

**DOCUMENT FOR ccTLD WORKSHOP**

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I am the North American elected Director to the Board of Directors of ICANN.

One must clearly distinguish between ICANN and the IANA function; the two are distinct and severable.

I find no reason to believe that ccTLDs are under any obligation to submit to ICANN contracts in order to obtain IANA services such as prompt handling of redelegations or updates to ccTLD name server records in the root zone.

I have concern that ICANN is improperly withholding IANA services to ccTLDs as a means to induce ccTLDs to enter into contracts with ICANN or to submit to excessive, useless, and intrusive ICANN and IANA demands for data access.

It is my belief that the withholding of IANA services creates a direct and significant danger to the operational integrity of the Internet. It is quite foreseeable that the withholding of such services could lead to the failure of DNS to resolve names within those ccTLDs from which such services have been withheld.

There is also, in my mind, a question whether a ccTLD contract with ICANN ought to survive the redelegation of the ccTLD to another party. To my mind, the redelegation issue is an RFC1591/ICP-1 matter for IANA and for IANA alone.

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