

President's Report



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Agenda

- Strategic Plan and Operating Plan/Budget
- Policy Development Activities
- New ccTLD Accountability Frameworks
- Registrar Accreditation Agreement Amendments
- Internationalized Domain Names
- New gTLDs
- Accountability and Transparency Initiatives
- Regional Fellowship Program
- President's Operational Review Panel
- Nominating Committee
- Improvements in IANA Function
- Internet Governance Forum



Strategic Plan

- 2007–2011 Strategic Plan started public comment period on 19 October 2007
- <http://icann.org/announcements/announcement-19oct07.htm>
- Objectives identified by the community
 - Implementing IDNs and new gTLDs
 - Continuing to improve core operations
 - Strengthening ICANN’s multi-stakeholder model to manage increasing demands and changing needs
 - Enhancing security and stability of the Internet’s unique identifiers
 - Strengthening accountability and governance



Operating Plan

- Operating Plan updated and revised based on community feedback during and after San Juan meeting



Policy development activities

- New ccTLD accountability frameworks
- GNSO
 - Whois/Data escrow
 - Domain name tasting
 - New generic top-level domains
 - Transfer policy review
 - Contractual conditions
 - Multiple entities/IDNs
- ccNSO
 - ICANN regions
 - IDN TLDs
- gTLD registry failover plan posted 20 October 2007 at <http://icann.org/announcements/announcement-20oct07.htm>
- IPv6 transition; IPv4 depletion
- All discussions taking place this week

More info: <http://losangeles2007.icann.org/>





New ccTLD accountability frameworks

- 19 months since ICANN posted Accountability Framework template documents
- During 2007, ICANN signed accountability frameworks or exchanged letters with

Accountability Frameworks

- .nl Netherlands
- .fj Fiji
- .pr Puerto Rico
- .sv El Salvador
- .mn Mongolia

Exchange of Letters

- .br Brazil
- .sn Senegal
- .am Armenia
- .ru Russian Federation
- .ci Cote d'Ivoire
- .ly Libya

- Discussions ongoing with a number of other ccTLDs
- Parties are pleased with progress to date



Registrar Accreditation Agreements



- Six amendments to Registrar Accreditation Agreement proposed –
 - Eliminating the practice of obtaining ICANN accreditation by purchase
 - Improved contractual compliance enforcement tools
 - Potential group liability of registrars owned by a single entity
 - Private registrations and registration data escrow requirements
 - Management of reseller relationships
 - Skills testing or certification of registrar personnel
- Will be discussed in public fora and at workshop at Los Angeles meeting
- Summary of public comments posted 23 October 2007 at <http://icann.org/announcements/announcement-23oct07.htm>



Internationalized domain names

- Milestones

- December 2006 – successful laboratory testing of punycode strings representing top level domains inserted into the root zone
- IETF leads efforts to finalize IDNA protocols
- October 2007 – IANA inserts IDNs into the root zone for evaluation of example.test in 11 languages – Arabic, Persian, Chinese (simplified and traditional), Russian, Hindi, Greek, Korean, Yiddish, Japanese and Tamil
- Wiki pages facilitate evaluation and feedback
- Deployment expected during 2008



IDN evaluation of example.test

- First, watch –



- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RK49jK-olpU>

My name. My language. My Internet.



IDN wikis

- Then, evaluate on wiki pages in Arabic, Persian, Chinese (simplified and traditional), Russian, Hindi, Greek, Korean, Yiddish, Japanese and Tamil –



– <http://idn.icann.org>



Internationalized domain names

- Milestones

- ccNSO, GNSO and GAC complete 18-plus months defining processes for allocating new TLDs, some of which will be IDNs
- ccNSO focus is a potentially faster way to put a process in place for regions having a strong need for IDN TLDs
- GNSO has as its goal to make the IDN TLD process available by mid-2008



New gTLDs

- GNSO constituencies developed 19 policy recommendations
 - <http://www.gnso.icann.org/drafts/PDFPDPDec05FRPartA30July07.pdf>
- Associated principles and guidelines will guide ICANN in implementing these policies
- Focus is on clear, transparent process
 - Baseline contract – obligations clearly spelled out
 - Baseline technical and business criteria – evaluate applicant suitability to operate domain
 - Independent, impartial dispute resolution process for infringement of rights or perceived bad acts
- Result – new choices at all market levels and all market arenas





Accountability and transparency initiatives

- What has ICANN done?
 - Strategic and Operating Plans
 - Budget plan and process
 - Better Board reporting with 72-hour posting to community
 - Blog
 - Public participation site
 - Monthly newsletters
 - One World Trust review





Accountability and transparency initiatives

- Accountability and transparency frameworks – revised and posted for public comment at <http://icann.org/announcements/announcement-17oct07.htm>
 - General and financial accountability
 - Dispute resolution
 - Information disclosure
 - Consultation
 - Translation
 - Standards of behavior



Regional fellowship program

- Provides financial grants to individuals from developing economies to facilitate participation in ICANN meetings
- Priority
 - Low, lower-middle and upper-middle income economies
 - Governments, ccTLDs and non-profit sector not associated with ALAC
 - Participants from ICANN region in which the meeting is taking place, participants from adjacent regions, and overseas participants
- 167 applications submitted to date
 - 58 fellowships awarded (34 attended San Juan meeting; 24 attending Los Angeles meeting; 9 will attend New Delhi meeting)
 - 22 countries represented at Los Angeles meeting
 - 8 are attending an ICANN meeting for the first time



President's Operational Review Panel

- Chartered May 2007 to align the performance of ICANN's functional organizations with the 2007–2010 Strategic Plan
- Panel members Paul Twomey, Hagen Hultzsch and Doug Brent picked team for Phase I review
- Phase I goals –
 - Baseline current operational performance for all ICANN functions
 - Create a plan/proposal for ICANN to set performance goals and metrics



President's Operational Review Panel

- Phase I outcomes – October 2007
 - Written assessment of major ICANN functions that address urgent needs/gaps; input to a forthcoming quality process
 - Shared understanding among staff of major performance gaps and areas that are performing well
 - Greater management confidence that hidden problems are identified
 - A Hawthorne effect of measurement leading to improvement
 - Full plan for ICANN to engage in Baldrige-style quality process
 - Organizational understanding of the commitments and outcomes to come from this process
 - Vision for organic improvement in ICANN and ultimately its community



Nominating Committee

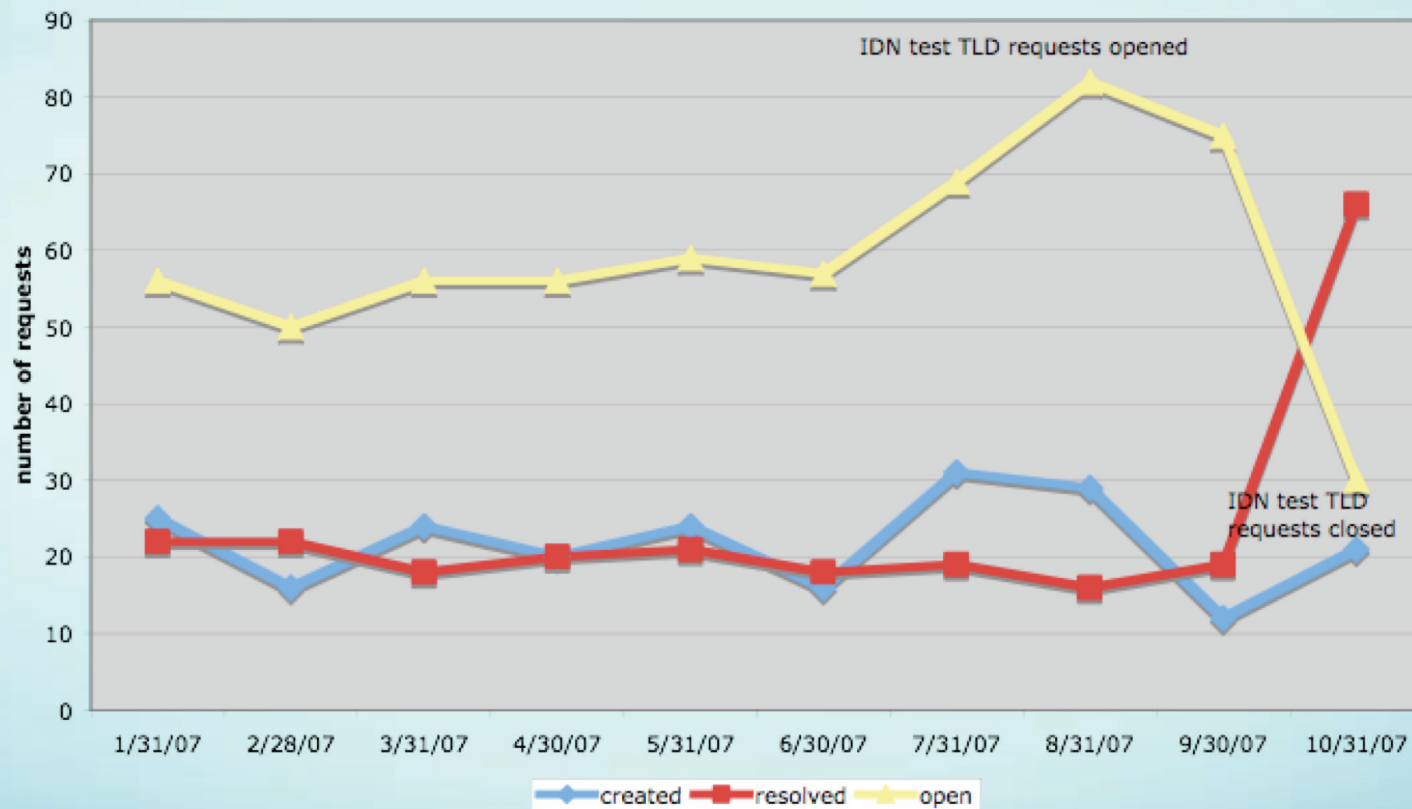
- New chair – Hagan Hultzsch
- Results of NomCom review will be available soon



Improvements in IANA function



Root Zone Change Requests
queue size
Jan-Oct 2007



Internet Governance Forum

- Second IGF meeting, Rio de Janeiro, November 2007
- Themes
 - Critical Internet resources and Internet infrastructure
 - Access and capacity available to developing countries
 - ICANN's limited, defined and global role in the Internet arena
 - ICANN's approach to Internet governance discussions
- ICANN Board members and staff will attend to participate in various sessions



Thank You

