Report on the Activities of the Cross Community Working Group on Internet Governance (CCWG-IG)

**(June 2018 – December 2018)**

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# Introduction

This report of the Cross Community Working Group on Internet Governance (CCWG-IG) covers a number of issues including participation in events and contributions made to on-going Internet governance activities as well as the regular Calls that take place. It also briefly touches on the overall Internet Government landscape, an issue which is important for ICANN, as a significant actor, along with others, in the overall IG Ecosystem.

The CCWG-IG is currently in the process of seeking Community approval for a new cross-community vehicle, known as the Cross Community Engagement Group (CCEG), for its future activities and dialogue. This is touched on below.

# Events and activities since June 2018

## 2.1 CCWG-IG engagement with wider ICANN Community

**ICANN 63 Barcelona**

[Internet Governance Public Session](https://63.schedule.icann.org/meetings/901774)

25 October 2018, 10:30 – 12:00

**Speakers:**

* Olivier Crepin-Leblond (Chair)
* Young-Eum Lee
* Raul Echeberria
* Farzaneh Badii
* Mary Uduma
* Jimson Olufuye
* Patrick Fälström
* Nigel Hickson
* Chengetai Masango
* Marilyn Cade
* William Drake

**Agenda:**

1. Welcome, Introduction
2. IGF Paris 2018 and Paris Peace Forum
   1. Key questions: what are we likely to expect at this IGF? What are ICANN's sessions?
3. What are the topics under discussion that might affect ICANN directly? What role does ICANN have in Peace Forum
4. ITU Plenipotentiary 2018 (PP-18)
   1. A discussion about the proposals from member states that affect ICANN directly.
5. UN Panel on Digital Cooperation
   1. An introduction on what this panel is expected to do and discussion on relevance to ICANN
6. WTO, Trade Agreements and DNS
7. Any Other Business and Closing remarks

**Summary**

This was a very well attended, constructive and informative IG public Session. A wide range of topics were covered, the IGF 2018 held in Paris, the ITU Plenipotentiary 2018 in Dubai, the undertakings of the UN High-Level Panel on Digital Cooperation, and updates concerning the WTO trade talks. Overall, the discussions were positive. The panellists highlighted ICANN’s participation or presence at the different events, explaining its role and purpose there. Other discussions focused on the role and nature of the IGF, its funding, and its outcomes. Potential perceived threats from the ITU Plenipotentiary were also discussed, as well as the UNHLP on Digital Cooperation’s timeline and expected outputs and the significance for ICANN of the upcoming trade talks at the WTO in 2020.

For more information and links to the transcript, see the [Public ICANN 63 Schedule page for the meeting.](https://63.schedule.icann.org/meetings/901774)

**Further Details**

The ICANN Wiki page for the CCWG IG is at <https://community.icann.org/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=43984275>.

### 2.2.2 Internet Governance Forum ([IGF](http://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual)) 2018

*12-14 November 2018, Paris*

As in previous years, an application was made for a Workshop by the CCWG IG at the Paris IGF; the subject chosen being**:  “***Taking Stock on achievements to date on key Internet Governance Issues”*

Unfortunately the Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG)[[1]](#footnote-1) of the IGF, who prepare the programme for the IGF, did not choose our proposal. Competition, this year, was tight as the IGF was only three days long; instead of the usual four. In addition there was no “Day 0” programme, so there was no opportunity for the CCWG IG to host a session.

The IGF itself was, as has been reported on, a significant event. ICANN were represented by the ICANN Board Chair (and 11 other members), the ICANN CEO, senior staff, and many from the ICANN Community. ICANN held an Open Forum, a Lightning Session on Capacity Building in Underserved Regions, took part in a session with APNIC on GDPR and WHOIS and hosted a reception along with others from the Technical Community. Community participants also staged a number of Workshops including on Human Rights and ICANN.

### 2.2.3 ITU Plenipotentiary (PP-18)

*29 October – 16 November; Dubai*

<https://www.itu.int/web/pp-18/en/>

While not directly related to the CCWG IG, this was a significant event for ICANN, and the wider Internet Community, and one in which the ICANN Community played an important role.

The outcome, as has been separately reported, largely maintained the status quo, as far as ICANN was concerned, with proposals for the ITU to work on IDNS and certain types of gTLDs, not accepted. The discussions though were extensive and detailed, with Community representatives (as well as Org members) making significant interventions, not least on DNS issues, the role of the GAC and on proposals on Digital Object Architecture (DOA).

## 2.3 CCWG-IG input into ICANN’s engagement with, and in, external processes

*The ICANN Global Engagement Team (“GE”) sought, inter-alia, the CCWG-IG’s input on the following processes:*

### 2.3.1 ITU PP-18

Through the work of ICANN in the Regional Development process for proposals to ITU PP-18, GE were able to share certain proposals for comment from the CCWG-IG membership in advance of the Conference. The feedback received was useful to GE in the briefing (on relevant proposals) GE prepared for the Conference.

### 2.3.2 UN High Level Panel on Digital Cooperation

The UN HL Panel[[2]](#footnote-2) initiated a Call for input[[3]](#footnote-3) in November. The CCWG IG were invited to provide input to ICANN Org in their own deliberations in deciding if, and if so how, to respond to this opportunity to potentially influence the work of the Panel. This followed on from a brief presentation by the Secretariat of the Panel during the IG Public session at ICANN63 in Barcelona.

## 2.4 CCWG-IG internal work since November 2017

The Chair, and other representatives, of the Board Working Group on Internet Governance ([BWG-IG](https://features.icann.org/board-working-group-internet-governance-bwg-ig)) were present at the CCWG-IG’s face-to-face meetings.

### Face-to-face meetings

**ICANN 62, Panama City**

[Internet Governance Face-to-Face](https://62.schedule.icann.org/meetings/703309) Meeting

27 June 2018, 12:30 - 13:15

**Speakers:**

* Olivier Crepin-Leblond (Chair)
* Tarek Kamel
* Matthew Shears
* Marilyn Cade
* Young-eum Lee
* Tatiana Tropina
* Greg Shatan
* Christopher Wilkinson
* Nigel Hickson
* Carlos Raul Guttierez

**Topics discussed:**

1. Opening and Introduction
2. Transition from CCWG IG to CCEG IG
   1. Proposed response to ccNSO Council questions
   2. Proposed Charter
3. Interaction with Board WG on Internet Governance
   1. Activities of the CCWG IG since ICANN 60
4. CCWG IG Priorities
5. AOB

For more information and links to the transcript, see the [Public ICANN 62 Schedule page for the meeting.](https://62.schedule.icann.org/meetings/703309)

**Summary**

This was a productive and constructive session of the CCWG IG Face-to-Face meeting. The discussion focused on the priorities for ICANN, with respect to the global Internet Governance agenda, between the CCWG-IG and the Board WG on IG. Several topics were discussed, the ITU Plenipotentiary in Dubai in November, as well as the prospect of ICANN becoming a sector member of the ITU. It was also decided that ICANN63 should be the definitive target for the formal transfer of CCWG-IG to CCWG-IG.

**ICANN 63 Barcelona**

[Internet Governance Face-to-Face Meeting](https://63.schedule.icann.org/meetings/901775)

25 October 2018, 12:15 – 13:30

**Speakers:**

* Olivier Crepin-Leblond (Chair)
* Marilyn Cade
* Matthew Shears
* Greg Shatan
* Young-Eum Lee
* Nigel Hickson
* William Drake
* Léon Felipe Sanchez Ambia
* George Sadowsky

**Topics discussed:**

1. Opening and Introduction
2. Update on introduction of Charter for CC Engagement Group
3. Discussion on IG priorities for ICANN with Board WG on IG
4. AOB

**Summary**

This Face-to-Face meeting with the Board WG on Internet Governance was well attended, and had as a focus the evolution of the CCWG-IG into CCEG-IG. With no one having signed up, it has become urgent to secure chartered membership from the SO/ACs. There was also a discussion on ongoing liaison between the CCWG-IG and the Board WG-IG, and the development of ICANN’s IG Strategy.

**Detail**

For more information and links to the transcript, see the [Public ICANN 63 Schedule page for the meeting.](https://63.schedule.icann.org/meetings/901775)

### CCWG-IG teleconferences

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| **Date** | **In Attendance** | **Topics Discussed** |
| [9 August 2018](https://community.icann.org/display/CPMMB/CCWG+on+IG+Teleconference+-+2018.08.09) | 13  (19, inc. staff) | 1. 1. Roll call, welcome, adoption of agenda 2. Charter for CCEG, IG – Update and next steps 3. ICANN63 – IG Public Meeting and F2F Meeting 4. 4. AoB |
| [29 November 2018](https://community.icann.org/display/CPMMB/CCWG+on+IG+Teleconference+-+2018.11.29) | 12  (18, inc. staff) | 1. Roll call, welcome, adoption of agenda 2. Take stock of ICANN 63    1. CCWG on IG Public Forum in Barcelona    2. CCWG on IG F2F Meeting in Barcelona       1. withdrawal of ccNSO as a CCWG / CCEG Charter member    3. GAC High Level meeting       1. GAC Communiqué for Barcelona 3. Review main outcomes of ITU PP-18 and IGF 2018    1. PP-18       1. RIPE NCC High Level View       2. Technical Issues (from RIPE NCC report)    2. IGF 2018       1. Opening Speech from French President Emmanuel Macron       2. Digital Watch reporting on IGF Sessions 4. Look ahead to main developments on horizon    1. UN High-level Panel on Digital Cooperation consultation 5. AoB |

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# The Internet Governance Landscape

The second six months of 2018 witnessed a continuing national, regional and global focus on Internet issues; with the perceived need for regulation, legislation or writing Treaties, top of the agenda. Indeed the focus, whether at the UN, the ITU or WIPO has been on multilateral solutions rather than those reached though bottom-up stakeholder dialogue. Agreements at the UN to establish a further Government Group of Experts on Information Security (GGE) and an open-ended Working Group on Cybersecurity issues, are examples of this. In contrast attempts to open up the ITU Council Working Group (on Internet issues) to non-governments failed at the PP-18 in Dubai.

The role of stakeholders is, however being recognised in the work of the UN High Level Panel on Digital Cooperation (see below) and by the deliberations in the Commission for the stability of Cyberspace[[4]](#footnote-4).

Meanwhile ICANN, continues to be effected by external developments that might be regionally or globally based, the most significant being the European Union’s General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), legislation (which came into force on 25th May). No doubt there may well be other legislative proposals in Europe and elsewhere that will affect ICANN and its Mission.

In all of the above the work with, and dialogue between, the ICANN Organisation and the Community is increasingly important. The ICANN Community has a depth and breadth in the overall Internet Ecosystem which is paramount in both enabling understanding and knowledge of national and regional proposals and facilitating the appropriate dialogue required.

# Work on developing a way forward for ICANN cross-community work on Internet governance

After ICANN 59, the members of the CCWG-IG began work on a new “vehicle” following concerns from ICANN Community – particularly, the gNSO – on the structure of the CCWG-IG and its engagement with Supporting Organizations (SOs) and Advisory Committees (ACs). The recommendations from the CCWG on the structure and mandates of CCWGs (at ICANN) also called into questions the suitability of the CCWG IG (as a CCWG) given the open ended nature of its work.

Through a working group of the CCWG IG, a Charter has been thus drawn up for a Cross Community Engagement Group (CCEG) and shared with SO/ACs. .

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hnr5r1V-WDUxNswlVxqUUarQRCKc1YqdDVmkeX49Fd8/edit#](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hnr5r1V-WDUxNswlVxqUUarQRCKc1YqdDVmkeX49Fd8/edit)

The GNSO withdrew from the CCWG IG in March 2018, at ICANN 62 and at

ICANN 63, in October 2018, the ccNSO also withdrew from the CCWG IG and indicated they would not wish to be a chartered member of the CCEG on IG.

ALAC have indicated their willingness to be Chartered member of the CCEG.

Further discussion with other SO/ACs in terms of membership of the CCEG are taking place, including with the GNSO and GAC.

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1. <https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/content/about-mag> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. <http://www.un.org/en/digital-cooperation-panel/> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. <https://digitalcooperation.org/call-for-contributions/> [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. <https://digitalcooperation.org/about/> [↑](#footnote-ref-4)