ALAC interaction

Evan – cross community working groups; silos have created significant problems; policy v. implementation – should have been community wide but was “taken” by GNSO. ALAC has participated in GNSO work in the past – but have been ruled as out-of-scope or shouted down by some constituencies. Groups like ALAC and GAC not coming into the process soon enough. Volunteer efforts – treatment of volunteers – travel, facilities, compressed schedule affecting ability of ALAC to do its work; better ways to get together than Adobe Connect.

Holly – Chair of Policy v. Implementation Working Group – she Chaired a charter; who is going to be on the WG will be decided within GNSO only; understand the need for cross-community but it’s not a formal process yet. How are we going to square the rules?

Evan – EWG on Directory Services – haven’t determined that WHOIS is being used enough or is broken; haven’t determined whether new system can scale; accountability of ICANN to the public to ensure that its rules are enforced.

Cheryl – correction to record. It is a GNSO process but the GNSO would not decide participation – have worked out participation. Q#10 In the At Large community (ALAC) a high interest in the ASO and naming and numbering. At Large structures plan to have them more involved in numbering policy development process. Example of 2008 work groups on IPv4 to IPv6 transition. Active involvement.

Q#14 – working methodologies – collecting metrics – important but resource strained. Not just in ALAC

Working group participation agreement – found in GNSO guidelines

Evan – metrics are extremely useful - ICANN has never done a poll: is what we are doing effective useful? Do we need newTLDs? ICANN operates in a bubble. newTLDS – ICANN hearing from industry. Is it hearing from public? PICCs – when public is in the name, are you hearing from the public.? Know that industry is being heard. ALAC – gets to be heard. But also a role to understand that the public is being understood. Metrics and research – expensive. ALAC tries, but even if you go into the ALSs, it’s a tiny fraction of the public.

Salaa – it is encouraging to hear ICANN CEO is taking a stronger stance on oversight. That sends a strong signal.

Dev – newTLD applications – comment period – not sure what happens to comments – facilities are available – not sure how they were factored in. Were comments batched and sent to Evaluators? How did it factor into the evaluation.

Ranalia – struggle with process of 21 days. Consultation with the community takes more time. Bandwidth problem – not sure how to manage it.

Salaa – completion with respect to regulatory oversight; only those who are already within the ACs and SOs who acutely monitor and track the consultations. ICANN website is a jungle. Need effective use of Twitter and social media. Various thematic topics can help. There is a delay in extracting the comments from the community. Various thematic areas – working with experts who can identify and project issues that will arise – before request for comments go out to public

Fatima – agree with Ranalia – difficult to participate – 16 new people at the table – otherwise difficult from a language perspective – right now they need to do a translation of the documents to provide effective inputs

Q#10 – IP addresses – doesn’t see lots of participation from the community; awareness issue about ability to participate at the local level. Important to have more feedback from other people not sure we need a second round of newTLDs; people don’t really care. They just want to send email etc.; need education – then people will ask for more TLDs – otherwise you will have the same result in round 2.

Salaa – corporate role – concerns about people writing directly to the Board to hijack the process; should be the rule that processes are exhausted (bottom up) however there are certain instances where there is emergency or other time sensitive where processes can be bypassed.

Holly – proper role for any Board is governance – not the expertise on the Board; Board has asked GNSO for advice – concern from GNSO – Board is asked to make decision; what do you do when Board needs quick advice – role for Board is advice