CCWG on Internet Governance

Briefing for ICANN 56

1. WSIS Forum activity

The CCWG IG has prepared and delivered a workshop at the World Summit on the Information Society Forum 2016 (WSIS Forum), which took place in Geneva on 2-6 May 2016. The working group used a WIKI page to prepare the workshop: https://community.icann.org/x/Gj6AAw. This page contains all details of workshop participants from ICANN community as well as the deck of slides used. The workshop summary is shown on: https://community.icann.org/download/attachments/58736154/CCWG%20IG%20SESSION%20ON%20ACCOUNTABILITY%20.pdf?version=1&modificationDate=1462959344000&api=v2

A recording of the workshop can be accessed from the WSIS Forum's page about the workshop: http://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2016/Agenda/Session/186

The workshop was well attended and was appreciated by participants, including many who are not familiar with ICANN processes nor regular participants.

2. CSTD Activity

The Working Group has been active in discussing preparations and related Papers both for the inter-sessional CSTD Session in Budapest in January (http://unctad.org/en/pages/MeetingDetails.aspx?meetingid=941 and the Plenary session in Geneva in May. http://unctad.org/en/pages/MeetingDetails.aspx?meetingid=1048

Both of these meetings discussed the outcomes of the WSIS+10 Review (December 2015) session at the !United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) which the WG also worked with staff on.

At the May 2016 meeting, the CSTD - responding to the terms of the UNGA Outcome Document - established a Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation; this being an issues discussed on WG meetings. Information on the Working Group, which ICANN is represented on, can be found at
http://unctad.org/en/pages/newsdetails.aspx?OriginalVersionID=1193

3. Preparation for Internet Governance Forum (IGF) Workshop

The working group has been active in preparing a workshop proposal for the forthcoming Internet Governance Forum (IGF) which will take place at Guadalajara, Mexico, from 6-9 December 2016. The theme for this workshop will be about ICANN's IANA Stewardship Transition, ICANN Accountability and the multistakeholder model in use in ICANN. The format of the workshop will be a roundtable with CCWG IG participants as well as guests who are experts in Internet Governance. Further details about this workshop can be found on the IGF's Web site:
https://www.intgovforum.org/cms/igf2016/index.php/proposal/view_public/64

4. Discussion with Markus Kummer chair of the Board WG on Internet Governance

At its 15 May 2016 meeting the ICANN Board passed a resolution (2016.05.15.06), to approve the establishment of a Board Working Group on Internet Governance (BWG-IG) in accordance with the Charter recommended by the BGC with the following membership: Rinalia Abdul Rahim, Ron da Silva, Chris Disspain, Markus Kummer (Chair), Erika Mann, George Sadowsky and Lousewies van der Laan. The resolution can be found in full at:
https://www.icann.org/resources/board-material/resolutions-2016-05-15-en#1.e

The CCWG IG held a conference call with the Chair of the BWG-IG on 3 June 2016. Links to the recordings and transcripts of this call can be access from https://community.icann.org/x/8BeOAw
The Chair of the BWG-IG explained the goals of the BWG-IG and looked forward to working in collaboration with the CCWG-IG, sharing knowledge, attending CCWG-IG calls and coordinating activities of Board and Community in the field of Internet Governance.

5. Forthcoming face to face meeting with Göran Marby & Markus Kummer in Helsinki

The CCWG-IG has requested and been granted a slot for a Face to Face Meeting with the new ICANN President and CEO Göran Marby as well as the Chair of the BWG-IG Markus Kummer, with the goal of discussing the new CEO's plans for ICANN in Internet Governance and advising him of the historical background to ICANN's involvement in Internet Governance. The meeting has been confirmed for 17:00-18:30 on Tuesday 28 June 2016.

6. Ongoing/Forthcoming CCWG Internet Governance Activities

The working group will continue its work in acting as a sounding Board for ICANN staff attending Internet Governance Activities and negotiations at global level.
The following fora have been monitored in particular:

- OECD Ministerial on Digital Economy (http://www.oecd.org/internet/ministerial/) at Cancun, Mexico, expecting the adoption of Declaration on the Digital Economy: Innovation, Growth and Social Prosperity.
- Planning for IGF for ICANN related sessions ; expected updates from IGF retreat regarding IGF improvement ; open consultations in July from those in MAG and members of the CCWG-IG. Several activities are planned from CCWG-IG:
    - Planning a 'town hall' session for the ICANN57 to address key messages to the IGF and conducting a survey of ICANN members regarding participation in the IGF2016
    - Discuss ICANN booth at IGF2016 and its focus and how CCWG-IG can support ICANN staff and Board there.
    - Discuss ICANN Open forum at IGF2016 merely for informational purposes and "exchange" information about other engagement of CCWG-IG members at IGF2016
- ITU WTSA in November, Hammamet, Tunisia (http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/wtsa16/Pages/default.aspx). Background paper from ISOC about WTSA http://www.internetsociety.org/doc/itu-world-telecommunication-standardization-assembly-2016-background-paper .
- Identify ICANN engagement at July ECOSOC - brief update from involved ICANN staff

7. OECD Digital Economy Ministerial

On a number of occasions the WG discussed preparation for (and related Papers for) the Ministerial Conference on the Digital Economy; Innovation, Growth and Social Prosperity which ICANN took part in as part of Technical Community (ITAC). http://www.oecd.org/internet/ministerial/meeting/