs work together to develop CWG principles that we all jointly support?

- What should happen if multiple chartering organizations want a WG to operate under more than one charter?

- Any other questions

Next Steps

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- What principles would members of other SOs and ACs propose?

- For example, the ccNSO has proposed establishing a Cross-Community WG with the goal to arrive at common set of principles and the identification of areas of divergence in guidelines and practices across SO's and AC's.

Additional Questions, Comments & Discussion

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