



Accountability Frameworks

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Formalising ICANN's existing relationships
with ccTLD managers
isn't new

We just have a new way
we want to go about it

Accountability frameworks background

- In Kuala Lumpur we asked the ccNSO for help in identifying key elements which should be incorporated in an accountability framework between ICANN and ccTLD managers
- This was in recognition that the Sponsorship Agreement being used to formalize relationships was very comprehensive and something more lightweight would be preferred
- Following extensive consultation over an 18 month period, the ccNSO published guidelines for ccTLD managers to consider when discussing an accountability framework with ICANN

Accountability frameworks – two options

- ICANN subsequently developed two documents for ccTLD managers to consider as a starting point to discussions
- It is the ccTLD manager who decides which document they prefer
- There is some flexibility to tailor either document to suit the specific requirements of a ccTLD

First Option

The Accountability Framework document is designed to cater to ccTLD managers who require a more 'formal' document with ICANN

- Largely reflects the key elements identified in the ccNSO's guidelines
- Mutual recognition and commitments of both parties
- Covers dispute resolution and termination
- Financial contribution to ICANN on a yearly basis, subject to review
- Termination clause

Second Option

The exchange of letters option is designed for ccTLD managers more comfortable with simple statements of commitment

- Reflects elements of the ccNSO's guidelines to a lesser degree
- Financial contribution to ICANN on a yearly basis, subject to review
- Termination clause

Why sign an Accountability Framework

- It formalises the existing relationship between ICANN and the ccTLD manager
- It provides a link to the coordination of the technical function performed by IANA
- It provides clarity on respective commitments
- It shows a commitment to community-based coordination of the global interoperable Internet

Accountability Framework negotiations

- Negotiations have started with 12 registries
- They showed interest to enter into agreement with ICANN
- Contacts with others are in progress

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