

SOP Working Group Telephone Conference

16 August 2011

Attendees:

Atsushi Endo, .jp
Byron Holland, .ca
Roelof Meijer, .nl (Chair)
Paulos Nyirenda, .mw
Giovanni Seppia, .eu

ICANN Staff:

Bart Boswinkel
Kristina Nordström

Apologies:

Fahd Batayneh, .jo
Debbie Monahan, .nz
Leodnid Todorov, .ru
Peter Van Roste, CENTR
Mathieu Weill, .fr

1. Review of Notes SOP WG meeting Singapore 19 June 2011

The Chair reminded the group about the SOP Working Group notes from the previous meeting in Singapore that were sent to the list and explained that Giovanni's note had been incorporated. No further comments to the document were noted.

2. Review of Letter from Kurt Pritz

The Chair explained that a letter was received from Kurt Pritz to the SOP Working Group as a reply to the Working Group submission to the ICANN Strategic Plan 2011-2014, and that it was distributed on the email list.

The Chair further noted that the letter covered most of the issues raised by the Working Group and asked the group for comments.

Byron Holland noted that even though all the items were not fully addressed in the reply, the letter was well thought out and showed that the SOP feedback had been taken into account.

It was decided that a note of thanks should be sent to Kurt Pritz and Bart Boswinkel offered to draft it.

Kristina Nordström was asked to inform the ccTLD community about the publication of the letter on the ccNSO website.

ACTION: *Bart Boswinkel* to - on behalf of the SOP Working Group - draft a note of thanks to Kurt Pritz for the reply to the SOP submission to the ICANN Strategic Plan 2011-2014.

ACTION: *Kristina Nordström* to inform the ccTLD community about the publication of the letter from Kurt Pritz on the ccNSO website.

3. SOP Input on ICANN Strategic Planning Process 2012-2015

The Chair expressed that ICANN's approach to request input on the Strategic Planning Process for 2012-2015 before the publication of any draft or even framework, is not the best way to proceed in his opinion. It would be better if ICANN presented its vision in a draft and used community input and feed-back to complete the plan. In addition, he noted that the SOP, with its earlier extensive comments on the 2011-2014 Strategic Plan and the 2012 Operational Plan, has sufficiently presented its vision and priorities. He suggested that at this point, nothing further could be said at this point without repeating those comments.

Giovanni Seppia pointed out that the public comment period effectively is limited to August. He also indicated is during the holiday season in the Northern Hemisphere. This was already noted at the f-2-f meeting in Singapore and doesn't give enough room for a constructive submission. It was agreed that the SOP Working Group should submit a note explaining its concerns with the lack of concrete material to submit feedback to as well as the for submitting it. Bart was asked to prepare the draft comment.

ACTION: *Bart Boswinkel* to draft a note to ICANN explaining the SOP Working Group concerns with the lack of concrete material to submit feedback to as well as the short timeline for submitting it.

4. Next meeting, including f-2-f Dakar

The group agreed to have another meeting before Dakar, around the time of the publication of the Draft Strategic Plan, end of September or beginning of October.

ACTION: *The Secretariat* to set up an SOP Working Group conference call before the Dakar meeting.

5. AOB

Bart noted that the ICANN Operational Plan would be initiated at the Dakar meeting and that it would be something for the Working Group to look into as a next phase.

The meeting closed.