

ccNSO-SOPC meeting

ICANN65, Marrakech, 24 June 2019



SOPC latest comments (Q1 2019)

- 2-year Planning Process
- FY20 Operating Plan and Budget and FY20 Five-Year Operating Plan update
- Strategic Plan

Strategic Plan FY20-25

Feedback to ccNSO-SOPC comments

- 26 comments
 - 16 taken on board and contributed to the Plan refinements.
 - Other comments discarded with various reasons, e.g.:
 - No definition of “DNS stakeholders” as ICANN wishes to keep it as open as possible.
 - No detail provided for certain objectives as they will be included in the Operating Plan.
 - No feedback – at all – on specific goals that are still presented as Strategic Goals, but which should be part of ICANN daily operations according to the ccNSO-SOPC (“Enhance ICANN’s financial planning model”), or on the recommendation to be restrictive when it comes to new engagements.

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- Generic remarks:
 - The public comment on two “key documents” by ICANN staff announced via a blog entry only.
 - An initial infographic with the distinction between Strategic Objectives and Strategic Goals, Operating Initiatives (partially detailed in the Draft Plan) and Operating Activities (that will be disclosed only in December 2019) would be recommendable to make the document more accessible to the community.
 - The narrative about the rationale behind the prioritisation of the Initiatives needs more consistency and refinements.

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- Specific remarks on some Operating Initiatives:
 - Certain Initiatives described at too high level.
 - Certain Initiatives should be “Operating Activities”.
 - ***Strategic Objective: Improve the effectiveness of ICANN’s multistakeholder model of governance.***
 - → **Operating Initiative: Evolve and strengthen the multistakeholder model to facilitate diverse and inclusive participation in policy-making.**
The Initiative is again described at such high-level, that it is difficult to produce specific comments.
 - *How do we (including ICANN) plan to address the current “fatigue” of a multistakeholder model that is showing major weaknesses at the inclusivity and diversity levels?*
 - *What would we (including ICANN) do differently to involve and empower the next-generation of DNS stakeholders?*

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- → **Operating Initiative: Evolve and strengthen the ICANN community's decision making processes to ensure efficient and effective policy making.**
 - *The paragraph that deserves the community full attention reads: "The current levels of community policy and advisory work require a substantial amount of staff and community resources. Concurrently, there is an increasing number of requests for professional assistance with specific subject-matter expertise (e.g. legal advice), surveys and other data collection efforts, and policy impact assessments. **These community needs will continue to put pressure on resources during FY21–25. ICANN org will continue to provide the necessary support for policy development and advisory activities undertaken by the SOs and ACs.**"*
 - *The logic of the above paragraph is: "The community asks – ICANN provides support".*
 - *This is not the way it should be. As ICANN mandate is to coordinate some of the technical aspects of the Internet, the logic should be "The Community asks, ICANN org evaluates, prioritises (if not done by the Community) and eventually, provides support".*
 - *Should the community be given more time to assess our needs (and requests) so that we deliver to ICANN a prioritized list that will facilitate ICANN allocation of resources?*

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- ***Strategic Objective: Address geopolitical issues impacting ICANN's mission to ensure a single, globally interoperable Internet.***
 - → **Operating Initiative: Evaluate, align and facilitate improved engagement in the Internet ecosystem.**
 - *“Alignment” is a crucial element, especially within ICANN.*
 - → **Operating Initiative: Improve engagement and participation with Government, Intergovernmental Organizations.**
 - *The overall international engagement of ICANN would benefit from having clearer priorities, optimising resources and, above all, avoiding the duplication of efforts.*
 - → **Operating Initiative: Monitor legislation, regulation, norms, principles and initiatives in collaboration with others that may impact the ICANN mission.**
 - *This must be a true top-priority for ICANN.*
- *How could the community further support ICANN at international level?*

Thank you

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