

DOCUMENT FOR ccTLD WORKSHOP

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The purpose of this document is to provide a suggested possible framework to structure the discussions of this meeting. The framework is based on the input papers submitted to the Workshop:

1. Descriptive papers: these are papers that describe experiences with ccTLDs, which have on the whole been satisfactory.
2. Papers that raise specific issues or areas for improvement.
3. Respective roles for ICANN, ITU, WIPO, and other organizations: these are papers that suggest certain specific roles for certain organizations.
4. Suggestions for the future: these are papers that make suggestions for the future, in areas such as:
 - a. Core functions of ICANN and other organizations
 - b. How to handle exceptions and special cases
 - c. Technical checklists and best practices
 - d. Subsidiarity/primacy of local policies
 - e. Best practices, handbooks, training

With respect to the first category, it would appear that many of the papers make similar points, namely:

- Initial implementation of ccTLDs was achieved thanks to the efforts of very dedicated individuals, often pioneers
- Subsequently, the broader Local Internet Community became involved with ccTLDs and their transition to longer-term management models

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- Governments have become involved in accordance with local legal frameworks and traditions. The range of government involvement ranges from formal (via laws and regulations) through informal.
- Most issues have been resolved to the full satisfaction of the local community, including national governments, in most countries. There are certain unresolved issues in certain countries.

It is suggested that the Workshop would benefit if presentations focus on special cases and unresolved issues, rather than repeating themes which are common to many countries/ccTLDs.

~~on a categorization of issues that have been raised in a number of forums:~~

~~1ccTLD administrative contact is not in the country, where:~~

- ~~1.1this situation is explicitly approved by the government, or~~
- ~~1.2this situation is not approved by the government~~

~~2ccTLD administrative contact is in the country, where:~~

- ~~2.1—there are good relations between the government and the ccTLD operator, or~~
- ~~2.2—there are some tensions between the government and the ccTLD operator~~
