ccNSO Meeting Highlights
San José, 10-17 March 2012

The ccNSO meetings in Costa Rica were attended by over 150 representatives from approximately 70 different ccTLDs.

ccNSO Finance Working Group Contribution Survey

Following the Dakar meeting, the ccNSO Finance Working Group conducted a survey to gather insights that will help the ccNSO Finance Working Group better understand existing ccTLD contributions to ICANN and to address which contribution models may be acceptable to the ccTLD community.

After an initial analysis by the Working Group, the findings were presented to the ccTLD community present, the ICANN Board of Directors and the GAC.

The initial findings of the Finance WG are:

1. The ccTLDs that use the least amount of ICANN services make the largest financial contributions;

2. The financial contribution of a ccTLD is independent of any formal arrangement between ICANN and that ccTLD. In statistical terms: There is no correlation between the financial contribution of a ccTLD and any formal arrangement between ICANN and ccTLDs;

3. The ccTLD financial contributions disclosed by ICANN are materially less than the actual financial and non-financial contributions made by the ccTLD community

The Working Group will present a full report to the community after a detailed analysis of the data. The presentations of Finance WG, including the interim findings can be found at: http://costarica43.icann.org/meetings/sanjose2012/presentation-ccnso-finance-wg-holland-13mar12-en.pdf.

Endorsement of FoI Working Group Final Report on "Consent"

The Framework of Interpretation (FoI) Working Group was established by the ccNSO Council at its meeting in March 2011.

The FoI Working Group has submitted its first set of recommendations out of a series of five: the Final Report on Obtaining and documenting "Consent" of the Incumbent ccTLD manager for ccTLD Delegation and Re-Delegation Requests, to both the ccNSO and GAC to seek their endorsement for the guidelines contained in the report.

The Final Report was presented to the ccTLD community present at the Costa Rica meeting, which unanimously supported the recommendations. Following the meeting of the ccTLDs present, the ccNSO Council endorsed the recommendations contained in the Final Report.
The ccNSO Council thanked the WG for its hard work and progress made to date.

The Final Report on "Consent" can be found at:
http://ccnso.icann.org/workinggroups/foiwg-consent-final-27feb12-en.pdf.

Volunteer Capacity

The ccNSO Council and chairs of the ccNSO Working Groups reviewed and updated the ccNSO Workplan March 2012 - March 2014.

The updated work plan is published at: http://ccnso.icann.org/about/guidelines.htm.

The Council noted that currently, the ccNSO is at full capacity of its volunteers and therefore there is a need to find ways to influence the balance between (anticipated) work load and capacity, for example by prioritisation of work or engaging more volunteers.

The ccNSO Council will set up an informal study group to advise the Council by the Prague June 2012 meeting on further steps to balance the anticipated (increasing) workload and capacity of the ccNSO.

Roles and Responsibilities ccNSO Council Members

At its workshop the ccNSO Council reviewed and updated the Roles and Responsibilities scheme of the ccNSO Council.

The updated scheme (2012) can be found at:
http://ccnso.icann.org/about/guidelines.htm.

The major changes are:

- Two councillors were appointed to monitor and shepherd through requests for comments, input etc. from the Board and other Supporting Organisations and Advisory Committees;

- Informal coordination is now a task for all Councillors;

- Liaison with Regional Organisation is responsibility of the General Managers of the Regional Organisations

Appointment of ccNSO Drafting Team to Provide Statement on ICANN's WHOIS Roadmap

ICANN published a Roadmap for the coordination of the technical and policy discussions necessary to implement the recommendations outlined in SAC 051 (SSAC Report on Domain Name WHOIS Terminology and Structure).

The ccNSO Council requested Becky Burr to lead the drafting team, which, in accordance with the ccNSO Guidelines on ccNSO Position Papers and Statements, will prepare a ccNSO statement to be submitted.

Becky is also requested to find additional members for the drafting team, with the help of the ccNSO Secretariat.

Meeting with the Board and other Supporting Organisations and Advisory Committees

The ccNSO had a meeting with the GAC on 13 March 2012.

The main topic of discussion was the progress to date of the Framework of Interpretation Working Group. The GAC indicated that it would support the recommendations on "Consent".

Other topics discussed were the Finance Working Group Survey, an update on the progress to date of the ccNSO Study Group on the Use of Country and Territory Names as well as briefing session on the ccNSO, which the GAC is invited to attend during the Prague meeting.

The ccNSO-Board meeting (12 March 2012) mainly focused on the ccNSO Finance Working Group survey.

Other topics discussed were the latest developments regarding the IANA Function contract between ICANN and the NTIA, experiences of ccTLDs with WHOIS verification and progress and next steps of the Framework of Interpretation Working Group.

The joint ccNSO-GNSO Council meeting (11 March 2011) focused on the ccNSO Strategic and Operational Planning Working Group submission on the ICANN Fiscal Year 2013 Framework; progress relating to cross community Working Groups (Joint ccNSO/GNSO IDN Working Group, Study Group on Use of Country and Territory Names), principles for cc Working Groups, as developed by the GNSO, and an exchange of views on volunteer capacity issues related to the anticipated workload.

The Chair of SSAC provided an update to the ccTLD community present during the ccNSO meeting.

Tech Day

The ccNSO Tech Day (12 March 2012) included topics such as FRED (registrant identification, as EPP implementation and the Web Front End), Security (Intrusion Detection and Mitigation, DDos and the TLD registry, DNS Hijacking Stats) and WHOIS (next generation WHOIS).

The presentations can be found at: http://ccnso.icann.org/meetings/costa-rica/workshop.htm

ccNSO Meeting

During the two days of the ccNSO meeting a broad range of topics were discussed and presented (see: http://ccnso.icann.org/meetings/costa-rica/agenda.htm).

The main sessions were:

- *Regulatory & Legislative Developments and their Impact on the Global DNS and Internet.*

    During this session, overviews were presented of the latest developments related to SOPA and ACTA, legislative action in Mexico and community efforts to keep the Internet open, Law Enforcement in China and DNS Filtering, and Internet Governance in Korea, and their respective (anticipated) impact on ccTLD's. The ccTLD community present, indicated support for a follow-up session in due course.

- *Panel Discussion: Marketing ccTLDs with the advent of gTLDs: Strategies and Reactions to the Changing Environment* with panelist from the ccTLD community and GNSO registry and registrar community with an interest in new gTLD developments.

- *ccTLD News Session*, with presentation ranging from the launch of DNSSEC in .CR, running a new gTLD on a ccTLD infrastructure (.ZA), the rebirth of of .jo / الاردن. (.al-ordun), and Dot CN soon available for Individual registrants.

All presentations are available at: http://ccnso.icann.org/meetings/costa-rica/presentations.htm

Chair and Vice-Chair Election

At its meeting in Costa Rica, the ccNSO Council appointed Lesley Cowley OBE (.UK) as its chair and Byron Holland (.CA) and Keith Davidson (.NZ) as its vice-chairs.

Welcome and Thank You

The ccNSO Council welcomed Margarita Valdés (.CL) at it newest member and thanked Hiro Hotta (.JP) for his service as vice-chair of the ccNSO over the last year.

The ccNSO Council thanked Patricio Poblete (.CL), ccNSO Councillor for the Latin American and Caribbean Region (since December 2004, elected June 2004, stepping down 14 March 2012), for his outstanding work in the ccNSO and hopes that he will remain involved in the ccNSO activities.

The ccNSO Council, on behalf of the ccTLD community present also thanked the host of the San José meeting, NIC CR, the ccTLD manager for .CR for hosting the ccTLD meetings and its warm hospitality.