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## Agenda Item 13: CCWG-Accountability WS2 Update

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**Note:** This information will need to be updated at the GAC meeting to take into account the face-to-face meeting of the CCWG-Accountability in San Juan on Friday 9 March 2018 .

### Issues

1. Reports from GAC members participating in the CCWG.
2. Timeline.
3. Status of draft recommendations and GAC views (individual or collective).
4. Development of a GAC position as a CCWG Chartering Organisation.

### GAC Action Required

#### Reports from GAC members

It has been the practice at recent GAC meetings to hear reports from GAC members and participants in the CCWG. Inter-sessional reports are prepared and sent to the GAC by the ACIG GAC Secretariat.

The GAC nominees to the CCWG are: Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, and Iran. ACIG is a participant.

Other GAC participants in the CCWG and its Sub-Groups are:

*Plenary:* Vietnam, Switzerland (x2), Korea, Netherlands, European Commission, World Broadcasting Unions, Kuwait, Ireland, Niue, United States, Cook Islands, Japan, UK, ACIG.

*SO/AC Accountability:* Switzerland, Iran, Argentina, ACIG.

*Jurisdiction:* Canada, Brazil, Denmark, France, Switzerland, Iran, Argentina, Niue, Spain, ACIG.

*Human Rights:* Canada, Switzerland, Iran, Argentina, Niue, Pakistan, Mexico

*Diversity:* AUC, Canada, France, Denmark, Switzerland, Argentina, Niue, Cook Islands, Spain

*Transparency, Ombudsman, Staff Accountability, Community Engagement Process:* Nil.

#### Timeline:

ICANN 61 – First reading in Plenary of Draft Final Report

18 April - 18 May 2018 – Public Comment period for Draft Final Report

18 May – 18 June – Analyse comments and revise recommendations

ICANN 62 – Second reading in Plenary: Report finalised and submitted to Board

## **GAC position as a Chartering Organisation of the CCWG:**

The GAC has to date not indicated any consensus view on any of the substantive issues being considered by the CCWG under Work Stream 2. Several individual governments have made submissions through the public comment process for relevant draft recommendations, most recently on jurisdiction and diversity.

The GAC will need to consider whether to use the April-May public comment period to prepare an agreed GAC view of the draft recommendations or encourage individual GAC members to submit their own comments.

## **Current Position**

The current draft recommendations of most interest to GAC members are as follows:

ICANN Jurisdiction (not finalised at time of this brief)

- ICANN to be pro-active in facilitating OFAC licenses.
- A range of options has been identified for choice of law and choice of venue provisions in ICANN agreements.

Diversity

- An agreed definition of diversity to apply across ICANN.
- SOs/ACs to review and publish their own initiatives to enhance internal diversity, supported by ICANN Org as appropriate.

SO/AC Accountability

- SOs/ACs to implement recommended good practices (where applicable to their structure and purpose) with regard to: Accountability; Transparency; Participation; Outreach; and Updates to rules and procedures.

Human Rights

- ICANN to apply a Proposed Framework of Interpretation and Considerations concerning ICANN's Human Rights Bylaw.

Transparency

- ICANN to regularly and publicly disclose its interaction with governments.
- ICANN to improve its information disclosure and whistleblower arrangements.

## **Further Information**

[CCWG-Accountability Work Stream 2 \(WS2\)](#)

[CCWG-Accountability Sub-Group on Jurisdiction](#)

[CCWG-Accountability Sub Group on Diversity](#)

[CCWG-Accountability Sub Group on Human Rights](#)

[CCWG-Accountability Sub-Group on SO/AC Accountability](#)

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