**On the Plan for Changing Cost Bearing and Administration of CCSDS and of CCSDS to ISO TC20/SC13 Subcommittee**

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**1. The Proposed Change:**

**FROM:**

NASA sole financing of NASA administrative and management costs for CCSDS and for ISO TC20/SC13 Subcommittee organizations, via CCSDS;

**TO:**

The sharing of the costs and administration of CCSDS and of ISO TC20/SC13 Subcommittee organizations by CCSDS Members;

**2. The Plan**

Some type of, here, provisionally denominated, “CCSDS-Associated-Organization”, or simply, “CAO” would have to be conceived for instrumenting the Plan that is introductorily defined by the above Proposed Change.

**3. The Deadline**

Such a plan should enter in operation by in October 2016.

**4. The Task:**

Find and instrument an operational “CAO” type solution among CCSDS Members aimed to the CCSDS and CCSDS-ISO TC20/SC13 Subcommittee organizations that may permit the sharing of their costs and of their administration.

**5. A Basic Proposal for Instrumentation of the Plan**

The characterization of internationally acceptable legally justified principles and resulting legally acceptable procedures would have to be structured for the justification of a “CAO”, in conformance to CCSDS Member legal requirements.

Of fundamental importance would be that the legal procedures are stated in a way that each CCSDS Member may be in a condition to legally justify, approve and effectively be able to provide, on a regular basis, its share in the instrumentation of this plan.

A two different approach for the instrumentation of this Plan could be in consideration:

**BY DISTRIBUTION OF TASKS:**

**5.1.** In this case, one or more hosting Members of CCSDS would be taking-up the cost for a local realization of a CCSDS meeting;

**5.2.** The continuation of work currently under execution by SANA could be possibly solved as the result of a distributed task approach;

**BY CONCENTRATION OF TASKS:**

**5.3.**

Specific procedures would probably have to be considered in the execution of this Plan in its *transition* from a NASA-only funding and administration of CCSDS and of CCSDS-ISO TC20/SC13 Subcommittee to a “CAO” CCSDS and CCSDS-ISO TC20/SC13 funding and administration. These specific procedures would be necessary, even if NASA, as part of its share in this process may accept to continue to manage CCSDS and CCSDS-ISO TC20/SC13 Subcommittee organizations as they are, under the current fashion.

**5.4.**

“CAO” Procedures for funding and administration of the would have to be established and settled among CCSDS Members for use, as part of the *regular* funding and administration of the CCSDS and CCSDS-ISO TC20/SC13 organizations.

**5.5.**

The “CAO” organization, per se, not bearing a legal personality, would have to be naturally associated to CCSDS. However, it is an open issue that there should exist a legally existing organization to be associated to “CAO” that, in its behalf, would justify a legal personality. That is, the existence of such a legally represented organization in association to the “CAO” organization is the one that would provide support for a legal personality to the “CAO”. This legally justified organization to be associated to the “CAO” is the one that would justify the deposit of legal fund sharing from the CCSDS Members (somewhat indirectly) to the “CAO” organization. For instance, in the case of INPE/Brazil, the existence of such a legal personality organization, to be associated to the “CAO” organization, would be a very fundamental requirement for the institution as part of its internal justification when applying for a temporary or regular sharing of funds, as expected from CCSDS Members, in this case.