IETF Areas Re-Organisation

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Background

- Flexibility of the organisation
- Changes in the most active areas of work
- Open source working style, fast moving technical work, large groups of new work
- Availability of volunteers for leadership

- The IESG made a set of changes, further changes coming
Actions (Ongoing)

• Agility in assigning WGs to area directors
• Putting directors where they are most needed
  • Data models, routing
• Forming slightly larger areas
  • RAI + APP and routing (both 3 directors)
• Establishing community teams for big topics
  • YANG
Actions (Future)

• Systematic walkthrough of IESG roles to determine what tasks are essential, can be moved to others or are unnecessary

  • Goal: leadership roles compatible with doing also real day-job work

  • => more volunteers, possibility to reduce number of area directors needed, …
Actions (Future) 2

• Mere management changes are insufficient
  • Github, wikis, …
  • Attracting more coders
  • Programmable vs. fully specified, incremental vs. waterfall, …

• We’ve worked on some of this, but much work remains!

• Difficult to change (because culture)

• Still focus on broad consensus and interoperability