

KIGF 2014
The Current Status of NTIA's
IANA transition

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NTIA's statement

- Announces its intent to transition key Internet functions to the global multistakeholder community (3/14/14)
- IANA functions
 - 1) maintenance of the protocol parameter registries on behalf of the IETF;
 - 2) allocation of Internet Numbers in cooperation with the Regional Internet Registries;
 - 3) management of the .ARPA and .INT domains;
 - 4) administrative responsibilities of the DNS root zone; and
 - 5) coordination of root zone management

NTIA's statement (cont.)

- ICANN was asked to conduct with the following four principles:
 - Support and enhance the multistakeholder model;
 - Maintain the security, stability, and resiliency of the Internet DNS;
 - Meet the needs and expectation of the global customers and partners of the IANA services;
 - Maintain the openness of the Internet
- Coordination group is being formed based on public comments

Coordination Group: Selection

- Eliminates the distinction between affected and non-affected parties;
- Assigns the respective communities the responsibility to identify their Coordination Group representatives using internal processes;⁶
- No longer has a role for the Chair of the ICANN Board and Chair of the GAC to select group members;
- Strongly urges communities to adhere to diversity standards as they carry out their respective selection processes.

Coordination Group: Composition

- Total: 27
- At-Large Advisory Committee ([ALAC](#)) 2
- Address Supporting Organization ([ASO](#)) 1
- Country Code Names Supporting Organisation ([ccNSO](#) and non-ccNSO) 4
- Generic Names Supporting Organization ([GNSO](#)). 3
- Generic Top Level Domain Registries (gTLD Registries) 2
- Governmental Advisory Committee ([GAC](#)) 2
- International Chamber of Commerce/ Business Action to Support the Information Society ([ICC/BASIS](#)) 1
- Internet Architecture Board ([IAB](#)) 2
- Internet Engineering Task Force ([IETF](#)) 2
- Internet Society ([ISOC](#)) 2
- Number Resource Organization ([NRO](#)) 2
- Root Server System Advisory Committee ([RSSAC](#)) 2
- Security and Stability Advisory Committee ([SSAC](#)) 2

Coordination Group: Milestone

- Communities launch their internal processes to select their representatives, per the number of seats allocated.
- Names of selectees should be provided no later than 23:59 UTC on 2 July 2014 and will be made publicly available online.
- Communities make their final selections by the end of the ICANN 50 meeting in London (22-26 June 2014).
- The Coordination Group will meet in mid-July, tentatively on 16-18 July, to finalize its modes of operation, working methods and begin its work.
- To ensure full transparency, the Coordination Group will hold open meetings

Community Inputs During ICANN 50

- The transition needs to be an adjustment of the existing mechanisms, rather than replacing them with new organizations and mechanisms.
- Accountability of ICAN that relates to the IANA functions should be handled separately
- diverse participation in the Coordination Group, strict geographic assignment
- The coordination group is only for coordination and the decision should be done by community

Key Questions to Answer

- Who has ultimate authority to confer the responsibility to handle the transition task to a particular entity?
- How this mandate is concretely formalized if very different types of actors need to express their endorsement?
- Under which conditions and through what procedure(s) if any, should specific decisions be appealed, and more importantly the mandate potentially be modified, suspended or reallocated?

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