Transcription ICANN Durban Meeting

Policy and Implementation Drafting Team

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Coordinator: Excuse me, this is the Operator. I'd like to inform all participants this conference is being recorded. Thank you, you may begin.

Man: Okay, our recordings have begun for the 11:00 am Policy and Implementation meeting. Go ahead.

Mason Cole: Okay. Thank you very much. So we'll open the session now with a report from Holly and please take the floor, Holly. Thank you.

Holly Raiche: Thanks very much. Just to say I think probably the discussion that everybody has had this morning about when something is policy, what we mean by policy, what do we mean by multistakeholder and why isn't everybody doing it, probably answers most of what the discussion has been for about since (unintelligible).

What we as a drafting team did was to draw up a charter for a working group hoping that everybody here and everybody else who just put their hands up and say yes please so we can sort out the questions that were raised today. I'll just go through quickly what we decided as a drafting team.

There started off with some key assumptions about what the working group when it's chartered will do. The assumptions start off with policy development processes are well defined. Now I - take a deep breath because I heard something different this morning. I have to say that, Greg, at one point in the discussion the email discussion talked about it as the oxymoronic PDP process. We'll leave that one but I just - that's parenthetical about the first point.

The implementation processes are, in fact, probably where the process of discussion started, what do we mean by implementation? And in fact, when is something implementation and if it is then what process it follows and who do you talk to.

There is a lot of discussion about the exact delineation between what is policy, what's implementation, how do you define both, can you and in fact is there a point in doing so or is it more important to say who's involved and when?

And, finally, what is the appropriate level of multistakeholder participation? And we all came to a screeching halt about as to what we meant by multistakeholder participation. We have to answer that and then we have to answer who do we talk to and how often and what are the outcomes.

The working group that will be chartered is to develop - and I'll just go through all five points quickly - instead of principles now, Marika, the - I have to say congratulations. ICANN has already developed, in the background paper to this particular drafting team, a set of principles. And I'd just suggest everybody start there.

The second task is a process for developing policy guidance that might be used apart from the formal PDP process. A framework for implementation and in that it starts with what is implementation and then who do you talk to while you're doing it.

Fourth is a criteria to be used to determine whether an action should be addressed by policy or something else or indeed what is policy and what process.

And then some further guidance on how the GNSO review teams are expected to function. Pretty much actually everything we've discussed this morning.

The charter, the objectives and goals, as usual there's usually going to be a final - initial and final report and we'd love to hear from everybody in the interim.

Some recommendations, now we are not going to redraft - we - and I don't say we here - the working group is not going to draft - well, rather redraft, what the GNSO is and does. They're not going to redraft anything but there may be some recommendations that come out of a very hard look at the processes.

Certainly recommended working group tasks, there'll be some deliverables and probably some questions. And then other sections follow GNSO Working Group Guidelines, standard language and the usual.

Next steps, the GNSO Council has to consider the recommendations of our drafting team. And if the results of the drafting team are adopted then a working group is formed.

And questions.

Jonathan Robinson: So thanks, Holly. This is - I mean, this is an important piece of work. It's clearly high profile and something which we are considering at our formal meeting on Wednesday. So I would encourage councilors to weigh in now, ask any questions, ask any input. I think there's members of the working group here as well. So any comments, questions or issues arising from this would be great to get a warm up on those now hear from anyone.

Wolfgang.

Wolfgang Kleinwachter: Yes, thank you very much. Wolfgang Kleinwachter. I want to congratulate the working group. I think it's really a very good step forward. We all know that it's a very difficult issue. There's different interpretations. And I think the - a concrete element now in the proposed charter give a very good guidance. And so this will rock the boat I think. Thank you very much.

Holly Raiche: Thank you. And I hope the boat isn't too badly rocked so it tips over.

Jonathan Robinson: Other comments, questions, input? Holly wants to know how many of you are going to be on the working group because she'd like to be sure there's going to be plenty of volunteers and support for this. Thanks. We know we've got Jeff in there.

Holly Raiche: And we've got Mikey's (mud match), thank you.

Jonathan Robinson: And I see - so there will be some interest in this; hardly surprising. So seriously in terms of making sure that this, you know, that this - when this charter comes up I know it probably has to be discussed in the group meetings that'll take place between now and our Council meeting.

If you think you - there are any questions that you could usefully ask that will clarify the scope and nature of the work as specified in the charter that you

could take back to your groups it's useful to get those on the table now so that it'll - yeah, Jeff.

Jeff Neuman: Yeah, I mean, in light of the comments I made earlier about providing feedback - I know this is something that Chuck has been involved with from the Registry Stakeholder Group and Jordyn Buchanan from the NTAG has been very involved. And so they've done a great job in keeping us informed. The Registry Stakeholder Group has been discussing this issue as we've gone on.

And I don't see anything standing in the way of the Registry Stakeholder Group voting to approve the charter. And I'm sure you're going to get a lot of volunteers from the Registry Stakeholder Group and the applicants who will soon be formally in the Registry Stakeholder Group. You're going to - for this group you're going to have probably more volunteers that you necessarily want. But, yeah, thanks.

Marika Konings: Yeah, this is Marika. So I just wanted to note as well for the record that the drafting team worked really hard to make the Council deadline especially in view of, you know, having the next Council meeting only in September which would mean that the formation of the working group would also have to wait for that.

So I'd really like to encourage all the stakeholder groups and constituencies that if you have any issues or concerns to really bring them up so they can be discussed. And, you know, if any changes need to be made or anything to the motion that hopefully the Council is in a position to vote on this on Wednesday. Because, again, I think there's a real desire from those that were involved in the drafting team and hopefully will also continue as working group members to, you know, keep the momentum going and, you know, kick off the real work as soon as possible.

Mason Cole: Anyone else for the queue? Oh, I'm sorry, Wolf.

Wolf-Ulrich Knoben: Yes, thank you. Hi Holly. Nice to meet you face to face. So I was also a member of this group and from the ISPCP and Mikey's also a very active member of that group.

So speaking for the ISPCP as far as I can we kept informed, the ISPCP and had some exchange on that. I don't expect also any assistance to the charter from that side.

Also I cannot speak for the CSG as a whole in this but we have to talk about this tomorrow afternoon in our (set) meeting with the CSG. And okay we will do our best, Mikey and myself, to convince them. Thank you.

Mason Cole: Others for the queue before we let Holly go? Thank you very much, Holly.

Jonathan Robinson: Thank you, Holly. So that gives us an opportunity to take a brief break of 10 minutes before we resume with the next session on the Registrar Accreditation Agreement. So if we can take a brief break of 10 minutes, 11:15 to 11:25 and if everyone could be back at the table at 11:25 for the 11:30 session please. Thanks very much.

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