ccNSO Council Meeting

28th March 2007, Lisbon

Minutes

Attendance

Becky Burr
Victor Ciza
Chris Disspain (Chair)
Keith Drazek
Mohamed El Bashir
Young Eum Lee
Ondrej Filip
Olivier Guillard
Hiro Hotta
Slobodan Markovic
Paulos Nyirenda
Patricio Poblete (Telephone)
Oscar Robles – Garay
Charles Sha'ban
Dotty Sparks de Blanc
Bernie Turcotte
Bart Vastenburg (Telephone)

Absent: Eduardo Santoyo

1. Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair

Chris Disspain stated that the appointments of Chair and Vice Chair made at the last meeting in Sao Paolo were only for an interim period, as council elections were pending at that time. So the first agenda item is the appointment of a ccNSO Chair and vice Chair for a full 12 months term.

13.01 IT WAS RESOLVED to reappoint Chris Disspain as Chair and Patricio Poblete as the vice Chair of the ccNSO.

2. IANA Working Group

The Council was informed that the IANA Working Group has now changed its membership. Unlike most others, this Working Group permanently exists and has a mechanism that allows membership to rotate.

Olivier Guillard listed the new Working Group members: Ali Drissa Badiel, Eberhard Lisse, Shinta Sato, Han Sang Lee, Lesley Cowley, Olivier Guillard, Sebastian Castro Avila, Frederico Neves, Keith Drazek and Oscar Moreno.

The Council was asked to adopt the new members so that the IANA Working Group can be reconstituted.

13.02 IT WAS RESOLVED to reconstitute the IANA Working Group with Ali Drissa Badiel, Eberhard Lisse, Shinta Sato, Han Sang Lee, Lesley Cowley, Olivier Guillard, Sebastian Castro Avila, Frederico Neves, Keith Drazek and Oscar Moreno as new members.

13.03 IT WAS RESOLVED to thank the IANA Working Group members that are now leaving their post for their service on the Working Group.

3. Joint ccNSO–GAC IDN Working Group

The Chair updated the Council that there is a need to formally instruct the Joint ccNSO-GAC IDN Working Group to send out the current Draft Issues Report for comment. The Working Group is then to take the comments on board and work with GAC members to produce a second draft paper in time for the meeting in Puerto Rico. It was clarified that the Draft Issue Report is a document that was requested by the ICANN board and which will finally go to the ICANN board for consideration.

13.04 IT WAS RESOLVED to instruct the Joint ccNSO-GAC Working Group to send out the current Draft Issues Report for comments.

4. Regions Working Group

The Chair informed the Council that the Regions Working Group needs to be tasked to publish their ICANN Regions Report for comments. A second draft shall then be prepared in time for the meeting in Puerto Rico, where it will be considered by the ccNSO Council.

Paulos Nyirenda notified the Council that the AfTLD Executive Committee has taken a stand on the Regions paper and would like to have their comments incorporated into the final report.

Dotty Sparks de Blanc suggested that the Working Group should try to have more members from large countries joining the group, as this would give it more weight.

13.05 IT WAS RESOLVED to instruct the Regions Working Group to publish their ICANN Regions Report for comments.

5. Letter from IDN Working Group

The Chair notified the Council that the IDN Working Group is drafting a letter to the ICANN Board setting out concerns at the speed of IDN implementation under the gNSO current plans.

The letter will need to be approved by theCcouncil and sent by them to the Board.

6. Delegations and Retirements of ccTLDs

The Chair reported that during the previous day's discussion with the IANA it became clear that there is a lack of policy in situations where there is the delegation of a new ccTLD connected with the retirement of an existing ccTLD.

The Council Members were asked if they felt anything should be done about this.

Slobodan Markovic highlighted the problem by giving an example on the current setup of the .me (Montenegro) and .rs (Serbia) registries.

He explained that the two new registries are working in cooperation, but the setup of the .me registry has progressed faster than .rs and is now in principle ready for a delegation.

However, the registry has been informed by IANA that .me cannot be delegated until arrangements have been presented on how to sunset .yu. As the .me registry does not know how to respond to this, the delegation has been stalled.

Slobodan expected that the .rs registry will have to deal with the same question and expressed his concern that such a decision is being forced upon the new registries.

Bernard Turcotte felt that the lack of policy in such circumstances can create very unfair situations and he therefore thought the Chair should talk to senior ICANN management about this problem.

Oscar Robles and *Olivier Guillard* asked to keep any resolution on this matter as generic as possible with no specific cases mentioned.

The Chair clarified that demanding a policy to be set might cause a redraft of RFC 1591, which should be avoided. However, the ccNSO should try to find a clarification mechanism to ensure there is some clarity around what is supposed to be happening when cases such as the aforementioned occur.

13.06 IT WAS RESOLVED that the Chair is to contact the ICANN CEO to commence discussions to clarify situations where the delegation of a new ccTLD is being tied to the retirement of an existing ccTLD.

7. New Website

The Chair informed the Council that the ccNSO Secretariat is about to launch a draft new ccNSO website during the next weeks.

The Secretariat is to send out the url to the Council members so that input can be given.

8. New/Old Councillors and Staff Members

The Chair advised that all Councillors whose seats were up for re-election had returned to the Council, except Bart Vastenburg (.nl) who had decided he was not able to re-stand for re-election.

Lesley Cowley (.uk) was welcomed as the new Councillor for the European region.

13.07 IT WAS RESOLVED that Bart Vastenburg be thanked for his involvement and contributions to the ccNSO.

The resolution was passed by acclamation.

The Chair further advised that Donna Austin is leaving her position as ccTLD Policy Officer and is moving on to become a GAC liaison.

13.08 IT WAS RESOLVED that Donna Austin be thanked for her hard work and contribution to the ccNSO.

The resolution was passed by acclamation.