Overview of CENTR

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Agenda

- CENTR organisational
- CENTRs Best Practice
- CENTR Survey
- Activities and main aims
- Relationship with ICANN
CENTR today

- An international association of ccTLD Registries
- Established as a non-profit organisation June 1999
- Secretariat based in Oxford, UK.
- European focus, but no geographical limits.
- ccTLD representatives form General Assembly.
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Associate Members: Japan (.jp), New Zealand (.nz), NSI Registry

Observers: European Commission, ICANN, RIPE, A. Mamadov

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CENTR's main aims

- Forum to discuss matters of ccTLD policy
- Documents policies and practices of ccTLDs.
- Acts as channel of communication to and from Internet administrative bodies & other organisations
- Promotes interests of non-profit ccTLDs and lobbies on their behalf
CENTR organisational

- Legal entity - CENTR Ltd., UK
  Executive Committee Members are the managing directors
- A secretariat with 3 people staff
- Provides a whole range of services, like organisation of meetings, mailing lists, documents, represents CENTR at events
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Advisory Groups
e.g. L&R AG

ccTLD Communities
e.g. APTLD

DNR Forum

CENTR SECRETARIAT

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e.g. European Union

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Best Practice for ccTLD Managers

- Adopted by CENTR Members
- Guidelines on the operation of Country Code Top Level Domain Name Registries (ccTLD) and policies for such registries
  - self-regulation
  - bottom-up authority
  - consensus
  - transparency
  - cooperation based on trust and fairness.

CENTR Survey

CENTR is documenting registry structure & practices.

Useful for:

- Development of ‘best practice’
- Technical standards
- General Informational purposes.
- Understanding legal structures and relationship with governments in relation to Agreements with ICANN.
Legal & Regulatory AG

cCTLD Managers & registry lawyers to prepare advise on:

- Draft contract between ICANN and ccTLDs
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
  - UDRP versus local DRP
- Ongoing work on CENTR ccTLD Best Practice
- EU issues
  - Single market rules, competition issues, new EU directives related to registries
- Data protection and Whois
- Examine results of CENTR Surveys

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Technical activities

facilitates collaborative technical activities for CENTR Members and produces a point of exchange for information

- DNSsec
- Shared secondary servers WG (SSSWG)
- Registry – Registrar protocol
- Internationalised Domain names

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Domain Name Registration Forum

- Open forum for registries, registrars & registrants.
- Inform wider Internet Community of ccTLD activities
- Provide CENTR with feedback on aims of the community
- http://www.centr.org/dnr-forum/
- 3 October 2001 in Prague, Czech Republic
Main working items during 2001

- Revised Best Practice
- Whois Statement
- Ongoing work with ccTLD draft contracts
- UDRP in different local and international aspects
- Exchange of information between Members
- IANA-ICANN related issues
IANA and CENTR tomorrow

- CENTR appreciates the efforts undertaken during the past few months to work on a good relationship eg the IANA – Meeting in MdR, IANA –ccTLD Workshop

- IANA in its technical and policy related functions needs a restructuring in organisation and cooperation eg definitions for all issues related to the IANA database
ICANN and CENTR tomorrow

- CENTR appreciates, that a draft ccTLD contract was published by ICANN, but would have appreciated a different way to announce it.
- Nevertheless the efforts from ICANNs side are welcomed and it is a starting point for further work, without saying anything about the content so far.
- ccTLDs need a reformed structure in the concept of ICANN as well as a representation on ICANN Board.
A ccTLD SO?

To work in a constructive and efficient way within ICANN the ccTLDs need to reach consensus about a ccTLD SO.

Four naïve, but key questions:

What do the ccTLDs want to achieve with a ccTLD SO?
Which organisation(s) sign the MoU with ICANN?
Who pays what amount for the ccTLD SO?
The next CENTR GA will be held on 20th –21st of September 2001 in Bled, Slovinia, Europe kindly hosted by ARNES, the registry for .si.

Thank you!

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