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Background

Formed in February 2015, the GAC Working Group on Human Rights and International Law (HRIL WG) focuses on aspects of ICANN's policies and procedures which relate to human rights and relevant international law. The Working Group Co-Chairs are Jorge Cancio (Switzerland) and Suada Hadzovic (Bosnia Herzegovina).

The Cross-Community Working Party on ICANN and Human Rights (CCWP-HR) is a multistakeholder forum for research and discussion on the relationship between human rights and global DNS coordination. This is related — but not limited — to policies, procedures, and operations, with a particular focus on ICANN's responsibility to respect human rights. The primary goal of the CCWP-HR is to provide information, facilitate dialogue, and make suggestions to ICANN the corporation, its Board of Directors, and the ICANN community on ways to better harmonize ICANN's policies and procedures with internationally recognized human rights and corporate social responsibility standards.

At ICANN65, GAC members and Cross-Community Working Party for Human Rights (CCWP-HR) agreed to hold a joint session at ICANN66 focusing on the Implementation of the Human Rights Core Value in ICANN's Bylaws, following the release of the Human Rights Impacts Assessment by ICANN Org.

Agenda

1. **Welcome/Session Objectives** - 2 minutes

2. **Introduction: ICANN Human Rights Core Value** - 5 minutes
   a. How did we get here?

3. **GNSO Policy Development Processes and Human Rights, the work and experiences so far** - **"Designing a Human Rights Impact Assessment for ICANN's Policy Development Process" Presentation** 15 minutes
   a. Highlights;
   b. Specific lessons learned;
   c. Way forward

4. **Community views on the Implementation of ICANN Human Rights Core Value** - 25 minutes

5. **Reactions from the floor: open mic** - 10 minutes

6. **Session take-aways** - 3 minutes

Relevant Developments

ICANN engaged a third-party vendor to conduct an independent internal Human Rights Impact Assessment ([HRIA](#)) of ICANN's organizational operations. [ICANN Org's Human Rights Impact Assessment report](#) was published on 15 May 2019, presented to the GAC at ICANN65.

The CCWP-Human Rights, published a report named [Designing a Human Rights Impact Assessment for ICANN's Policy Development Process](#). This report outlines an iterative research-and-design process carried out between November 2017 and July 2019, focusing on successes and lessons learned in anticipation of the Board's long-awaited approval of the Work Stream 2 recommendations.

Key Reference Documents

[ICANN Org's Human Rights Impact Assessment report](#)

[Designing a Human Rights Impact Assessment for ICANN's Policy Development Process](#)

Further Information

[HRIL WG Page](#)

[Terms of References](#)

[Work plan](#)

[HRIL WG Options Paper - May 2019](#)

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