

# ICANN Report

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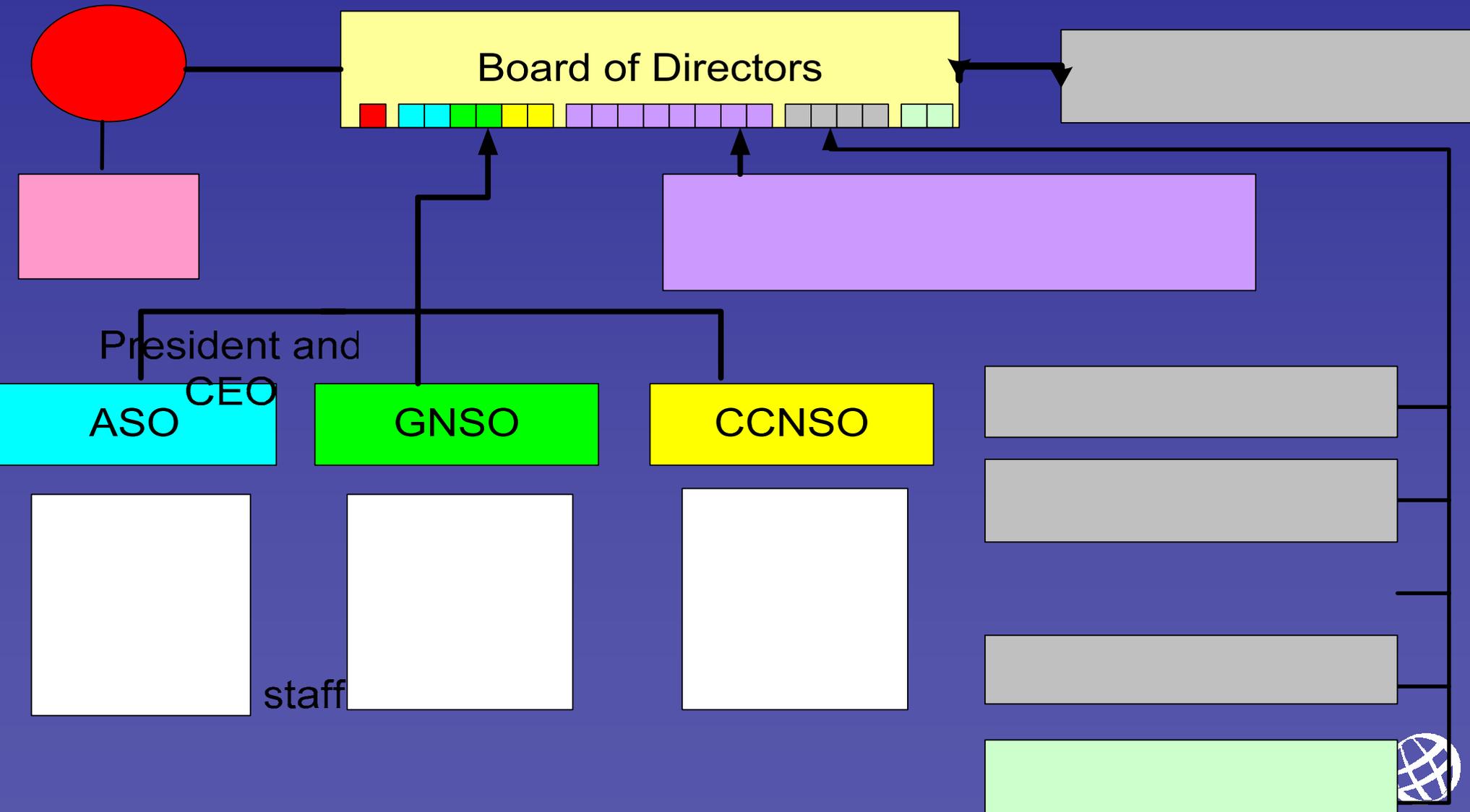
# Agenda

- Challenges of International Technical Coordination
- Achievements since Rome and ongoing work

# PRINCIPLES OF OPERATIONS

1. **Contribute to stability and security of the unique identifiers system and root management**
2. **Promote competition and choice for registrants and other users**
3. **Forum for multi-stakeholder bottom-up development of related policy**
4. **Ensuring on a global basis an opportunity for participation by all interested parties**

The public-private policy forum establishes a bottom-up and balanced mechanism for interest groups to arrive at consensus on issues within a limited technical administrative mandate



# ASO MoU

- Pleased we are moving to signature
- Need for pragmatic approach to processes – learn from practice

# AfriNIC

- The process of setting up AfriNIC started in 2000
- Provision recognition by Board of ICANN in September 2004
- We are committed to helping it become a full operational RIR

# IANA functions

- Address allocations
- IPV6

# IPv6

- IPv6 glue in the root
- Significant step forward on Internet milestone
- Demonstrates success of ICANN Process
  - Requests originated from ccTLD managers
  - Root Server System Advisory Committee addressed technical questions and conducted thorough study and advised ICANN Board
  - Implementation of RSSAC recommendation following public consultation with community

# ccNSO arena

- Completion of the ccNSO
  - Including over 40 members
- Elections for the ccNSO Council completed
  - Work of the ccNSO Launching Group completed
- ccNSO Members meeting held in KL
- First ccNSO Council meeting held in KL
- Accountability Frameworks for ccTLDs

# gTLD arena

- Whois
- Transfers
  - Launch of the Inter-Registrar Transfers policy
- Deletes
- Final procedures posted for designation of the subsequent .net Registry Operator
- New STLD process
- gTLD formation and Registry Agreements
- gTLD Registrar Agreements

# OECD Report: July 2004

- ‘The paper concludes that ICANN’s reform of the market structure for the registration of generic top level domain names has been very successful. The division between registry and registrar functions has created a competitive market that has lowered prices and encouraged innovation. The initial experience with competition at the registry level, in association with a successful process to introduce new gTLDs, has also shown positive results’

*Generic Top Level Domain Names: Market Development and Allocation Issues – Working Party on Telecommunication and Information Services Policies*

# GAC arena

- Now over 100 country members and five IGO observers
- Increased participation from Africa and South Asia
- Processes for consultation
- WSIS considerations

# OECD Report continued

- ‘When OECD countries allocate resources they have certain common objectives irrespective of the method chosen. These can include efficient allocation of a resource and efficient use of that resource, transparency in the award of resource, non-discrimination, and the creation of appropriate conditions for market competition. There may also be other wider economic and social objectives. Through statements and actions it is clear that ICANN shares the ideals inherent in these objectives.’

# MoU with DoC

- Final MoU contains:
  - Accountability Provisions
  - Operational Provisions
  - Due Diligence Actions
  - Outreach Provisions
- Nine months into MoU
  - 7 of 24 milestones completed
  - Others are on time or ahead of timetable
- Update on the Due Diligence Actions

# Contingency Plan

- MoU Amendment 6, Article 2 (C) (11):
- Two aspects
  - Operations in case of natural disaster, or other physical or operational event, to ensure ongoing operations and no loss to global Internet community.
  - Business Failure or Insolvency, to ensure ongoing operations and no loss to global Internet community.

# Operations in case of natural disaster, or other event

- Objective: To ensure ongoing global operations during event
  - Outage durations
  - Making practical use of ICANN's global nature
  - Technical set up
    - Offices
    - Data centers
  - General Technical

# Business Failure or Insolvency

- Objective: To ensure that core and necessary functions are carried out and that the relevant relationships, agreements, and public messages are managed to ensure stability and security of the DNS and the Internet

# Business Failure or Insolvency (cont.)

- Steps:
  - ICANN executive staff communicates to ICANN's Chairman
  - ICANN Chairman initiates investigation by independent auditor.
  - If determination that real risk of insolvency or complete business failure:
    - Creation of Executive Stability Committee (ExStabCom), with appointed eminent person adding 3 people including Chair of SESAC, ICANN CFO, and identified independent auditor
    - Consultation and advice be sought from wider ICANN Internet community, staff and Board if appropriate to ensure ongoing operation of core functions.

# Business Failure or Insolvency (cont.)

- ExStabCom include appointment of an Emergency Names and Addressing Committee (ENAC)
  - Consisting of 1 GAC representative member from **each region**,
  - 1 appointed representative of each GNSO constituency,
  - 1 appointed ALAC representative from **each region**,
  - 2 appointed ASO representatives,
  - 1 appointed ccNSO representative from **each region**,
  - 1 root-server operator,
  - 1 representative from ICANN's Technical Liaison Group,
  - SSAC Chair and 2 SSAC members,
  - 1 representative from Internet Architecture Board.
- ENAC to assist ExStabCom to execute ICANN's technical and operational functions and to assist ExStabCom to form a replacement/reformed entity

# ICANN and DoC relationship

- ‘I am pleased that ICANN has timely met the MOU milestones to date. Clearly more work remains to be done for ICANN to achieve functional, sustainable independence. We look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with ICANN to complete the remaining tasks over the course of the MOU as we complete the transition to independent, private sector management of the Internet Domain Name System.’

*Statement by Michael D. Gallagher, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for communications and Information, on ICANN's July meeting in Kuala Lumpur. 19 July 2004*

# Organizational matters

- Staff
  - Recruitment
- Budget
- Ombudsman

# Ongoing Work

## Examples of ongoing work

- Communication and outreach
- New gTLD strategy process
- sTLD Process
- ALAC
- WSIS
- Strategic Plan consultation

# Thank You

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