GNSO – ccNSO Comparison Overview

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Dimensions

- Scope of activities of SO
- Scope of policies
- Structure of SO
  - Role of Councils
- Relation with TLD operators/managers
- Relation with registrars
- Relation with governments and other stakeholders

Scope of activities of SO

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- Platform Exchange of information
  - Internal (ccTLD's)
  - External (other SO's and AC's, ICANN as organization)
- Best practices
- Guidelines for interaction between ccTLD's and ICANN
- Policy related activities
  - Policy development
  - Interpretation of existing policies

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- Responsible for developing and recommending to the ICANN Board substantive policies relating to generic top-level domains
- Develops input / advice on any gTLD related issues
- Exchanges of views between stakeholders with very different views and perspectives (contracted & non-contracted)

Scope of Policies

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- Very Limited (Annex C)
  - Excludes all policies related to registration of second level domain names -> no role for the ccNSO as such, local matter

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- Substantive policies relating to gTLDs
- Annex A / PDP Manual
- Scope of "Consensus Policies" is defined in gTLD Registry and Registrar Agreements ('picket fence'), which includes areas such as: principles for allocation of registered names; resolution of disputes, and; access to contact information (Whois).

Structure of SO

ccNSO

- Council (18)
  - 15 elected, 3 NomCom appointed
- Members (ccTLD managers)
- Non-members (ccTLD managers)

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- Council (21)
  - 3 RySG, 3 RrSG, 6 CSG, 6 NCSG, 3 Nom Com
- 2 Houses
- 4 stakeholder groups (2 per house)
- Constituencies / Interest Groups

Role of Councils

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Administrative, managing activities of the ccNSO

Representational

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Decision making

Manager of PDP

Relation with TLD operators / managers

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- Members (voluntary)
- Policy only applies to members
- ccNSO does not represent ccTLD's
- ccNSO recommendation are NOT binding

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- Registry Stakeholder Group
- Per contract, "Consensus Policies" are directly applicable and enforceable by ICANN
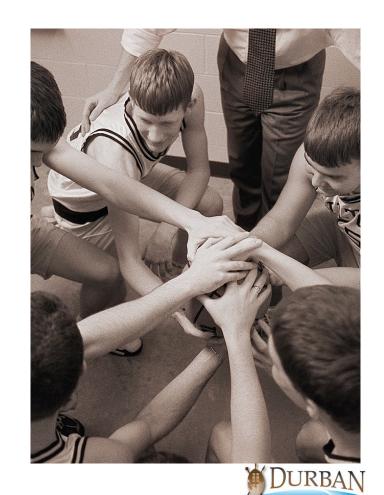
Relation with Registrars

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- No direct relation
- Local accreditation

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- Registrar Stakeholder Group
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Current areas of shared work

- CWG principles – next steps

- JIG – current status / next steps

- Geographic Regions Report – any common views / position?

- Use of country and territory names as TLD's - next steps

- DNS Security and Stability (DSSA, Risk Framework) - next steps

Shared issues and interests

- Manage joint activities
- How to improve interaction at working group level?
- Interest in ICANN strategic and operational planning and budget?
- Other?

How to move forward?

- Are joint Council meetings still the most effective tool to achieve desired objectives?

- Should other models be explored?