ccTLD Secretariat: An Overview

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History

- World Wide Alliance of 242 Country Code Top Level Domain Registries
- Non-Profit organization with secretariat first established in July 2000
- No membership fee required
- Funding from donation and sponsors
- Small secretariat based in Bangkok
- Consensus decision come from online voting of 242 countries recorded in IANA database

AdCom

- Members of Administrative Committee
  1. Bernard Turcotte (.ca, NATLD, elected July 2001),
  2. Yann Kwok (.mu, AFTLD, elected June 2000)
  3. Nigel Roberts (.gg, CENTR, elected May 2001)
  4. Patricio Poblete (.cl, LACTLD, elected Sep. 2000)
  5. Peter Dengate Thrush (.nz, APTLD, elected July 2000)

Permanent Secretariat

- On May 3, 2001, AdCom approved the Permanent Secretariat proposed by KRNIC.

- Byung-Kyu Kim was Executive Director and Abhisak Chulya was Deputy.

- WWW.WWTLD.ORG Web site had been transferred to Korea (now in Bangkok).

- Eric Akumiah from Ghana has been employed and trained for AFTLD

Objectives

- Be a forum to discuss policies affecting ccTLDs.

- Insure fair, equal, and adequate representation for its members.

- Act as a focal point for enquiries and channel of communication to Internet administrative bodies & other organizations.

- Document policies and practices of ccTLDs.

- Promote interests and relations with the world-wide Internet community (regional TLD organizations) and the general public.

Forum

- Open forum for all ccTLDs with three to four meetings a year ahead of ICANN Forum
- Web site http://www.wwtld.org and mailing lists and archives cctld-discuss@wwtld.org, cctld-contacts@wwtld.org
- Inform the ccTLD communities with latest information
- Contents and meeting minutes published and updated frequently

On-going Activities

- ## ccTLD IDN Task Force

  - Established during ccTLD Shanghai meeting, September 2002.
  - provide a regular forum for exchanging information and addressing issues for the various language groups
  - encouraging further participation in the development and deployment of IDNs.

- ## ccNSO

  - Scope, Membership, Structure, PDP, and Funding
  - Transition Arrangement, Nominating Committee

- ## GAC Principles Review

Outreach Activities

- ccTLD Name Server Training
    - Shanghai, September 2002
    - Rio de Janeiro, March 2003
- Set up grants and sponsorship for ccTLD managers to come and participate.

Our next meeting
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
21 – 22 Mar Name Server Training
23 – 25 Mar. ccTLD Meetings

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