ICANN Policy Update Webinar
Introduction

David Olive
Goals for this session

- Update you on current Policy work and encourage you to participate
- Review issues to be discussed at the ICANN Meeting in Cartagena
- Inform you of upcoming initiatives and opportunities to provide input
- Answer any questions you might have
ICANN Meeting in Cartagena

- Highlights include:
  - New gTLD sessions
  - Security & Stability
  - Abuse of the DNS Forum
  - Public Participation Committee Community Update

- Further information
  http://cartagena39.icann.org/
Policy Developed at ICANN by:

ICANN Supporting Organizations

- GNSO - Generic Names Supporting Organization
- ccNSO - Country-code Names Supporting Organization
- ASO - Address Supporting Organization

Advice provided by Advisory Committee
- ALAC - At-Large Advisory Committee
- SSAC - Security & Stability Advisory Committee
- RSSAC - Root Server System Advisory Committee
- GAC - Governmental Advisory Committee
Topics covered in this session

• Introduction; Cartagena Highlights (David Olive)
• GNSO Improvements (Rob Hoggarth)
• Registrar Accreditation Agreement (Margie Milam)
• Vertical Integration PDP (Margie)
• Morality and Public Order Objections (Margie)
• Internationalized Registration Data (Steve Sheng)
• Registration Abuse Policies (Marika Konings)
Topics covered in this session

- IDN ccTLD PDP (Bart Boswinkel)
- Delegation - Re-Delegation WG (Bart)
- Global policy on Autonomous System Numbers (ASN) (Olof Nordling)
- Global policy on IPv4 (Olof)
GNSO Policy Issues
Current issues being discussed in GNSO

- GNSO Restructuring/Improvements
- Inter-Registrar Transfer Policy (IRTP)
- Post-Expiration Domain Name Recovery (PEDNR)
- Registration Abuse Policies (RAP)
- WHOIS Studies
- Registrar Accreditation Agreement (RAA)
- Vertical Integration (VI)
- Others - currently there are around 20 WGs / WTs underway
GNSO Improvements
Rob Hoggarth
Why is it important?

• As main policy making body for gTLDs, GNSO is subject to periodic independent review

• Key objectives of 2007 GNSO Review:
  – Maximize stakeholder participation
  – Ensure policy development is based on thoroughly-researched, well-scoped objectives AND operated in a predictable manner to ensure effective implementation
  – Improve communications and administrative support
Based on input from the independent reviews, a Working Group of the ICANN Board Governance Committee (BGC-WG) identified these areas for improvement:

- **Adopt Working Group Model**
- **Enhance Constituencies**
- **GNSO Council Restructure**
- **Improve Communications with ICANN Structures**
- **Revise the Policy Development Process**
Latest News - Timely Developments

- GNSO Council Adopts recommendations For Stakeholder Group and Constituency Operations
- Communities Revise Charters and Bylaws to address new GOPs, re-confirmations and SG reviews
- CSG Permanent Charter Developed
- NCSG Permanent Charter Proposal Before Board/SIC
- New Constituency Proposal - NPOC
Latest News (continued)

- PDP Revisions Progressing
- Working Group Guidelines Approaching Finish Line
- Toolkit Implementation Report Circulated
- GNSO Council Conducting Chair Election
- New Improved GNSO Web Site Debut in Cartagena
Next Steps

• Renewal of GNSO Steering Committee Charters in Cartagena
• Revised New Constituency Process Public Comment Forum
• Permanent CSG and NCSG Public Comment Forums
• New Constituency (NPOC) Public Comment Forum
• Board Decisions In March 2011 Time Frame - San Francisco Public Meeting
How can I get involved?

- Join an existing group or constituency
- Form your own group or constituency
Vertical Integration between Registries and Registrars

Margie Milam
Why is it important?

- Implementation of New GTLD Program underway
- New Models of Distribution have been proposed for New gTLDs
- No prior GNSO policy recommendations on vertical integration
- Current practice varies with no uniform approach or understanding
- Issue affects new and existing gTLDs
Recent developments -

• VI PDP Working Group - No consensus recommendations for new gTLDs

• Proposed Final Applicant Guidebook eliminates most restrictions on Registrar cross-ownership
  – Registry Agreement to include a Registry Code of Conduct
  – Notice to ICANN and opportunity to refer to a competition authority

• GNSO Council to vote on termination of the VI PDP
How to participate

- Review the proposed Registry Agreement:

- Review the proposed specifications:

- Attend New gTLD session in Cartagena:
  http://cartagena39.icann.org/node/15497

- Comment on the Proposed Final Applicant Guidebook public forum until 10 December 2010:
Registrar Accreditation Agreement (RAA)

Margie Milam
Why is it important?

- RAA describes the registrar’s rights and obligations
- An enhanced RAA may provide ICANN with better tools to obtain registrar compliance
- Additional protections for registrants under consideration
- More security requirements could enhance the security, stability of the Internet
Recent Developments & Next Steps

- Registrant Rights and Responsibilities Charter developed
- Final Report describes priority amendments and procedures for producing new RAA
- GAC Brussels Communiqué- Law Enforcement RAA proposals endorsed
- GNSO to consider next steps in Cartagena
Morality and Public Order Objections
GNSO Rec6 states that:

*Strings must not be contrary to generally accepted legal norms relating to morality and public order that are recognized under international principles of law.*

CWG did not revisit Rec6. Instead, it developed implementation guidelines to address GAC, GNSO and ALAC concerns.

Consensus - the implementation model for Rec6 is flawed
Highlights of CWG Report

Report describes recommendations with various levels of consensus, to improve the implementation of Rec6

• Board Role
• Terminology, Criteria and References
• Role of the Independent Objector
• Objection Procedure
• General Statements about Process
Recent Developments & Next Steps

Recent Board Resolutions-

- Ultimate responsibility for New gTLDs rests with the Board
- Board wishes to rely on expert determinations
- CWG recommendations not inconsistent with the existing process to be accepted
- Staff to commence Consultation with CWG

Proposed Final Applicant Guidebook-


Participate in Cartagena Consultation-
[http://cartagena39.icann.org/node/15413](http://cartagena39.icann.org/node/15413)
Internationalized Registration Data Working Group (IRD-WG)

Steve Sheng
What is it?

- The Board directed the GNSO and the SSAC to create the Internationalized Registration Data (IRD) Working Group (IRD-WG) in 2009

- Objective: study the feasibility and suitability of displaying IRD for services that provide domain name registration information (Whois services)
Why is it important?

• Accommodating the submission and display of IRD is an important evolutionary step for Whois services
How can I get involved?

• Comment on the IRD-WG’s Interim Report published on 15 November

• Attend the public session in Cartagena on 09 December - (see
  http://cartagena39.icann.org/node/15309)

• Join the IRD-WG if you have expertise in this area
Registration Abuse Policies (RAP)

Marika Konings
Why is it important?

• Registries and registrars seem to lack uniform approaches to deal with domain name registration abuse

• What role ICANN should play in addressing registration abuse?

• What issues, if any, are suitable for GNSO policy development?

• RAP pre-PDP WG created
Background

- Final Report published on 29 May 2010 containing 14 recommendations addressing, amongst others, Cybersquatting, WHOIS access, Uniformity of Contracts

- GNSO Council tasked Implementation Drafting Team to develop approach for dealing with recommendations
Recent Developments & Next Steps

- RAP Implementation DT organized recommendations based on consensus level achieved by RAP WG, expected scope, dependencies, priority, etc.
- Recommended approach submitted to the GNSO Council on 15 November
- Council discussion scheduled in Cartagena on Saturday 4 Dec from 17.15 - 18.15
Next Steps & How do I get involved?

- GNSO Council to consider recommended approach

Further information:


- Presentation of the RAP-IDT recommended approach, GNSO Council, Saturday 4 December from 17.15 - 18.15
Other Issues

- IRTP Part B PDP WG
- PEDNR PDP WG - (see http://cartagena39.icann.org/node/15339)
- Other WHOIS activities (see http://cartagena39.icann.org/node/15423)
- Joint SO/AC WG on New gTLD Applicant Support WG http://cartagena39.icann.org/node/15499)
ccNSO Hot Topics

Bart Boswinkel
Hot topics

• IDN country code Policy Development Process
• Delegation, re-delegation and retirement of ccTLD’s
Why is IDN ccPDP important?

• Develop overall policy for the selection and delegation of IDN ccTLD’s

  Fast Track process is temporary mechanism for IDN ccTLD’s.

  Limited in scope (only none Latin scripts), and experimental

• Inclusion of IDN ccTLD’s in ccNSO

  • IDN ccTLD’s are considered ccTLD’s
  • ccNSO membership SO
  • ccNSO created before IDN ccTLD’s
Latest News - Overall policy

• Separation of criteria / requirements and process/procedures for selection
• WG consensus on basic criteria and requirements such as
  • IDN ccTLD at least 1 non-ASCII character (IDNA protocol definition)
  • Meaningful representation of territory name in
  • Designated Language (language official use)
Latest News Inclusion IDN ccTLD’s

• Main issues identified
  • Membership definition
  • Scope of membership
  • Voting
• Potential solutions identified
  • One vote per territory
Next Steps

• Feedback and input needed on criteria and requirements
  • Discussions in Cartagena
  • Comments on Progress report

• Input and feedback on Interim report on inclusion of IDN ccTLDs in ccNSO

• Initiations of discussion on policy aspects variant management

• Initiation of discussion on process and procedures

• Include outcome of Fast Track review process
How can I get involved?

- Participate in open ccNSO meeting Tuesday 7 December
- Provide written comments
Why is it important?

- Delegation, re-delegation and retirement policies are fundamental for ccTLD’s.
- Delegation (including IDN ccTLD’s) and re-delegation occur regularly
- No authoritative documentation of policies
- Perceived change in policy over time without consultation
Latest News - Retirement of ccTLD’s

• WG consensus on issues and recommendation on current retirement practice
  • Issues:
    • No policy or clearly evolved practice (only limited number)
    • ICANN as policy based organisation needs policy
  • Recommendation to ccNSO council: launch ccPDP on retirement of ccTLD’s
Next Steps

• Continued discussion in WG on re-delegation of ccTLD’s
• Publication of:
  • 3rd Progress Report
  • Report on Retirement and Delegation
• Feedback needed on reports
  • Discussions in Cartagena
    • ccNSO and GAC-ccNSO meeting
  • Comments on report
How can I get involved?

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Latest News - delegation of ccTLD’s

• WG consensus on issues and recommendation on current delegation practice

• Issues:
  • Policy or interpretation of (parts of) policy significantly changed over time
  • ICANN as policy based organization needs policy consultation

• Recommendation:
  • Develop Framework of Interpretation for Board and/or ccPDP
ASO Policy Issues
Olof Nordling
Background: RIRs, NRO and the ASO

• What is an RIR?
  – Regional Internet Registry. There are five RIRs; AfriNIC, APNIC, ARIN, LACNIC and RIPE and they cooperate thru the NRO, the Number Resource Organization.

• What is the ASO?
  – The Address Supporting Organization, set up through an MoU between ICANN and the NRO.
  – One major task of the ASO is to handle Global Policy Proposals.
Background: Global Policies

• What is a “Global Policy”?  
  – The RIRs develop many regional addressing policies.  
  – Only very few policies affect IANA and only those are called “Global Policies”.

• Global Policy Proposals in “pipeline”:  
  • Autonomous System Numbers, ASNs  
  • Recovered IPv4 Address Space
Autonomous System Numbers (ASN)
Global Policy Proposal: ASNs

• Why is it important?
  – A transition from 16-bit to 32-bit ASNs is already under way. A date change was needed for practical reasons.

Current status:

• The proposal was adopted by all RIRs and reviewed by the NRO EC and the ASO AC, then forwarded to the ICANN Board and ratified as a Global Policy.

• The Global Policy has since been implemented by IANA.
Recovered IPv4
Global Policy Proposal: Recovered IPv4

- Why is it important?
  - The proposal enables IANA to handle recovered IPv4 address blocks

Current status:
- Two proposal versions emerged and were adopted in different RIRs. The NRO EC concluded that the versions could not be reconciled. The proposal is now deemed abandoned/dormant.
- An alternative proposal is currently under discussion in all RIRs.
How do I get involved?

• For all addressing policies: participate in the bottom-up policy development in “your” RIR.

• All RIRs conduct open meetings where policy proposals are discussed and all have open mailing lists for such matters.

• Don’t miss the ASO session on Wednesday in Cartagena! All RIRs will be there and present their current policy work!
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Improved ICANN Web-Sites

- New improved sites to be launched for ccNSO and GNSO - Info sessions planned in Cartagena
- New Community Collaboration Wiki - Training sessions in Cartagena
- Re-design of icann.org
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