WS2 - ACSO Accountability

25 June 2017 - F2F Meeting - ICANN 59

Review and Discussion of Responses / Comments Received from Public Comment on Our Draft Final Report.

Overview...

A total of **10** Responses were received :-

ICANN Board

ALAC

SSAC

GNSO (4) - *BC, ISPCP, NCSG and RySG*

INTA

Individuals (2)

Background.

To address the requirements from Annex 12 of the CCWG-Accountability Work completed in WS1, WS2 ACSO Accountability WG separated its work into 3 tracks and made recommendations in these tracks in its Report for Public Comment.

These tracks were:

    1. Review and develop recommendations to improve SO/AC processes for accountability, transparency, and participation that are helpful to prevent capture.

    2. Evaluate the proposed "Mutual Accountability Roundtable" to assess its viability and, if viable, undertake the necessary actions to implement it.

    3. Assess whether the Independent Review Process (IRP) should be applied to SO/AC activities.

Background Continued...

The draft report reflected several months of research and deliberation, starting with exploration of to whom ICANN's SO/ACs are accountable:

Track 1 recommendations present 25 best practice recommendations for SO/ACs to consider implementing, in areas of Accountability, Transparency, Participation, Outreach, and Updates to Policies and Procedures.

Track 2 recommended **not** implementing the Mutual Accountability Roundtable (a minority of CCWG-Accountability WS2 members disagreed with this).

**Track 3** concluded that IRP should **not** be made applicable to activities of SO/ACs.

Review of Responses to Recommendations. **High Level**

Track 1. Respondents were supportive of recommendations regarding to whom SO/ACs are accountable. General support for proposed <u>Best Practices</u>.

The split was: 4 - Support; and 4 - Qualified Support.

Let's discuss the qualifications.

Comments on Recommendations - ACSO Accountability- General and Best Practices
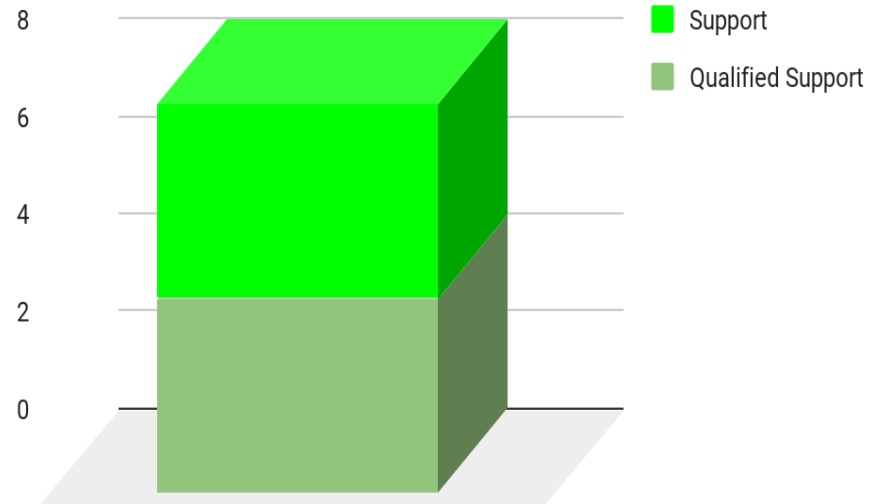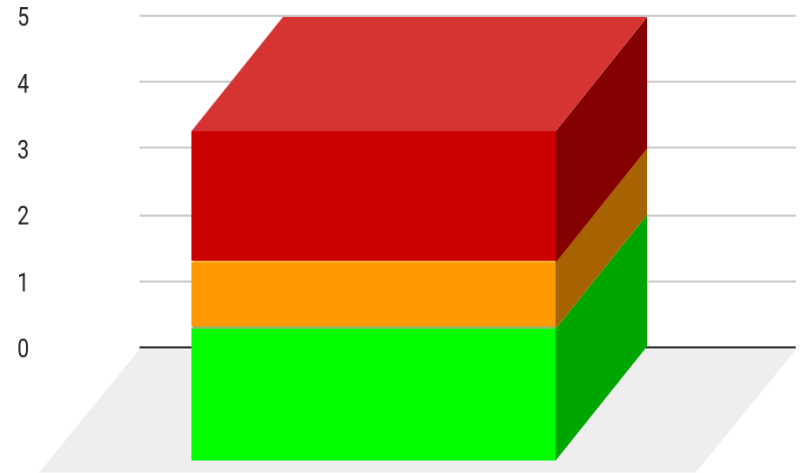
Review of Responses to Recommendations. **High Level**

Track 1 - ATRT responses diverge, but more negative about having ATRT review <u>implementation</u> of best practices in SO/ACs.

The split in responses: 2 - Support; 2 - Against; 1 - Concern

ATRT already has large scope, so ... should best practice implementation be examined in the SO/AC organizational reviews?

Comments on Recommendations - ACSO Accountability- Best Practices - ATRT focus

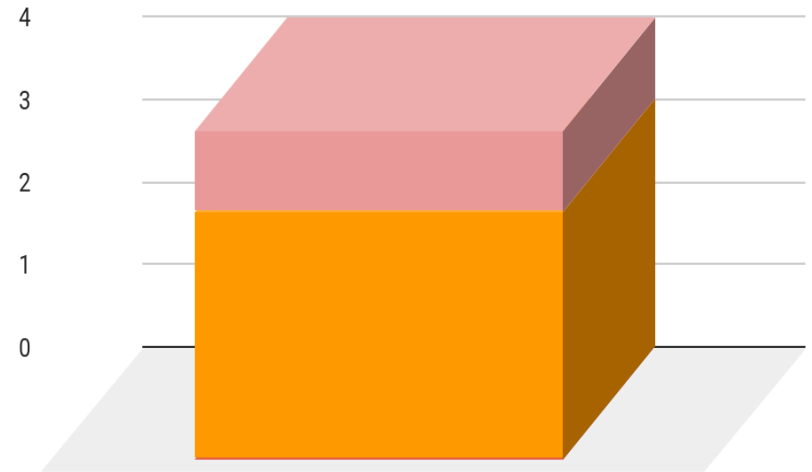# Review of Responses to Recommendations. **High Level**

Track 1 Reporting Best Practices.
Respondents were less supportive, having CONCERNS regarding recommendations in the Reporting proposed Best Practices.

The split was 3 - Concerns; 1 - Unsure.

Concerns focus on volunteers and time, affecting other work. Do we look to SO/AC organizational reviews?

Comments on Recommendations - ACSO Accountability- Best Practices - Reporting
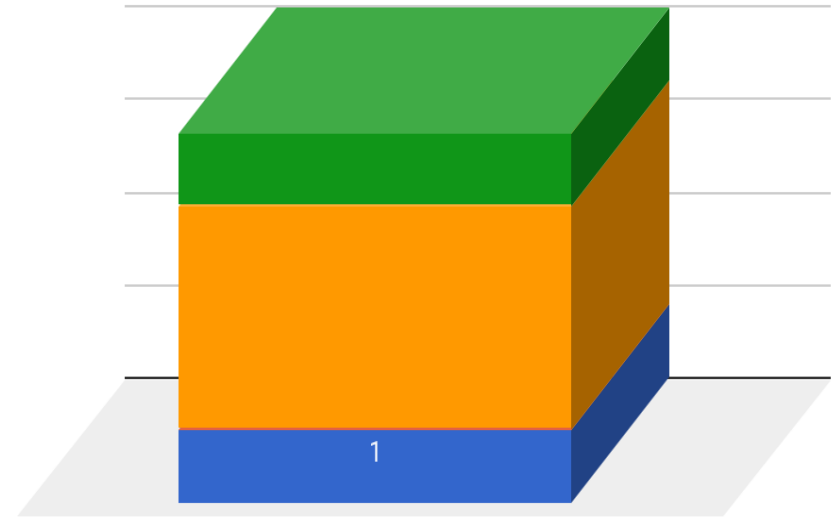
Review of Responses to Recommendations. **High Level**

Track 1 Transparency. Respondents were divergent about open meetings and meeting notes, with most holding CONCERNS.

Split was: 1 - Support; 3 - Concerns; 1 - Against.

Some strong concerns here. Need to discuss where to take recommendations now.

Comments on Recommendations - ACSO Transparency- Recs

Review of Responses to Recommendations. **High Level**

Track 2 regarding optional Mutual Accountability Round Table. No overwhelming support and several CONCERNS. Split was 3 - Support; 2- Qualified Support; 1- Concerns; 2- Against.

Lacking strong support for MART, should we revert to our original recommendation against MART?

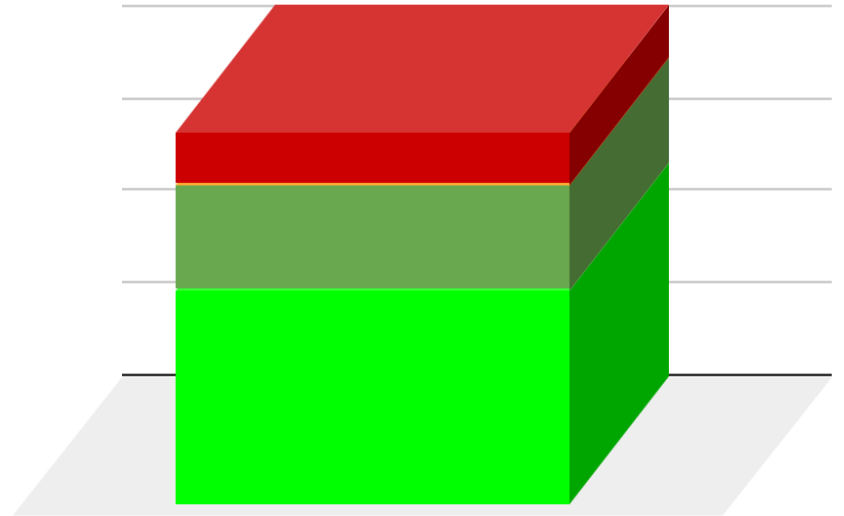Comments on Recommendations - ACSO Accountability-Mutual Accountability
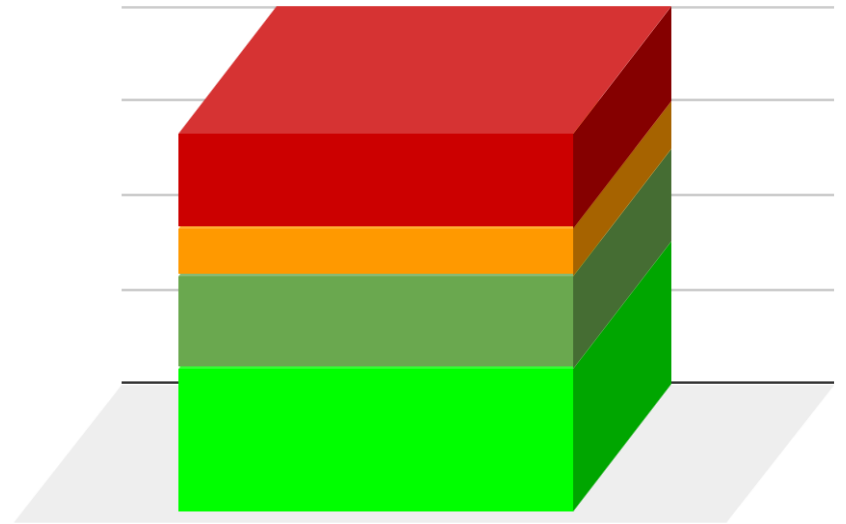
Review of Responses to Recommendations. **High Level**

Track 3 regarding the Applicability of IRP for ACSOs. General Support and 1 Against the recommendation.

Split was 4 - Support; 2- Qualified Support; 1- Against

If not the IRP, then who & how to enforce vs SO/AC that is not following its rules? Can the Ombuds office do it?

Comments on Recommendations - ACSO Accountability- Use of IRP for ACSOs

Next Steps...

Public comments and our discussions today will be taken on-board by CCWG-Accountability WS2 to consider amending our recommendations and then publish a report on results of the public consultation.

CCWG will also need to determine if any changes to our report are significant or not.

   If significant changes are recommended, CCWG-Accountability WS2 may have a second public consultation.

   If changes are not significant, CCWG-Accountability WS2 can forward final recommendations to Chartering Organizations for approval, and then to the ICANN Board for consideration and adoption.