

## IGF 2017 Reporting Template

### Session Title

**Multistakeholder Governance of the Domain Name System, Lessons Learned for other IG Issues (WS76)**

### Date

Tuesday December 19<sup>th</sup>; 2017

### Time

09.00 – 10.30

### Session Organizer

Nigel Hickson; ICANN

### Chair/Moderator

Markus Kummer

### Rapporteur

Nigel Hickson

### List of Speakers and their institutional affiliations

Mr Markus Kummer, Independent Internet Governance and Policy Consultant – Chairman

Mr Keith Drazek, VP of Policy & Government Relations at Verisign

Mr Larry Strickling, Technology Policy Expert

Mr Matthew Sears, Lead Strategist at Global Partners Digital; ICANN Board

Ms Lori Schulman, Senior Director of Internet Policy at the International Trademark Association (INTA)

Ms Arda Gerkens, President of the International Organisation of Hotlines (INHOPE)

Ms Lilian De Luque Bruges, Information Security Consultant

Mr Ayden Féderline, Representative of the Non-Commercial Stakeholders Group (NCSG)

Ms Grace Mutung'u, Associate at the Kenya ICT Action Network (KICTANet)

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## Key Issues raised

- How the IANA Transition at ICANN in 2016 had demonstrated - for a complex policy making process with the need for an agreed outcome –the effectiveness of the multistakeholder process;
- The transition’s success was attributed, partly, to the availability of ICANN resources and legal representation from many parties and the effective working together of stakeholders from various segments of the Internet community; the responsibility of the Community for devising Accountability mechanisms was also seen as salient;
- It was noted that a key outcome of the process was the breakdown of silos within ICANN, improved understanding of the work of the various constituencies, and the development of relationships across the Internet community;
- In such processes, the importance of compromise was also noted; with the need to avoid entrenched positions;
- A recent project (with Report) by ISOC (with Larry Strickling as editor) was noted as had led to establishment of capability / platform to advise on Multistakeholder processes;
- Discussion also took place on the need for all stakeholder inputs to carry the same weight; for this it was noted that capacity building was often important; for example, for civil society participants at ICANN,
- The roundtable also discussed the relative effectiveness and need for reconciliation between global multistakeholder processes (such as for IANA transition) and national or regional regulations such as the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR);
- In terms of applicability to other Internet policy processes, it was noted that trade negotiations (especially in technical areas) would benefit from wider stakeholder input (for example as widely recognised during the recent WTO Ministerial with respect to e-commerce discussions);
- It was also noted that issues pertaining to regulations or rules regarding cyberspace or cybersecurity would benefit from multistakeholder dialogue

## Key actions / takeaways

While there were not any specific actions, the overall discussion did elicit:

1. That care needed to be taken when addressing processes; and that we had to be both honest and clear in not attributing simple consultative processes as multistakeholder processes;
2. That effective processes needed a defined goal, resources, trust and buy-in from stakeholder groups;
3. That Cybersecurity (because of its importance and impact) had to be discussed and deliberated on in multistakeholder settings.

## Background

Reference to the IANA Transition process can be found at <https://www.icann.org/stewardship-accountability>

## **Gender Reporting**

Estimate the overall number of the participants present at the session

There were around 200 participants

Estimate the overall number of women present at the session

There were around 70 women participants present

To what extent did the session discuss gender equality and/or women's empowerment?

There was not an explicit discussion on gender issues though the need for diversity in general, in multistakeholder processes, was agreed upon.

If the session addressed issues related to gender equality and/or women's empowerment, please provide a brief summary of the discussion

It did not specifically.