

## **SOP Working Group Telephone Conference** *18 January 2010*

### **Attendees:**

Fahd Batayneh, .jo  
Bart Boswinkel, ccNSO  
Lesley Cowley, .uk  
Chris Disspain, .au  
Byron Holland, .ca (Chair)  
Roelof Meijer, .nl  
Gabriella Schitteck, ccNSO Secretariat  
Peter Van Roste, CENTR

### **Apologies:**

Paulos Nyirenda, .ml  
Leonid Todorov, .ru  
Oscar Robles, .mx  
Eswari Sharma, .np

- Some discussions were held on whether the Working Group should submit the group's analysis paper on ICANN's Strategic Plan, on behalf of the group itself. It was clarified that according to the Working Group's charter, such submissions need to be mandated by the members, and it is not. Furthermore, it was felt that such a submission could confuse the ccTLD community and it would therefore be better if the working group members' ccTLD's submitted the text as individual input.
- There was a general feeling that ccTLDs need to be encouraged to use the paper to a greater extent instead, if they are comfortable with its content. The working group members were asked to remind their colleagues to make submissions to the Strategic plan, as the comment period is about to end. The ccNSO Secretariat will also send out a reminder together with a link to the .au submission, giving ccTLDs an alternative initiative to base a submission on.
- During the Working Group meeting in Nairobi, the group will make a self-assessment, discussing the group's objectives and look into whether it has accomplished what it intended to. The Charter will also be analysed to see whether it is appropriate for the group. Other issues will include how to involve Regional Organisations and solicit input from these groups.
- The Chair asked the members of the working group to bring ideas to Nairobi on what the group should accomplish in the coming year and what improvements could be made.
- It was suggested to invite Kevin Wilson to attend the Working Group meeting to give an update on the Operational plan and budget. The Working Group could then update the community during the members meeting on this.

- It was suggested to invite a Working Group member to speak about the work of the group at the upcoming CENTR meeting, in order to make people aware of its mission and work. Roelof Meijer was appointed for this task.