

APTLD Meeting

Working Group on Internet Governance: Update 2

6-7 July 2005
Singapore

Introduction

- UN World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS)
 - First phase, Geneva 2003: Declaration of Principles and Action Plan
 - Second phase, Tunis 2005
- Main activities of the Working Group on Internet Governance (WGIG)
 - “to investigate and make proposals for action, as appropriate, on the governance of Internet by 2005.”
 - prepare report "for consideration and appropriate action for the second phase of the WSIS in Tunis 2005."

Introduction – WGIG Aims

- Develop a working definition of Internet Governance
- Identify the public policy issues that are relevant to Internet Governance
- Develop a common understanding of the respective roles and responsibilities of governments, existing international organizations and other forums as well as the private sector and civil society from both developing and developed countries.

Introduction – WGIG Aims

- “Proposals for action, as appropriate”
 - (a) functions and actors
 - (b) Internet governance mechanisms
 - (i) formal institutional arrangements
 - (ii) non-formal arrangements
 - (c) possible options
 - (d) capacity building
- Effect of WSIS Declaration
 - Basis for relevant parties to move on Internet Governance reform

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- 34 comments received
- Working papers
 - Developing a common understanding of the roles of all actors involved in governance arrangements
 - Towards a Common Understanding of the Roles and Responsibilities of all Stakeholders in Internet Governance
 - Criteria for the term "transparency, accountability, democracy" with regard to Internet Governance arrangements
 - *Administration of Internet names and IP addresses*

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- Assessing the adequacy of existing governance arrangements
 - Physical and secured infrastructure issues [Cluster 1a]
 - Issues relating to the logical infrastructure of the Internet: Multilingualization of naming systems [Cluster 1b]
 - Issues relating to the logical infrastructure of the Internet: IP Numbers [Cluster 1b]
 - Issues relating to the logical infrastructure of the Internet: Domain Names [Cluster 1b]

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- Issues relating to the logical infrastructure of the Internet: Root Servers [Cluster 1b]
- Issues relating to the use of the Internet [Cluster 2]
- Competition policy, liberalization, privatization, regulations [Cluster 3]
- E-Commerce, Taxation, Trade [Cluster 3]
- Intellectual Property Rights [Cluster 3]
- Developmental Aspects of Internet Governance [Cluster 4]

TLD-related comments

- APTLD submitted comments on 21 April 2005
- CENTR Working Group on WGIG 29 April 2005
 - Multistakeholder approach
 - Principles of Internet Governance
 - Regulation: Online + Offline subject to same laws
 - Accountability to its local stakeholder communities (including governments)
 - Though formal and informal relationships
 - Responsibility
 - Technical responsibility
 - Performed securely efficiently and cheaply

CENTR comments continued

- Domestic vs international management
 - Subsidiarity
- Conclusion
 - Private section driven
 - Increased dialogue among all stakeholders
 - Delegations / redelegations --> national matter

TLD-related comments

- Nominet UK 13 May 2005
 - General comments
 - Internet is distributed and decentralised
 - “Do no harm” principle
 - Multistakeholder approach
 - Open, distributed and consensus-based governance model
 - GAC: supports advisory function
 - Binding rship --> potential liability for GAC
 - Many private sector players = NPOs, designed to prevent capture

Nominet comments continued

- GAC Principles
 - Subsidiarity and local determination
 - Promotes dialogue b/w govts and ccTLD managers
 - Delegation and redelegation = national issue
- Existing IANA and ccTLD arrangements are stable and satisfactory

TLD-related comments

- DENIC 15 May 2005
 - Bottom-up coordination + private initiative
 - Multistakeholder approach
 - Decentralised nature of Internet
 - Offline and online subject to rules and laws
 - Multiple stakeholders/Multiple issues
 - Issue determines which level/kind of participation and from which group

DENIC comments continued

- ccTLDs
 - Largely a technical matter
 - Subsidiarity

TLD-related comments

- Oscar Robles, DG NIC-MX
 - Criticised process
 - Questioned extent of government involvement for ccTLDs especially for Latin American ccTLDs

Future Meetings

- Fourth WGIG Meeting 14-17 June 2005
 - Final input into WGIG report to Sec-Gen of UN
- 18 July 2005 Submission of Report to the UN Secretary-General at Open Meeting
 - workshop on Internet Governance at the national level will be held on 19 July
- September 2005 PREPCOM III
 - APTLD input?
- November 2005 Second Phase WSIS in Tunis

THANK YOU!

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