Geographic Regions Review Update

GNSO Council

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Geographic Regions Review

- Geographic diversity is a fundamental component of the ICANN organization.
- The ICANN Bylaws currently define five geographic regions as Africa, North America, Latin America/ Caribbean, Asia/Australia/ Pacific and Europe.

Geographic Regions Review – Why?

- Review anticipated in Bylaws
- ccNSO Council requested review (2007)
- Board agreed and approved community-wide working group concept (2008) and charter (2009)
- WG has so far produced two reports
- Third (and final) report is drafted – with recommendations for potential changes.

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Geographic Regions Review – Recs

- ICANN adopt its own independent allocation standards
- RIR framework seems to be the best model
- Give individual communities flexibility to set own standards and procedures
- Opportunity for sub-groupings to recognize unique culture, language or other characteristics
- Respect sovereignty and desires of individual countries to stay where they are
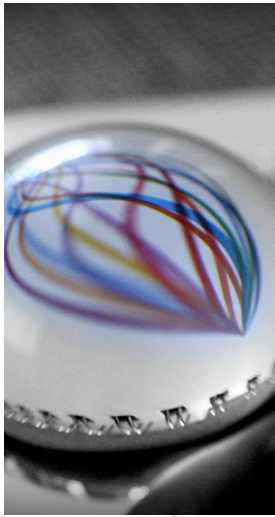
Geographic Regions Review – Next Steps

- Public Comment Forum Open on WG Draft Final Report
- Comments Due 14 December
- WG will review comments and publish Final Report in early 2012
- Community (SO-AC) formal review opportunity
- Presentation To Board – mid 2012
- Board Review and Action – late 2012.

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Additional Information

- Geographic Regions Review Public Comment Forum - http://http://www.icann.org/en/public-comment/geo-regions-draft-final-report-30sep11-en.htm

- Working Group Wiki Page – https://community.icann.org/display/georegionwg/Home+Page+of+Geographic+Regions+Review+Working+Group

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