Finance Working Group Meeting Cartagena Notes
5th December 2010

Attendees:

Africa:
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Mary Uduma, .ng

Asia-Pacific:
Henry Chan, .hk (telephone)
Minjung Park, .kr (Observer)

Europe:
Lesley Cowley, .uk
Lise Fuhr, .dk
Juhani Juselius, .fi
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Sieger Springer, .nl
Peter Van Roste (Observer)

Latin America and Caribbean:
José Mondragón, .mx
Eduardo Santoyo, .co

North America:
Byron Holland, .ca

Staff:
Bart Boswinkel, ccNSO
Gabriella Schittek, ccNSO

Apologies:
Keith Davidson, .nz
Mathieu Weill, .fr

1. Welcome and Introductions

• The participants were welcomed to the first meeting of the Finance Working Group.

2. Nomination of Chair

• Byron Holland was nominated by Lesley Cowley as Chair of the Finance Working Group. The nomination was seconded by Vika Mpisane. No objections were noted. Byron Holland accepted the nomination and was appointed as Chair of the Finance Working Group.

- It was clarified that Byron has stepped down as Chair of the Strategic and Operational Planning Working Group (SOP), which is now led by Roelof Meijer, .nl. However, it was also noted that the chairs of the two working groups would be ex-officio members of the other groups, in order to ensure good coordination.

3. Work Planning

- It was explained that the fundamental goal of the Working Group is to discuss the financial contributions provided by ccTLDs, as well as process, mechanism and reasonable methodologies for these contributions. The group should also facilitate in finding a common ground on these topics between the ccTLD community and ICANN.

- The scope of activities is whatever the group deems to be relevant.

- No time line is defined and due to the subject, it is expected that the Working Group will be long-lived.

- Existing documentation on work, which was done on the topic in previous years will be reviewed, such as the survey and the contribution models developed by the Fee Apportionment Working Group. Presented financial information will also be revisited. It was furthermore suggested to re-do the survey on strategic priorities for the ccTLD community from the previous year, as it was felt that it would provide the group with valuable elements for discussion.

  A research on what models currently are available should also be done. It was pointed out that the current model followed for ccTLD contributions to ICANN is loosely based on the model developed by the Fee Apportionment Working Group, which created a set of bands based on the number of domains.

- It was pointed out that many ccTLDs strongly feel they should not be paying anything for ICANN, whilst they are willing to contribute for IANA's services. It would therefore be desirable if the Working Group could ask ICANN for details of the IANA costs.

4.Meeting with ICANN COO (Akram Atallah), CFO (Kevin Wilson), ICANN Controller (Juan Ojeda)

- Akkram Atallah and Juan Ojeda were asked what they would expect from the relationship with the Finance Working Group.

  Akkram and Juan thought that it would important if ICANN could get input on whether the services that are spent on ccTLDs are considered being relevant. It was highlighted that changes will be done to the reporting system, which will allow ICANN to generate cost analysis reports by the end of each fiscal year. These reports will be more transparent than today and will give the possiblility to reply to questions in a more expedited way. The Working Group was invited to give their input on how the reporting could be improved even further. Akkram and Juan also said ICANN feels obliged to try to provide all SO/ACs with all relevant information requested on a timely basis. Furthermore, the ccTLD community was

encouraged to give input on services that they would like seeing added, or developed.

- The Working Group members said that ccTLDs would be interested in hearing what particular services ICANN thinks are provided to them and the expenditures for this, explained in as clear terms as possible. It was highlighted that a lot of history lays behind how ccTLDs contribute to ICANN today and that some ccTLDs are of the opinion they should only pay for IANA services. It was, however, also noted that ccTLD contributions have increased with 150% during the last years, which shows there has been a significant movement within this area.

5. Closure

- The Working Group members agreed on starting their work by getting familiar with already existing material on contributions and financial models.

- The group will mainly use the Working Group email list to share information, however, face-to-face meetings will be arranged at each ICANN meeting and calls between the meetings will also be required.