

**ccNSO Council Telephone Conference**  
*23 August 2011*

**Attendees:**

Victor Abboud, .ec  
Becky Burr, NomCom appointee  
Lesley Cowley, .uk (Chair)  
Keith Davidson, .nz  
Fernando Espana, .us  
Sokol Haxhiu, NomCom appointee  
Byron Holland, .ca (Vice-Chair)  
Hiro Hotta, .jp (Vice-Chair)  
Cheryl Langdon-Orr, ALAC liaison to the ccNSO  
Han Chuan Lee, ccNSO liaison to the GNSO  
Vika Mpisane, .za  
Paulos Nyirenda, .mw  
Patricio Poblete, .cl  
Ron Sherwood, ccNSO liaison to the ALAC  
Dotty Sparks de Blanc, .vi

**Apologies:**

Young-Eum Lee, .kr  
Roelof Meijer, .nl  
Peter Van Roste, CENTR

**1 Confirmation of Approval of Minutes and Actions Council Meeting 22 June 2011**

The Chair asked the Council for comments to the minutes from the Council meeting in Singapore. Gabriella Schitteck noted that Victor Abboud's name was added to the list of apologies for that meeting.

The Chair asked Gabriella to run through the outstanding action items from the previous Council meetings.

*Action 63-04:*

Bart Boswinkel to elaborate Option B in the paper on a closed section on the ccNSO website, including preparation for a Confluence training session.

This action item was transferred to Gabriella and will be on the next Council meeting agenda.

*Action 64-05:*

The Councillors to provide feedback on the email list to the briefing paper on Cross-Community Working Groups before the Singapore meeting.

Gabriella noted that this action was not completed but that the time had passed.

*Action 65-01:*

The Chair to include a statement in public forum and the update to the ICANN Board that reiterates and expresses the ccNSO concerns regarding the FY2012 budget that were raised at the Public Forum meeting in San Francisco and subsequently.

This action was completed.

*Action 65-02:*

The Secretariat to publish the ccNSO Work Plan and Guidelines at the ccNSO website.

This action was completed.

*Action 65-03:*

The Secretariat to inform the Board Structural Improvement Committee (SIC) of the implementation of the ccNSO Improvement Recommendation to document processes for submitting responses and statements.

This action was completed.

*Action 65-04:*

The Secretariat to send out a Doodle poll to the Council email list in order to find the best date for an informal Council Call with ccNSO appointed ICANN Board members Chris Disspain and Mike Silber.

This action was completed.

## **2 High-level de-Briefing on ccNSO Related Activities**

The Chair informed the Council that she was approached by the Chair of the ICANN Board, Steve Crocker, regarding the ccNSO concerns about the ICANN budget. She noted that it seems as if the ccNSO views are taken into account.

Hiro Hotta reported that he had been working with the IDN Guidelines Working Group to post an updated version of the guidelines for public comments.

Byron Holland reported that the Finance Working Group developed sub groups to focus on different key areas, such as continuing the dialogue with ICANN on the allocation method of expenses. He further reported that the group would conduct a survey in early September on the ICANN services received and present the result in Dakar. Byron finally noted that the Finance Working Group is still waiting for some information regarding the budget that Juan Ojeda had committed to delivering.

## **3 Work Plan Update**

The Chair noted that an updated version of the ccNSO Work Plan was distributed and thanked Bart Boswinkel for his work.

Bart explained that the new version of the Overview Update is a detailed plan and that both accomplished and open issues were added to it. He further explained that the Work Plan August document focuses on the way forward and will need reviewing at upcoming Council meetings.

Bart further asked the Councillors whether the current format of the Work Plan is suitable. The Councillors confirmed this and agreed that the format should be reviewed at the March meeting 2012.

#### **4 Approval of Timelines and Appointment of Election Manager**

##### *a. ccNSO Council Election Process*

Gabriella Schitteck reminded the Councillors about the suggested timeline for the Council election:

*23 August: Appointment of Election manager; approve timeline*

*26 August: Call for Nomination ccNSO Council*

*16 September: Closure of nomination period*

*23 September: Acceptance of nomination by candidates; announcement of list of nominees; if two or more: announcement that election needed*

*If elections needed:*

*30 September: Publication list of electorate; Campaign period starts*

*7 October: Campaign period ends; ballots issued to members of voting electorate*

*21 October: Voting closes*

*28 October: Results announced (again, this is according to the guidelines, but I announce the results earlier).*

*If ties:*

*4 November: Run of election in Region*

*11 November: Voting closes*

*14 November: Results announced*

The Council agreed to appoint Gabriella Schitteck election manager for the Council election process.

The Chair announced the Councillors who would need to step down and noted that all are eligible for re-election:

Vika Mpisane (AF region)

Young-Eum Lee (AP region)

Juhani Juselius (EU region)

Patricio Poblete (LAC region)

Byron Holland (North American region)

##### *b. ccNSO Board Election Process*

The Chair announced that ccNSO appointed ICANN Board member Mike Silber's term will be up at the Dakar meeting and that he is eligible for re-election.

Gabriella Schitteck reminded the Councillors about the suggested timeline for the Board election:

*23 August: Appointment of Election manager; approve timeline*

*15 September: Call for nominations & secondments*

*6 October: Closure of nomination period*

*13 October: Acceptance of nomination by candidates; announcement of list of nominees; if two or more: announcement that election needed*

*If elections needed:*

*25 October: Mission statement of candidates; public Q&A at ccNSO meeting*

*10 November: Call for votes, send out ballots*

*24 November: Closure of voting*

*1 December (latest): Inform about results (this is according to the guidelines, but I normally inform about the results straight after the closure and submit an election report.*

The Council agreed to appoint Gabriella Schittek election manager for the ccNSO Board election process.

The Chair suggested holding a Q & A session in Dakar regardless of whether an election will be needed. Gabriella replied that this would be possible if the timeline is slightly amended. The Council agreed to this.

***Action 66-01:***

Gabriella Schittek to amend the timeline for the ccNSO Board election process so that it incorporates a Q & A session at the ccNSO meeting in Dakar, and to send it to the Council email list for approval.

**5 Metrics GNSO Working Group**

The Chair informed the Councillors that the GNSO is considering creating a cross constituency working group or a GNSO working group open to everyone to develop consumer metrics. The Council decided to await further initiatives from the GNSO before taking any decision regarding ccNSO involvement.

**6 JIG Working Group Motion on Charter Extension**

The Chair reported that the JIG Working Group had presented a Work Plan based on its willingness to extend its Charter. She further noted that the GNSO Council had agreed to extend the mandate of the JIG until 2012 accordingly and asked whether the ccNSO Council should do the same.

Byron Holland asked about the rationalisation for the extension. Bart Boswinkel replied that the JIG Working Group needs more time to conclude its work in the three key areas of discussion: IDN single characters, IDN variants and Universal acceptance of IDN TLDs.

The Chair asked the Councillors to pass a resolution on approving the extension of the JIG Working Group Charter and Timeline until 2012.

The resolution was proposed by Lesley Cowley.  
The resolution was seconded by Becky Burr.

***RESOLUTION 66-01:***

THE COUNCIL RESOLVED TO extend the JIG Working Group Charter and Timeline through

2012 to complete its work items: IDN single characters, IDN variants and Universal acceptance of IDN TLDs.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

## **7 Response to Rod Beckstrom Letter**

The Chair reminded the Councillors that a draft response to Rod Beckstrom's letter on security issues and use of satellite phones was included in the preparatory material for this meeting and asked the Councillors for comments.

No comments were noted and the Councillors agreed to send the draft response to Rod without any amendments.

## **8 Working Group Updates**

### **8.1 Finance Working Group**

Byron Holland noted that he had nothing further to add to the report under agenda item 2.

### **8.2 SOP Working Group**

Byron Holland reported that the SOP had a conference call after Singapore and that the group discussed various announcements from ICANN regarding the Strategic and Operational Plan and budget.

### **8.3 Framework of Interpretation Working Group**

The Chair reminded the Councillors that Keith Davidson distributed a written update to the email list and noted that the Framework of Interpretation is a very active group.

### **8.4 IDN PDP Working Group 1**

Bart Boswinkel reported that the sub-working group to the IDN PDP Working Group 1, FESC, is working to find clarification on the confusing similarity issue. The group aims to provide the ccNSO Council with a recommendation by Dakar.

### **8.5 IDN PDP Working Group 2**

Hiro Hotta reported that there has not been much activity in the IDN PDP Working Group 2 since Singapore, but that the group will work to finalise its documentation in September.

### **8.6 Incident Repository Implementation Working Group**

Bart Boswinkel reported that the Incident Response Implementation Working Group appointed a chair and that the group will resume its work within the next two weeks.

### **8.7 Joint ccNSO/GNSO IDN Working Group**

Bart Boswinkel reported that the JIG Working Group currently focuses on the implementation of the IDN Single Character recommendation as well as following the work of the ICANN IDN Variant Project.

#### 8.8 Joint Security & Stability Working Group

Bart Boswinkel reported that the Joint Security & Stability Working Group (DSSA) is meeting regularly and that the members are currently discussing the outcome of the workshop that was held in Singapore.

Souleymane Oumtanga volunteered to become a member of the DSSA Working Group. Bart Boswinkel suggested that they should work out the details offline and get back to the Council at a later point.

#### 8.9 Study Group on Use of Names for Countries and Territories

The Chair reported that the work of the Study Group on Use of Names for Countries and Territories will resume its work by the end of August.

Bart Boswinkel added that the group is considering involving UNESCO in the development of a typology for territory names.

#### 8.10 GAC-ccNSO Liaison Group

The Chair referred to the briefing note that was distributed to the Council by Keith Davidson and offered to follow up with Heather Dryden on the work of the liaison group. Keith welcomed this.

##### *Action 66-02:*

The Chair to contact GAC Chair Heather Dryden regarding the way forward for the ccNSO-GAC liaison Working Group.

#### 8.11 Public Participation Committee Focus Group

Sokol Haxhiu explained to the Council that the Public Participation Committee (PPC) Focus Group had discussed the implementation of the Accountability and Transparency Review Team (ATRT) recommendations number 15, 16 and 17. The group was asked questions by ICANN staff members, which were answered through a wiki page.

Sokol further reported that the work around the Summit on Developing Countries is moving forward and that the topics and format would be further discussed in Dakar.

The Chair thanked Sokol and asked him to keep the Council posted about both topics.

### **9 ccNSO Council Dakar Preparations**

The Chair explained that there is a suggestion to have a preparatory Council meeting on Monday 24 October in Dakar, at 11:00-12:00 am local time. She noted that the purpose of the meeting would be to run through the meeting agenda to see where Council participation is needed and asked the Councillors for comments.

The Council agreed to the suggestion.

## **10 Results from the Call with ccNSO Appointed Board Members**

### *a. Informal calls with ccNSO appointed Board members*

The Chair asked the Councillors for comments to the informal Council Call that was held with ccNSO appointed Board members Chris Disspain and Mike Silber post the Singapore meeting and asked whether these calls should be a standard event subsequent to each ICANN meeting.

Several Councillors expressed that the call was much useful and that a regular occurrence of these calls would be appreciated. The Council further agreed that the calls should stay informal but open, and that the format should be review in the future.

Bart Boswinkel asked whether the Councillors would also like to have a briefing call prior to each ICANN meeting. The Chair expressed concern regarding the high number of conference calls this would result in and Bart offered to confer with Chris and Mike to get their views on the matter.

#### ***Action 66-03:***

Bart Boswinkel to confer with Chris Disspain and Mike Silber to get their views on regular pre-ICANN meeting briefing calls.

### *b. Interaction with ICANN Board during the ICANN meeting*

The Chair reported that the ccNSO expressed a wish for other Board members than ICANN staff to visit the ccNSO members meeting and noted that the new Chair of the Board, Steve Crocker, plans to take a more pro-active role in the relationship with the ccNSO. She suggested that the Council should identify two-three topics for the sessions with the Board and offered to liaise with Steve Crocker to find the best solutions.

#### ***Action 66-04:***

The Chair to liaise with ICANN Board Chair Steve Crocker regarding the interaction between Board members and the ccNSO at ICANN meetings.

The Chair further reported that the ICANN Board is reviewing the Board work model for Fridays at ICANN meetings. She suggested that the Council should wait to hear more on the development regarding potential changes before taking any action.

## **11 Discussion on Extension of ICANN Board Conflict of Interest Rules**

The Chair noted that Roelof Meijer had raised the issue of ICANN Board conflict of interest rules since former ICANN Chair Peter Dengate-Thrush was appointed executive chairman of Mind & Machines, a company actively involved in the new gTLD process.

Several Councillors expressed their views on the matter, such as the need for more robust guidelines for similar situations and also reflected the conflicted views of the community. The Councillors agreed that the issue is problematic and need further discussion.

Cheryl Langdon-Orr noted that the ALAC Chair, Olivier Crépin-Leblonde, had suggested a joint statement between constituencies.

It was decided that the issue would be raised again in Dakar.

## **12 Liaison Updates**

### **12.1 At-Large Liaison**

The Chair thanked Ron Sherwood for the ALAC reports and asked the Councillors for questions or comments. No comments were noted.

### **12.2 GNSO Liaison**

The Chair reminded the group that the GNSO liaison report was distributed on the email list and asked for questions or comments. No comments were noted.

The Chair further noted that Jeff Newman is ill and that the ccNSO wishes him a speedy recovery.

## **13 AOB**

Gabriella Schitteck reported that the ccNSO received two new membership applications from .om (Oman) and .ph (Philippines) and that Roelof Meijer would deal with the applications once back from his holiday.

The Chair suggested that a substitute for Roelof should be appointed to avoid delay in application matters. Gabriella confirmed that this is already under discussion.

Han-Chuan Lee asked whether there would be any arrangements for collective Visas for Dakar. Gabriella replied that she could refer him to relevant ICANN staff in order for him to get clarity on this issue, and welcomed anyone else interested in the same topic to contact her.

The meeting then closed.