

**Strategy Panel on ICANN's Role in the Internet Governance Ecosystem
Monthly Report for December 2013-January 2014**

Executive Summary

The Strategy Panel on ICANN's Role in the Internet Governance Ecosystem has engaged with interested community members during webinar sessions to gain input on its draft observations and principles. With the objective of sharing its final set of strategic recommendations around the end of January 2014, the Panel has invited the community to continue the dialogue through different avenues. In addition to a general call for input, it developed questions to frame the feedback process and called for specific input on milestones that ought to be included in a roadmap for the evolution of ICANN's role in the Internet Governance ecosystem.

Activities and Progress

To advance on the drafting, the Drafting Team, composed of the Strategy Panel Chair and subgroup leads held an in-person meeting on Tuesday, 17 December in Reston, Virginia. Members of the Drafting Team mirrored the exchanges and thoughts that were shared during Panel and Subteam calls as well as on the Team's mailing list, and endeavored to translate discussions and thoughts into draft text and graphics for the panel's consideration.

On 13 and 15 January 2014, the Panel walked interested community members through the preliminary conclusions it had reached and sought reactions to its preamble observations. Webinar archives (transcript, recording, chat transcript and slides) may be found at: <http://www.icann.org/en/news/announcements/announcement-06jan14-en.htm>. The Panel opened the webinar sessions by rearticulating the mission it was entrusted with and providing historical ICANN assumptions. It reported its decision to adopt the World Summit on the Information Society definition of *governance* and clarified its working definition of stewardship. To appreciate the composition of the Internet ecosystem, the Panel explained that it chose to describe the Internet ecosystem as a layered structure, spelling out its characteristics, dynamics and subtleties by this means. The Panel shared its interpretation of ICANN's involvement within the ecosystem arena and presented maps it developed to illustrate and conceptualize ICANN's web of relationships and network of interests. The Panel submitted the set of draft principles it had reached to the interested community members for comment and invited them to identify milestones they deemed appropriate for the evolution of ICANN's role in the Internet Governance ecosystem (roadmap).

The Panel called interested community members' attention to questions it developed to frame the exchange and trigger discussions. A fruitful Q&A ensued.

- 1) What would you consider important elements for an Internet governance eco-system roadmap to develop 'inter' and 'intra'-operative Internet Governance Policy? (goal being to reduce Internet governance tension and friction?)*
- 2) In the context of ICANN, what are important aspects of it's evolution, including it's globalization including it's relationship with stakeholders, governments and the USG?*
- 3) What components of a roadmap should be in place for ICANN's relationships with other organizations, including those in the Internet eco-system?*

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4) Are there any specific areas of ICANN's existing work could be done differently to better evolve it's globalization and role in the Internet governance eco-system?

5) We are also very interested in hearing general comments from the community on areas that you think that we should be addressing in our report.

The Strategy Panel stressed its need for feedback in reaction to its questions, observations etc. and encouraged community members to continue the dialogue via two different avenues:

- a mailing list - ioepanel@icann.org: Members of the panel are subscribed to this list. All input received via this gateway is publicly archived;
- a survey - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/33X7SY2>. While it invites the community to submit feedback by Friday, 31 January 2014, the Panel would welcome early input submissions.

Moving Forward

The Panel will carefully review the submissions it receives through the different input mechanisms it has in place to gather feedback. In light of the input it collected, it will set itself to populate the roadmap with reasonable milestones, will refine its principles and conclusions, as needed, with the objective of sharing its final set of strategic recommendations towards the end of January 2014.