Framework of Interpretation Working Group

GAC Update

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Background

- Delegation & Re-delegation Working Group
- Policies and Guidelines:
  - RFC 1591
  - ICP – 1
  - GAC Principles 2005
- Exhaustive review of IANA delegation/re-delegation reports
- Findings: lack of transparency and significant inconsistencies in IANA's application of policies and guidelines to requests for delegation and re-delegation of ccTLDs.

Framework of Interpretation Working Group

- Chartered in March 2011 to develop an overall framework for interpreting those policies and guidelines
- No changes to existing policy, no new policy
  - May recommend policy development if gaps are identified
- IANA functions contract out of scope
  - ccNSO comments on FNOI

Topics

1. "Consent" – meaning and requirements
2. The definition of "significantly interested parties" and processes and procedures for securing their input
3. Change of managers in the absence of the incumbent manager's consent
4. Creation of a comprehensive glossary for terms used in the policies and principles documents.
5. Identification of standard information to be included in IANA reports

Consideration Cycles

- Topic by topic
- Interim topic report
- Public consultation on the interim topic report
- Final topic report reflecting public comments
- Formal consideration of the final topic report by the ccNSO and the GAC.

Operations

- Meeting (by teleconference) once every two weeks
  - 9 meetings since Singapore
  - All meetings open
- No issue resolved during a single call
- 2 year timeline
- Background materials, working documents, other resources on ccNSO page of ICANN website