ccNSO Meeting at ICANN 40 in San Francisco

Meeting Highlights

Over 50 different ccTLD registries and more than 150 representatives have attended the ccNSO meetings in San Francisco

Tech Day Meeting

The ccNSO Tech Working Group in close cooperation with DNS-OARC organized a two day event (13 and 14 March) with over 25 presentations on operational and technical topics relevant for the ccTLD community. The presentations ranged from using tools to monitor traffic to updates on Name Server software.

Delegation & Re-delegation Working Group Report

During the ccNSO meeting the Final Report of the Delegation, Re-delegation and Retirement Working Group was discussed. The DRDWG recommended the ccNSO Council undertake, as a first step, the development of a "Framework of Interpretation" for the delegation and re-delegation of ccTLDs. This framework should provide a clear guide to IANA and the ICANN Board on interpretations of the current Policy Statements.

The DRD WG recommended further that the results of the use of such a Framework of Interpretation should be formally monitored and evaluated by the ccNSO Council after a pre-determined period. If the results of this evaluation indicate that the Framework of Interpretation has failed to provide logical and predictable outcomes in ICANN decision-making, the ccNSO Council should then launch PDPs on the delegation and re-delegation of ccTLDs.

Finally, the DRDWG recommended that the ccNSO should request an Issues report to launch a cc Policy Development Process on the retirement of ccTLDs (in accordance with section 1 Annex C of the ICANN Bylaws). At the same time the DRDWG advised that the Council consider the development of a Framework of Interpretation as a higher priority than the ccPDP for retirement of ccTLDs

At its meeting the ccNSO Council thanked all members, experts, observers on the DRDWG for their outstanding work, and timely delivery of the Final Report.

The ccNSO Council further resolved to create the Framework of Interpretation Working Group (FoI WG) as recommended and in accordance with the proposed charter. The objective of the WG is to develop and propose a "Framework of

Interpretation" for the delegation and re delegation of ccTLDs. This framework should provide a clear guide to IANA and the ICANN Board on interpretations of RFC 1591, ICP-1 and GAC Principles (Policy Statements). The ccNSO Council appointed Keith Davidson as Chair of the new WG and requested a call for volunteers in the usual manner.

The ccNSO Council will revisit whether or not to request for an Issues Report to launch a ccPDP on the retirement of ccTLDs in accordance in Annex B of the ICANN Bylaws, at the time the FoI WG has submitted its Final Report as foreseen in the charter of the FoI WG

Fast Track review and IDN ccPDP session

During the ccNSO meeting the results of the review process of the Fast Track were presented and issues discussed, in particular the issues pertaining to string confusion. The meeting welcomed an initiative to seek further clarity and assistance for current and future IDN ccTLD Fast Track applicants regarding the string confusion evaluation of the Fast Track process. The session included presentations on the applications from Bulgaria and Greece on the issues they have encountered regarding string confusion.

At its meeting the ccNSO council requests IDN ccPDP WG1 to develop, as soon as possible, guidelines (within the framework of the existing rules for the Fast Track) to improve the predictability of the evaluation relating to string confusion as defined in the IDNC Final Report and the Final Implementation report as adopted by the ICANN Board in November 2009.

During this session progress on the IDN ccPDP as well progress made by the Joint ccNSO-GNSO IDN working group (JIG WG) were presented.

New Chair and Vice chairs

The ccNSO Council selected Lesley Cowley (Nominet, .UK) as its chair for the term of one year. Byron Holland (CIRA, .CA) and Hiro Hotta (JPRS,.JP) were selected as Vice-Chairs.

ccNSO review and conclusion the process to assign roles and responsibilities.

During the ccNSO meeting the Board WG on the review of the ccNSO presented its final report and explained the next steps in the review process. The Board WG also solicited feed-back on the review process itself, among others on the usefulness of the process for the ccNSO and the review process itself.

Over 4 successive workshops starting at the Nairobi meeting the ccNSO council has been discussion assigning roles and responsibilities. At its meeting the ccNSO council adopted the roles and responsibilities documentation.

In the opinion of the council one the recommendations of the Board WG (recommendation 10 of the Independent reviewers) has been implemented.

Panel Discussion on DNSSEC

At the Wednesday meeting a panel discussion was held again with the goal to identify which business and marketing strategies and tactics will be relevant to increase registrar and registrant buy-in for DNSSEC and where these factors can be influenced by a ccTLD registry. One the panel were ccTLD registries, registrar and business constituency members, providing a diverse range of experience and views.

Other Sessions

- Update and discussion on ICANNs strategic and operational planning processes, including a discussion with Juan Ojeda and Akram Atillah, ICANN's COO and interim CFO.
- Update on the IANA Function by ICANN staff (Kim Davies).
- Regional Organizations Update
- SSAC Briefing and update by and meet and greet with Patrik Fältström, SSAC Chair, and Jim Galvin, SSAC Vice Chair.
- ccTLD Dispute Resolution Session which included presentations on:
    - Dispute Resolutions in ADR.eu by Petr Hostas, Czech Arbitration Court,
    - ccTLD Dispute Resolutions at WIPO by Brian Beckham, WIPO and
    - Dispute resolution under .CL: A case of LDRP based on Arbitration by Margarita Valdes.
- Security Session with presentation on:
    - SSR Review,
    - When Your Security Systems Fail; The Last Line of "Defense" by Rodney Joffe, .US,
    - Domain System Threat Landscape by Pablo Rodriguez, .pr and Janelle McAlister, Mark Monitor,
    - The 10 best ways to hack a registry by Simon McCalla, .uk.

- ccTLD News session:
    - .US Branding Refresh by Judy Song-Marshall, .us
    - .SE Quality Management by Danny Aerts, .se
    - .TR by Atilla Özgit, .tr
    - A Case Study on the Delegation & Redelegation of .SO by Mohammad Ibrahim, .SO

- - SIDN celebrates 25 years .nl with the Dutch public by Sieger Springer, .NL
  - .EU Introduction of Multiyear Registrations by Giovanni Seppia, .eu

- WHOIS Review Team Update by Emily Taylor and Kathy Kleiman

All presentations will be available on the ccNSO Website (www.ccnso.icann.org)

Welcome new Councilors

The ccNSO Council welcomed the following councilors and looks forward to work with them:
Roelof Meijer: ccNSO Councilor for the European Region for a term of 3 years
Victor Abboud: ccNSO Councilor for the Latin American Region for a term of 3 years
Souleymane Oumtanaga: ccNSO Councilor for the African Region for a term of 3 years
Keith Davidson: to fill the term of Chris Disspain (from 18 March until Spring 2013), for the Asian Pacific Region.

Thanks

Host of the San Francisco meeting

The ccNSO Council wants to thank the hosts and sponsors of ICANN 40th meeting.

Erick Iriarte

The ccNSO Council wishes to thank Erick Iriarte Ahon for his contributions to the ccNSO and as an observer of the ccNSO Council, wishing him success in his further endeavors

Departing ccNSO Councilors

The ccNSO council wants to thank:

Ondrej Filip: ccNSO councillor for the European Region, since March 2005, for his outstanding contributions and active participation in the work of the ccNSO and hopes Ondrej will remain to be involved in the ccNSO.

Mohamed El Bashir: ccNSO Councillor, for the African Region since March 2005, for his contribution and active participation in the work of the ccNSO and hopes Mohammed will remain to be involved actively it the ccNSO.

Patrick Hosein: ccNSO councillor for the Latin American Region since March 2008, for his contribution and active participation in the work of the ccNSO and hopes

Patrik will remain to be involved actively it the ccNSO.

Finally, the ccNSO expressed its deep gratitude to Chris Disspain, chair of the ccNSO and ccNSO councillor for AP region, chair since December 2004, elected June 2004, and stepping down on 18 March 2011.