

Cross Community Working Group (CWG) to Develop an IANA Stewardship Transition Proposal on Naming Related Functions

What is this about?

The primary goal of the CWG is to produce a consolidated transition proposal for the elements of the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) Functions relating to the Domain Name System. The charter of the CWG has been adopted to date by the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC), the Country Code Supporting Organization (ccNSO), the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) and the Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC) while the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) is considering its adoption.

Why is this important?

It was determined that Stewardship Transition proposals for each of the IANA functions should be developed by the directly affected communities, the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) and Internet Architecture Board (IAB) for IANA functions related to Internet Protocol Parameters; the Number Resource Organization (NRO), the Address Supporting Organization (ASO), and the Regional Internet Registries (RIRs) for functions related the management and distribution of numbering resources; and the GNSO and ccNSO for functions related to the Domain Name System. These efforts will inform the work of the IANA Stewardship Transition Coordination Group (ICG), whose responsibility is to develop an overall integrated transition proposal from these autonomously developed components.

Two of IANA's global directly affected communities, the addressing and Internet protocol parameter communities, have responded to the NTIA's announcement and the formation of the ICG, by establishing working groups to provide input on their specific needs and expectations with respect to the IANA Stewardship Transition.

This CWG was formed as an integral part of this transition process, and to develop a proposal for the elements of the IANA Stewardship Transition that directly affect the naming community.

What is the current status of this project?

The CWG has just formed. To date, the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC), the Country Code Supporting Organization (ccNSO), the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) and the Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC) have adopted the charter, and are in the process of appointing members.

Expected next steps

The CWG will have its first meeting (via teleconference) on 6 October at 13.00 UTC, followed by a F2F meeting in Los Angeles during the ICANN meeting (scheduled for Monday 13 October from 12.15 – 13.45 local time (19.15 – 22.45 UTC), with remote participation). Both sessions will be recorded and transcribed.

Background

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) has requested that ICANN “convene a multistakeholder process to develop a plan to transition the U.S. government

stewardship role” with regard to the IANA Functions and related root zone management. In making its announcement, the NTIA specified that the transition proposal must have broad community support and meet the following 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
- Maintain the openness of the Internet.

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

On June 6 ICANN proposed the creation of an IANA Stewardship Transition Coordination Group (ICG) “responsible for preparing a transition proposal reflecting the differing needs of the various affected parties of the IANA functions.”

How can I get involved?

Participation in the CWG is open to members and observers. In addition to members, who are appointed by the chartering organizations, anyone interested in the work of the CWG, can join as an observer. Observers are expected to actively participate and attend all meetings. The only difference between a member and an observer is that any consensus calls or formal decisions that may need to be made will be limited to CWG members appointed by the chartering organizations. However, this does not take away that it is the expectation that the CWG will operate as much as possible with the views and consensus support of all participants in mind as the importance of considering all input and views on this important topic is recognized. Observers may be from a chartering organization, from a stakeholder group or organization not represented in the CWG or currently active within ICANN, or self-appointed. Those interested in joining should contact Grace Abuhamad (grace.abuhamad@icann.org), or the secretariats of your Supporting Organization or Advisory Committee.

Where can I find more information?

- [Charter of Cross Community Working Group \(CWG\) to develop an IANA Stewardship Transition Proposal on Naming Related Functions](#)
- [CWG Wiki](#)
- Open CWG F2F WG meeting during the ICANN meeting in Los Angeles: <http://la51.icann.org/en/schedule/mon-iana-stewardship-naming>

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