

Reporting back : IGF Workshop:One size doesn't fit all

Joint session organised by CENTR, APTLD, LACTLD, AFTLD on Thursday, November 15th 2007.

- This well attended session (120 attendants) consisted of 5 country code registries presenting how they serve the interest of their local Internet Community while functioning in different frameworks and structures.

.ZA

Not-for-profit organisation that was redelegated as recently as 2005. The focus of the presentation was the regulation of the .za domain and how the organisational structure will allow .za to efficiently tackle a range of challenges

.AT

For-profit organisation but the surplus of the registry is transferred to a not-for-profit organisation. The Austrian government does not see any reason to regulate or manage the .at registry, in particular because the domain is run efficiently and in the interest of the local internet community. The presentation featured the NETIDEA initiative which allows the LIC to apply for sponsorship for their initiatives.

.JP

For-profit organisation. The registry is based on a sponsorship agreement with ICANN and the governments endorsement. So there is no contractual relationship with the government nor a specific governing law for the internet operation. The surplus is used on educational projects and the operation of one of the root servers.

.EU

A registry under contract. Legal framework under which .EU operates is based on EU-regulations. The manager of .EU demonstrated that this model allowed for the creation of a successful registry in this international environment

.CL

Is a prime example of a university based registry. Even though working as part of a government institution might create some lack of flexibility .cl has been able to minimize bureaucracy and provide excellent service to the registrants.

After a lively Q&A session the independent moderator could conclude that different local needs require different solutions.

The models that were presented convincingly demonstrated that there is no such thing as a global best practice.

Reporting back : CENTR : the functioning of the Domain Name System.

Multi-stakeholder panel comprising representatives

- Country code registries
- Government
- ICANN/IANA
- The Internet Society

Moderated by Jeanette Hofmann

Very well attended (120)

- Presentations on how the Domain Name Systems works, and the IANA function, including the role of the United States Government
- Expectations + observation from different stakeholders (gov, ccTLDs, ISOC)
- Case Study E-IANA, collaboration

Themes emerged (customers + supplier)

- How relationships have improved and evolved as the industry is maturing (it's getting better)
- Respect for local determination/decisions ie ccTLDs + role of local stakeholders including government (redelegation, change of ccTLD based on objective criteria)
- Many forms of interaction between ccTLDs, ICANN/IANA eg regional organisations (CENTR, APTLD, LACTLD, AFTLD), ccNSO, ISOC) + importance of participation.
- Capacity building
 - People informed about regional organisations
 - ISOC development/training for ccTLDs
 - Grants + sponsorship available to aid participation in meetings
- Effect of automation (eIANA) in strengthening respect for local decisions (eg through developing authentication methods as the foundation for trusted transactions)