IANA Stewardship Transition

Update for APTLD

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Agenda

• What is going on?
• Stewardship update
• Accountability update
• How does it fit together?
• Why does it matter to ccTLDs?
• Timeframes
• How do you have your say?
What’s going on?

- March 2014: U.S. Govt announces it wants to transition stewardship to Internet community

- Rest of 2014: ICANN convenes process & groups to design transition

- Early 2015: Protocols and Numbers submit plans

- Feb 2015: ICANN 52 has intense discussions
Stewardship Update #1

Designing a names transition plan (TLDs)
• CWG published proposal in December 2014
• Lots of community feedback, more thinking needed but considerable consensus:
  – Secure and stable DNS
  – ICANN keeps operating IANA
  – SLAs for IANA services for names
  – Should be able to change IANA operator (separability)
Stewardship update #2

• Stuck on some aspects of a proposal, especially on
  – Internal or External to ICANN
    • Which one can work? Which one is better?

• Waiting for legal advice
  – Structures (external/internal)

• New working methods now in place

• Second consultation planned for April
Accountability update

- CCWG formed late 2014
- Active discussions around empowering community and improving review & redress
  - Independent Review
  - Removing ICANN directors
  - Blocking the budget or strategic plan
- Awaiting legal input
- Focus: improvements to allow transition
- First consultation planned for April
How does it fit together?

• **One** transition proposal:
  – Protocols (IETF)
  – Numbers (RIRs)
  – Names

• Accountability changes **at same time**
Why does it matter to ccTLDs?

• The end of the contract with USG changes the environment
• We need to protect our interests:
  – Reliable robust IANA services
  – No interference in our policymaking (locally or globally)
  – No dilution of our influence in ICANN
  – A reliable steward for IANA
IANA Stewardship Transition Coordination Group

Numbers

Protocols

Names Cross-community WG (called CWG)

ICANN Board

NTIA

September?

August?

June?

June

Accountability cross-community WG (called CCWG)
Timeline #2

• September 2015 is a ‘target not a deadline’
• U.S. can’t assess proposal in time
• Can extend the IANA functions contract for up to 4 yrs
• Major delays create some risks:
  – Credibility of multistakeholder model
  – A political reversal for the U.S.
  – New pressures to move IANA to ITU or other intergovernmental control
How to have your say

• Do the surveys
• Participate in April consultations
• Discuss the issue with fellow ccTLD managers
• Find more info at www.icann.org/stewardship-accountability
• Speak to AP participants & share your views:
  – Keith Davidson – on the ICG
  – Jordan Carter – on the CCWG Accountability
  – [no ccTLD rep from AP on CWG]
Any Questions?
Thank you!

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