

Terms of Reference: Consultation Model Working Group

Background

On 18 April, 2018 the Australian Government published their final report into their “Review of the .au Domain Administration,” which included 29 recommendations for reform of auDA.

auDA accepted all of the Government’s recommendations and committed to implementing them in a transparent and truly multi-stakeholder manner.

The auDA Board has established The Consultation Model Working Group (CMWG) to define and oversee the process of consultation with the entire auDA membership and wider Australian community on the reforms required for auDA to meet the new Terms of Endorsement from the Commonwealth Government.

The CMWG will be comprised of interested and committed auDA members and stakeholders from the wider Australian community.

Terms of Reference

1. To develop a model of consultation with all auDA members and the wider Australian Internet community, to be used specifically in meeting the Government’s Recommendations
2. To advise on the method to measure the effectiveness of the consultation model, and potential segmentation of the membership and stakeholder base to ensure maximum engagement, and;
3. To advise on other appropriate strategies and initiatives to improve member engagement, participation and interest in auDA and its activities.

The Working Group will not be advising on the specifics of any proposed changes to auDA’s Constitution or operations as recommended by the Department’s report.

The key deliverable and exclusive scope of the CMWG is to develop a model to be used for member and stakeholder consultation and engagement around the necessary reforms as identified in the “Review of the .au Domain Administration” completed by the Department of Communications and the Arts.

Timelines and management

The CMWG will hold its first meeting the week commencing 14 May and will initially meet weekly at the auDA office in Melbourne, or via video/teleconferencing facilities.

The CMWG will be chaired by the CEO of auDA who will provide advice and assistance with the recommendations of the Working Group.

Membership of the CMWG will be by invitation and through a membership-wide expression of interest. It is expected the Working Group initially will have a membership of 10 with equal (as best as possible) representation from both supply and demand class members.

Its operating principles will reflect the bottom-up consensus, multi-stakeholder approach as endorsed by ICANN.

Due to the extensiveness of the work expected by CMWG members, a sitting fee of A\$250 will be provided for each meeting, in addition to reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by each member. It is anticipated that the Working Group will have an initial tenure of two months.

Expressions of Interest

All auDA members and stakeholders are encouraged to submit a short email expressing interest to engagement@auda.org.au by close of business Wednesday 9 May, 2018.

Individuals are encouraged to submit applications as soon as practical. Applicants will be notified by COB Friday 11 May, 2018.