

Dear Heather, Donna and James!

As you recall, since Marrakech we have actively engage with the CCWG-IG on reaching a better understanding of their scope of work and progress.

I have actively engaged on mail and during the calls with Olivier C.-L. During the call last week (April 29, which was an organisational call, as per hereunder) we had enough time in the agenda to raise the issue with participants present. We have found common ground on the following points:

1. So far the rather small CCWG-IG group has focussed primarily on:
 - acting as a bridge between ICANN (NY and Geneva based) Staff and the ICANN Communities
 - acting as a sounding board and commenter for ICANN staff-originated documents submitted to International Fora
 - organising meetings in international Internet Governance meetings explaining ICANN processes to the outside world

2. In Marrakech, the CCWG-IG has consented to “test” dividing its call schedules between calls that will address organisational matters and calls that will address policy matters. A typical call on organisational matters might include the preparation of the public session that the working group organises at ICANN meetings, but also the organising of sessions that are presented at external meetings. A typical call on policy issues will include discussion on ICANN staff originated policy papers submitted to UN-related processes, updates from Geneva, New York and other fora.

3. As far as policy issues are concerned, ICANN Staff has recommended for the rest of the year to concentrate in the upcoming ITU World Conference for Standardisation (WTSA-16), where at least 3 Working Groups are dealing with DNS related issues (for an overview see David Gross http://www.circleid.com/posts/20160429_internet_governance_in_transition_itu_battleground_rival_visions/). I would strongly suggest to ask ICANN staff about the direct relevance of those 3 working groups to the DNS policy development process, so as to evaluate if the Council should give further support to the CCWG IG between now and the conference in October.

4. Regular reporting of CCWG-IG activity is in its bylaws and the CCWG-IG should provide regular reports on its activities to all Chartering SOs/ACs. I want to remind you that I only act as Council liaison to the CCWG, and the CCWG-IG's co-chair from the GNSO is Rafik Dammak

Kindest regards,

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