

Charter for Board Technical Relations Working Group (BTR WG)

1. Purpose

As stated in an ICANN Board resolution 18 March 2011, see <http://icann.org/en/minutes/resolutions-18mar11-en.htm#7>, the purpose of the BTR WG is “to consider measures to enhance the coordination and cooperation between ICANN and other members of the Internet technical community with the intent of, among other things, dissolving the TLG by the 2011 Annual Meeting.”

2. Responsibilities

In preparing for the needed Board decisions at the 2011 Annual Meeting (24-28 October 2011), the BTR WG shall:

- a. Identify the types of entities, or entities, in the Internet technical community with which ICANN should establish relationship for cooperation and coordination, stating the reasons why such cooperation and coordination would be beneficial.
- b. Identify modalities and measures for cooperation and coordination with the types of entities, or entities, identified in a) above, stating the advantages and drawbacks associated with each measure.
- c. Perform outreach to entities identified in a) to assess feasibility of the alternative measures identified in b).
- d. Summarize the findings from steps a-c above and recommend actions to be taken in a draft report for public comment.
- e. Evaluate public comments received, adapt the draft report findings as appropriate in preparing a final report, for consideration and decision by the ICANN Board.

3. Timeline

The BTR WG shall plan its work to comply with the following milestones:

- by 30 August: draft report delivered to SIC, copied to Board list
- 15 Sept 2011: SIC f2f-meeting, discusses draft report
- 16-17 Sept 2011: Board Retreat, Board discusses draft report, agrees to publish for comments
- 18 September 2011: draft report published for public comments
- 18 October 2011: end of public comment period
- 22 October 2011: SIC considers report modified in light of comments, suggests Board action

- 28 October 2011: decision at ICANN Board Annual Meeting

4. References

- a. Final report of JAS Communications LLC, the independent contractor who undertook the Review of the Technical Liaison Group (TLG), issued on 3 Dec 2010 (<http://www.icann.org/en/reviews/tlg/tlg-review-final-report-03dec10-en.pdf>).
- b. Public comments on the final report under a. (<http://www.icann.org/en/public-comment/public-comment-201101-en.htm#tlg-final-report>)