# ccNSO Council Telephone Conference

25 January 2011

# Attendees:

Lesley Cowley, .uk
Chris Disspain, .au (Chair)
Fernando Espana, .us
Paulos Nyirenda, .mw
Sokol Haxio, NomCom
Hiro Hotta, .jp
Erick Iriarte Ahon, LACTLD
Cheryl Langdon-Orr, At-Large Observer to the ccNSO
Young-Eum Lee, .kr
Adam Peake, NomCom Chair
Patricio Poblete, .cl
Ron Sherwood, ccNSO Liaison to the At-Large
Dotty Sparks de Blanc, .vi
Jian Zhang, NomCom

## Staff:

Bart Boswinkel Kristina Nordström Gabriella Schittek

# Apologies:

Ondrej Filip, .cz Byron Holland, .ca Juhani Juselius, .fi Han Chuan Lee, ccNSO Liaison to the GNSO Vika Mpisane, .za Peter Van Roste, CENTR

# 1 Confirmation of Approval of Minutes and Actions 8 December 2010

The Chair noted that the minutes from the last Council meeting were posted. The minutes were approved.

# 2 NomCom Briefing

Adam Peake (Nom Com Chair) explained to the Councillors that the Nominating Committee – as a step of increased transparency - is seeking advice and input from the ccTLD community in the search of new NomCom candidates for 2011. He noted that Jian Zhang is currently representing the ccNSO and that she has the option to stand again. He explained that recommendations for a

certain candidate should be submitted through a special through the NomCom website, nomcom.icann.org, before 4<sup>th</sup> of March and that recommendations of candidates from all constituencies are welcomed.

# 3 UNESCO/ISOC/OECD Survey

The Chair explained that Janis Karklins has requested the ccNSO to cooperate in a UNESCO ISOC/OECD survey on the Economic Aspects of Local Content Creation and Local Internet Infrastructure and suggested that the Regional Organisations should be responsible for sending the survey out to the community. He offered to contact Janis and the Regional Organisations regarding the logistics.

Lesley Cowley suggested that the results should also be presented to the ccNSO.

# Action 59-01:

The Chair to contact Janis Karklins and the Regional Organisations regarding the logistics for the UNESCO survey.

# 4 Approval of Joint DNS Security and Stability Analysis Working Group Volunteers

The Chair suggested that since the Council still does not have any information on the number of GNSO representatives for the DSSA Working Group the ccNSO should wait to approve any volunteers. He further suggested that he would contact the GNSO Chair, Stephan Van Gelder, for more information and that the Chair and Vice Chairs then would select a suitable number of volunteers and present them to the Council on the email list for approval.

### Action 59-02:

The Chair and Vice chairs to – after consulting with the GNSO – select a suitable number of volunteers for the DSSA Working Group and present them on the Council email list for approval.

# 5 Country & Territory Names Study Group

The Chair reported that Becky Burr has offered to take on the role as Co-Chair, but that the group needs to select a chair.

The Chair further asked the Council to approve the Charter of the Country & Territory Names Study Group. No objections were noted and the Charter was approved. Gabriella Schittek was asked to send out a call for Study Group volunteers and it was decided that a chair will be selected once the members are selected and approved.

### Action 59-03:

Gabriella Schittek to send out a call for volunteers to the Country & Territory Names Study Group.

# **6 Working Group Updates**

# 6.1 Delegation and Redelegation Working Group

Bart Boswinkel reported that the Final Delegation and Redelegation Working Group Report will be published in mid February.

The Chair added that the goal is to gather public comments to the report before San Francisco in order for the Council to consider adopting the report at the San Francisco Meeting. If the report recommendations are adopted by the Council, a Framework of implementation Working Group on Delegation and Redelegation can be formed immediately.

# 6.2 IDN PDP Working Group 1

Bart Boswinkel reported that the public comment period for the first Progress Report recently closed and that the group is waiting for the results of the comments to the Fast Track Review. Bart further reported that Naela Sarras will be taking over the position as IDN Fast Track manager from Tina Dam who has resigned.

## 6.3 IDN PDP Working Group 2

Hiro Hotta reported that the public comment period on the Interim Report recently closed and that no public comments were received. He further noted that the group will meet in the near future to confirm the final version of the report.

# 6.4 Joint ccNSO/GNSO IDN Working Group

Jian Zhang reported that the comment period for the Draft Report on Single Character IDN ccTLDs has closed and that the group now aims to finalise the report. Once consensus has been reached within the Working Group the final draft will be send to the ccNSO and GNSO Councils for consideration.

The Chair noted that the Council should be prepared to consider endorsing the final report at the San Francisco Meeting.

# 6.5 SOP Working Group

*Bart Boswinkel* reported that the public comment period to the Strategic Plan was extended until the 25<sup>th</sup> of January and that Byron Holland would submit a comment regarding the process on behalf of the Working Group during the day.

The Chair reported that the previously discussed letter from the ccNSO Chair, also expressing concern regarding the strategic planning process, has been sent to the ICANN Chair and that it should be posted on the ICANN website shortly.

The Chair suggested that Roelof Meijer as new chair of the SOP Working Group and a future Council member should be invited to the next Council call.

## 6.6 Finance Working Group

Bart Boswinkel reported that Byron Holland will initiate the process of the Finance Working Group shortly. He further reported that the Operational Planning Framework will be published

during the second half of February and that a public comment period will be launched.

# 7 San Francisco Meeting Agenda

Gabriella Schittek reminded the Councillors that a first draft of the San Francisco meeting agenda was sent out and asked for suggestions on speakers for the Security session and DNSSEC panel. Lesley Cowley advised Gabriella to contact Simon McCalla at Nominet.

Gabriella further noted that sponsors are needed for the ccNSO Members Meeting lunches and the ccNSO dinner. The Chair encouraged any Councillors that would like sponsor one of the meals to contact Gabriella.

### **8 Transitions to New Chair**

The Chair reminded the Council of the note that was sent to the email list regarding the transition to a new ccNSO chair and noted that Lesley Cowley has put her name forward for the role. He further reminded the Councillors of the candidate statement that was sent by Lesley to the email list.

The Chair noted that nobody else had volunteered for the role and that a formal election prior to the San Francisco meeting would not be necessary. It was decided that a resolution on the transition of chairs should be made at the next Council call. He further suggested that Councillors who are not able to join the Council call on 1<sup>st</sup> of March be asked to indicate on the list prior to the meeting whether or not they support Lesley's candidacy.

The Chair, Young-Eum Lee and Dotty Sparks de Blanc expressed thanks to Lesley for being willing to take on the role as new ccNSO chair.

### 9 Email List Subscriptions of New Councillors

The Council agreed that it would be appropriate to subscribe appointed Councillors to the Council email list before they have formally taken their seat, in order for them to prepare for their new role.

### 10 Closed Section for the ccNSO Website

Gabriella Schittek reported that a questionnaire was sent to a number of community members regarding the ccNSO website and that she received several replies that indicated a wish for a closed section for sensitive information as well as interactive tools. She further suggested that the ICANN Wiki tool Confluence could be used for this purpose.

The Chair asked Gabriella to send a note to the Council with more information in order for the Council to decide on whether or not there should be a closed section to the website and if Confluence could be a useful tool.

Action 59-04:

Gabriella Schittek to send information to the Council email list about a possible closed section for the ccNSO website in order for the Council to decide whether or not it is needed, as well as whether the ICANN Wiki tool Confluence could serve the purpose for such a section.

# 11 Liaison Updates

# 11.1 At-Large

Ron Sherwood reminded the Council about the ALAC report summary that was sent to the Council email list. He further reported that Cheryl Langdon-Orr has replaced Rudi Vansnick as ccNSO liaison from the ALAC and welcomed Cheryl in her new role, as did the Chair.

Lesley Cowley suggested that measures should be taken to improve communication between the ccNSO and the At-Large. Cheryl pointed out that with the increasing cross-constituency working groups a close cooperation between the Supporting Organisations is crucial. The Chair agreed and reported that he recently raised this issue with the new ALAC chair, Olivier Crepin-Leblond, and suggested that a meeting should be arranged in San Francisco to discuss the matter further.

#### 11.2 GNSO

The Chair reminded the Council about the written GNSO update that was sent to the email list.

# **12 AOB**

Gabriella Schittek suggested that the process for approving working group volunteers who apply for membership outside of the formal call for volunteers should be amended. The current process requires the Council to formally appoint each member but since this process is time consuming Gabriella suggested that the approval is made by the relevant working group chair, who in turn informs the Council of the approval.

Lesley Cowley recognised the administrative benefits of such a process but expressed concerns that controversial volunteers could be appointed out of the Council's control.

The Chair noted that the topic should be discussed further at the next Council call and asked Gabriella to send a note to the Council explaining the issue.

# Action 59-05:

Gabriella Schittek to send a note to the Council explaining the issue of the working group volunteer appointment process for further discussion at the next Council call.