



Accountability Frameworks

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

We just have a new way
we would like to talk 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 months 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 to better meet the needs of the Local Internet Community and the framework where the registry operates

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 and talks have started with several registries
- They showed interest to enter into agreement with ICANN



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