

AF-WG Report

April 5, 2005

ccNSO meeting Day 2, Mar del Plata

What is AF-WG

- **develop 'AF Guidelines'**
- **recommend 'AF Guidelines' to ccNSO**
 - **which are for ccTLD managers**
 - **not exhaustive**
 - **but with coverage of common interests**
- **each ccTLD, who wants formal relationship with ICANN, can develop its own AF including its own terms with ICANN referring to the 'AF Guidelines' as a tool**

History of AF-WG

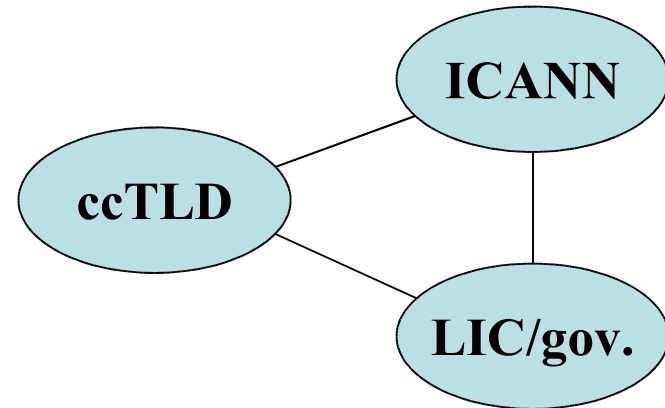
- **Sept.2004** **WG created**
- **Nov-Dec.2004** **WG meetings in Cape Town**
ccNSO meeting in Cape Town
- **Mar.10,2005** **draft discussion paper to WG members**
- **Mar.18,2005** **discussion paper to ccNSO and ccTLD**
- **April.2005** **WG meetings in Mar del Plata**

Main Issues

- **scope of AF?**
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- **counterpart : IANA or ICANN?**
- **headings of**
 - **ccTLD's commitment**
 - **ICANN's commitment**
 - **administrative terms**

Scope of AF?

- **ccTLD registry has relationships mainly with 2 entities**
 - ICANN
 - LIC/government



- **AF is for ccTLD-ICANN relationship**
 - **AF refers to LIC/Government?**
 - No
 - AF termination may involve communication with LIC/government, but not written in 'AF Guidelines'
- (seems to have consensus in WG)**

Scope of AF-WG?

- **ccTLD registry has relationships mainly with 2 entities**
 - ICANN
 - LIC/government
- **AF is for ccTLD-ICANN relationship**
- **AF-WG is to develop 'AF Guidelines' between ccTLD-ICANN**
- **no consideration between ccTLD and LIC/government is given**

(seems to have consensus in WG)

Counterpart : IANA or ICANN?

- **main relationships between ccTLD and ICANN are regarding DNS functions**
- **should AF refer to IANA only?**
 - **No**
 - **because legal entity, which currently runs IANA, is ICANN**
- **because some administrative relationships described in AF**

(seems to have consensus in WG)

ccTLD commitments/obligations

- **generation and maintenance of zone-files for the ccTLD**
- **maintenance of name service for the ccTLD**
- **adherence to relevant standards such as RFC1591, RFC1034, RFC1035**
- **maintain a reliable and stable interoperable DNS**
- **preservation of security and stability**
- **accuracy and completeness of information about the ccTLD manager**
- **financial contribution to ICANN**

plus and/or minus ?

ICANN commitments/obligations

- **maintain authoritative-root database.**
- **update of name server information in a timely manner**
- **publication of root-zone Whois information**
- **assuring operation of authoritative root name server system**
- **maintenance of authoritative records and audit trail**
- **notification of contact changes**

plus and/or minus ?

Administrative terms

- **mutual recognition/acknowledgement**
 - of ccTLD manager role as registry
 - of ICANN role
- **financial support to ICANN**
- **term of the relationship**
 - fixed term, renewal and review ?
- **termination**
- **effect of termination**
- **dispute resolution/arbitration**
- **choice of law**
- **periodic review**

plus and/or minus ?