



Wednesday 27 June

SUMMARY Wednesday is supporting organisation and workshop day. The GAC spends all day drawing up the rough draft of its communiqué, while the other supporting organisations get down to discussing what different constituencies have drawn up the day before in the hope of either breaking new ground or coming to a conclusion over ongoing issues. A day of hard work is rewarded with the Gala Event starting from 7pm in the evening, taking place at the hotel's Expo Center.



Simon Greaves signs Fiji's accountability framework with CEO Paul Twomey

TODAY'S MAIN MEETINGS

GNSO public forum

Time: 8:30

Room: San Geronimo

A chance for constituencies to air their ideas and concerns.

Freedom of Expression and gTLDs workshop

Time: 13:00

Room: San Geronimo

Likely to be a lively affair with some passionate views expressed on the role of rights online.

Accountability and Transparency workshop

Time: 16:00

Room: San Geronimo

A great opportunity to discuss how ICANN itself is changing and ask whether that change is going along the right lines.

ccNSO Council meeting

Time: 17:00

Room: San Cristobal B

Catch up with what is going on with the top-level domains across the world.

WHAT HAPPENED YESTERDAY

Constituency meeting: Registrars

Discussions ranged from interaction with the GNSO to input on the ICANN budget, picking up data escrow and changes to the Registrar Accreditation Agreement on the way. Their discussion with the ICANN board focused on ways to improve communications and on how best to make changes to the RAA.

Constituency meeting: Cross-constituency

A presentation covering the realities of phishing was the highlight of a wide-ranging meeting. An "anti-phishing suspension plan" would allow for rapid "takedowns" of domains at the registry level. As ever, the rules would only apply to people of ill-intent -- who remain frustratingly difficult to distinguish from the good people online.

Constituency meeting: Registries

New gTLDs and IDNs dominated the session, as they have in many of the meetings in San Juan. The registries in particular were concerned that the two occurred together. A decision was taken on how to stress the fact that there was largely agreement between different constituencies over IDNs. An update on the registry failover project was also given.

Workshop on new gTLDs

Titled: "New Geo-TLDs - More Consumer Choice or More Consumer Confusion?", the answer from the session appeared to be "consumer choice". There was a general feeling that the proposed city TLDs - .nyc, .paris and .berlin -- were a good idea. Although there are still issues about what rules should apply to new geo-tlds and who should decide what they were.

GAC/Board meeting

Not as lively as the Board/GAC meeting at the last meeting in Lisbon. Then everyone was talking about .xxx; this time they were discussing new top-level domains that have yet to appear -- internationalized domain names (IDNs) and new gTLDs just around the corner. They also spoke at length about ICANN's accountability and transparency.

Fellowship programme

A presentation from ISOC's Sebastian Bellagamba outlined on the role and potential of the Internet Society. ICANN's strategic planning process was covered and the fellows discussed the major challenges facing ICANN for the next 3-5 years: IPv6 and IPv4 scarcity, DNS security, capacity building, botnets and translation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ICANN signed two new accountability frameworks with ccTLDs: Puerto Rico was represented by Oscar Moreno; and Simon Greaves represented Fiji. There are now 28 countries that have signed ccTLD agreements (see them all at <http://www.icann.org/maps/cctld-agreements.htm>).

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