SubPro WT 4: IDN / Technical / Operations

Meeting #5 2000 UTC 14 December 2016

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Welcome and Opening Remarks SOI updates

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Hyderabad Recap

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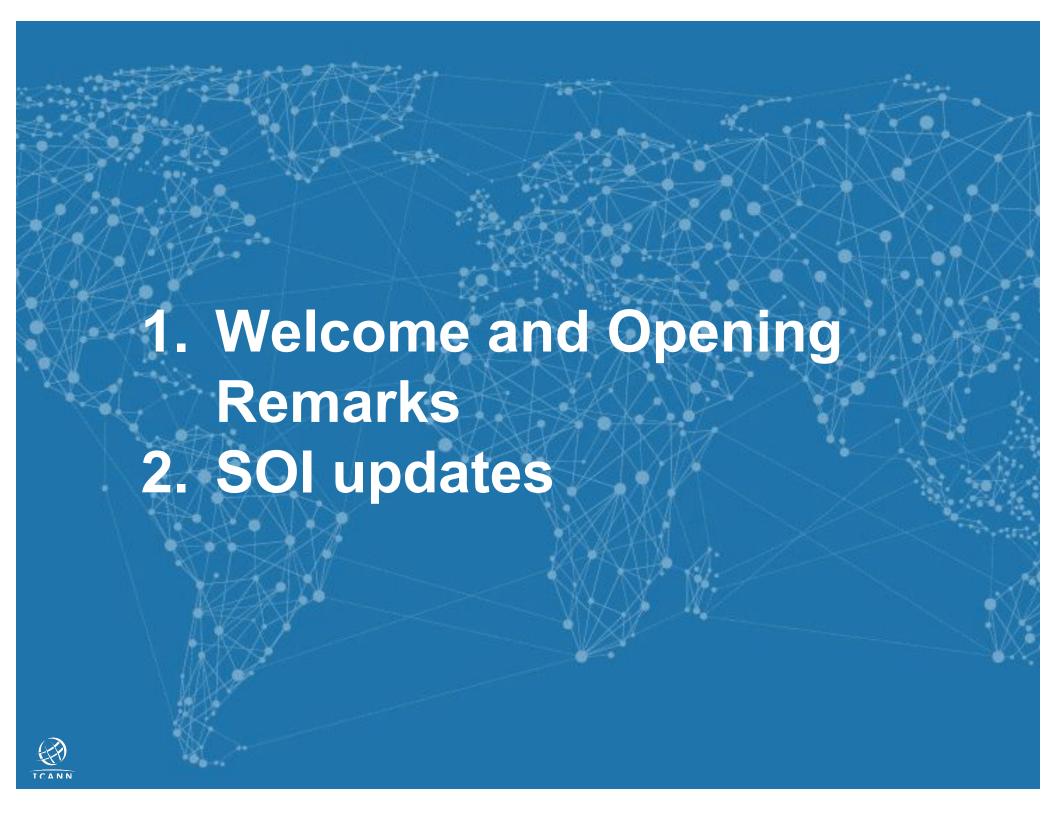Consensus Call #1: Technical Capability to be evaluated at contract signigng time

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Discussion Themes:
- Technical Evaluation
- Financial Evaluation

1. **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
2. **SOI updates**

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Hyderabad Recap

- Technical and Financial Competence - Before or after application ?
- IDNs
  - Support for IDN Variant TLDs - with some support for bundling requirements
  - Support for IDN 1-char TLDs in specific scripts - opposition to Latin and Cyrillic scripts, one mention to requiring equal treatment for IDN ccTLDs
  - No comment on prioritizing IDN applications
- Reserved names and Name Collisions
  - Discussions of IETF RFC 6761 special-use names registries interaction with ICANN gTLD process
  - Discussions of HIgh-Risk strings
  - Mention of 2+ years of controlled interruption

4. Consensus Call
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Consensus Call WT4-1: Demonstrating technical capability only after evaluation

Recommendation 7:

"**Applicants must be able to demonstrate their technical capability to run a registry operation for the purpose that the applicant sets out.** "

Possible Language: "Applicants must be able demonstrate their technical capability to run a registry operation for the purpose that the applicant sets out, but will only be required to do so at contract-signing time, after passing other criteria and/or approvals and prevailing in contention set(s)."

5. Discussion on "Technical Evaluation to be performed as aggregated / consolidated as feasible"

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- No clear indication of why Staff decided against consolidating technical evaluation in 2012-round

  a. Any ideas ?

- Consolidation is not fully tied with back-end certification, could apply to applications from the same applicant, but can be an enabler

- Possible Language:

"Technical Evaluation may be aggregated and/or consolidated to the maximum extent possible that generate process efficiencies, including both different applications from the same applicant and different applications sharing a common technical infrastructure"

6. Discussion on Timing and Method for Financial Evaluation

"Financial Evaluation must be performed in aggregation of a registry family"

- AGB clearly overlooked different business models in 2012-round

    a. Revenue-generating or self-sustainable registry (profit or non-profit)

    b. Cost-center registry (typical of brands, possibly causes)

- Besides different financial goals, single-application evaluation overlooked the possibility of an applicant winning so many TLDs to the point of not being able to run them (gaming the system)

- Rec. 8: "Applicants must be able to demonstrate their financial and organisational operational capability."

- Possible Language: "Applicants must be able to demonstrate their financial and organisational operational capability in tandem for all currently-owned and applied-for TLDs that would be part of a single registry family."

- Financial Evaluation would still be gating and be done prior to contention set resolution