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Enhancing ICANN Accountability

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Using Stress Tests to Help Design Accountability Mechanisms

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A plausible and challenging scenario that helps us design and test a new mechanism or process.

- Let's us be creative about future scenarios (instead of defensive about past problems)
- Gives critics a productive way to express their concerns, so we can develop responses
- > Helps us design an ICANN for the future



Stress Tests

BizConst.org/StressTests

- 1. ICANN cancels the Affirmation of Commitments
- 2. Corporation changes its legal presence
- 3. ICANN becomes financially insolvent
- 4. ICANN greatly expands scope
- 5. ICANN adds a new TLD despite security concerns
- 6. GAC changes to majority voting
- 7. Governments move censorship to the core
- 8. Court bars re-delegation based on contract breach
- 9. Court bocks a delegation
- 10. ccTLD re-delegation dispute



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