3.1.1 Stakeholder Communities

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Given that DIDOs are centered around stakeholders, a stakeholder community is key to creating a thriving community of stakeholders. Unless the target of a DIDO is a private, permissioned network, there will be stakeholders that exist outside of any corporation and/or a corporation's customers or clients. In many cases, the stakeholder community will also include competitors or other participants (i.e., supply chain players) that want to integrate services around a common concept or idea. This common concept or idea is generally a distributed object.

In other words, the stakeholder community is generally defined as people, groups, organizations, or businesses that have interest or concern in the distributed object. Stakeholders affect or are affected by the community's actions, objectives and policies.

A stakeholder community can be informal or formal. Informal communities are best described as a confederation of the willing and generally have one or more core participants who make decisions for the group. When the stakeholder community is large, broad and with sometimes competing stakeholders, these communities should be formal, well organized organizations (usually non-profit).

Note: Refer to Section 2.1 Stakeholder Views for how the various stakeholder communities are organized, as well as the definitions and descriptions of ecosphere, ecosystem, and domain. Also, it should be understood that each of these terms refer to a kind of Community of Interest (CoI). Thus, saying "ecosphere" should be read as "ecosphere CoI". Likewise for "domain" and "ecosystem".

Steps for Establishing an Ecosphere

Steps for establishing and building a formal Ecosphere CoI[1]

1. Define a Mission Statement
2. Select a Leadership Team as Governing Board
3. Secure Funding
4. Create Legal Documents:
   a. Charter
   b. Bylaws
   c. Policy and Procedures (P&P)
5. Legally Incorporate
6. If Non-Profit, officially register as Non-Profit (In US, 501 ©(3))
7. Identify Partners (Founding Members)
8. Establish Milestones, Deliverables, and Schedules
9. Create Community Guides consistent with Charter, Bylaws, and Policies and Procedures
10. Recruit more members
11. Establish liaisons with other CoIs

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How To Start A Nonprofit Organization, Snowball Fundraising, Accessed 21 May 2020, https://snowballfundraising.com/starting-a-nonprofit-checklist/