

Reporting back : CENTR : the functioning of the Domain Name System

Multi-stakeholder panel comprising representatives

- Country code registries
- Government
- ICANN/IANA
- The Internet Society

On November 13th 2007, moderated by Jeanette Hofmann

Very well attended (120)

- Presentations on how the Domain Name Systems works, and the IANA function, including the role of the United States Government
- Expectations + observation from different stakeholders (gov, ccTLDs, ISOC)
- Case Study E-IANA, collaboration

Themes emerged (customers + supplier)

- How relationships have improved and evolved as the industry is maturing (it's getting better)
- Respect for local determination/decisions ie ccTLDs + role of local stakeholders including government (redelegation, change of ccTLD based on objective criteria)
- Many forms of interaction between ccTLDs, ICANN/IANA eg regional organisations (CENTR, APTLD, LACTLD, AFTLD), ccNSO, ISOC) + importance of participation.
- Capacity building
 - People informed about regional organisations
 - ISOC development/training for ccTLDs
 - Grants + sponsorship available to aid participation in meetings
- Effect of automation (eIANA) in strengthening respect for local decisions (eg through developing authentication methods as the foundation for trusted transactions)