

# ccNSO / ALAC Liaison Report September 23<sup>rd</sup> 2014

## Submitted September 19<sup>th</sup> 2014

### From the ALAC ICANN 51 Meeting Agenda:

Thursday, 16 October 2014

#### ALAC & ccNSO Council Meeting

Time: 07:30-08:15

[Note: RS has provided ccNSO Staff and Council with a draft meeting agenda from ALAC and a request for confirmation from ccNSO Council (or staff) as to the viability of this date and time. Also provided was the ALAC request for input from the ccNSO Leadership team as to who will attend this meeting and what the ccNSO would like to see on the agenda. No response has been received at this time. (See item 2. Below)]

### 23 September 2014

#### From the ALAC/ccNSO Liaison September report by Maureen Hilyard

1. The ccNSO Council have been very occupied with activities that have overtaken much of other SO and AC agendas at this time, namely:

- The IANA Stewardship Transition Process and appointments of members to the CWG
- Progress of the ccNSO Coordination Committee
- Updates on progress with ICANN's Accountability process and the adoption of the ccNSO public comment on process design
- The Selection of ccNSO participants in the ICANN leadership training
- Comments were requested of the ccNSO community on the ATLAS II Declaration

2. With some disappointment, there has been no response to date with regards to the change of time for the ALAC-ccNSO Council meeting to Thursday 16 October in LA, nor of the agenda which was originally proposed. Both Ron Sherwood and I have attempted communication with the ccNSO staff but have had no response.

3. This month's [ccNSO Council meeting](#) will be held on Thursday 25th September at (2am my time). Although it is during PacINET conference week, I will attend.

### 19 September 2014

#### ALAC – At-large Structures

#### Summary

As of this date Total number of At-large structures is 179, with 4 applications pending. (Awaiting Regional advice and Due Diligence research)

**14 September 2014**

## **ATLAS II Commendation from Steve Crocker**

This message from Steve Crocker to Olivier Crepin-LeBlond was sent to ccNSO Councilors.

I would like to draw the Council's attention to the ATLAS II Summit Final Declaration. And to the Resolutions with specific reference to the penultimate paragraph of the Rationale for Resolutions: "The ALAC is seeking feedback on the Declaration from the wider ICANN community."

**12 September 2014**

## **ALAC Statement on the Proposed Bylaws Changes Regarding Consideration of GAC Advice**

### **Summary**

1. The ALAC salutes the Board's continued effort on the implementation of the ATRT1 and ATRT2 recommendations, specifically recommendation 11 of the ATRT1 and 6.5 of the ATRT2.
2. Notwithstanding, the ALAC is concerned that the proposed Bylaws changes regarding consideration of GAC advice by the Board may derive in an unbalanced weight to the GAC's advice compared to that of the other ACs or the policies proposed by each of the SOs.
3. Moreover, the ALAC observes a trend in the Internet Governance ecosystem that tends to push towards giving increased power to governments. The proposed Bylaws changes regarding consideration of GAC advice would add to this trend that we consider undesirable.
4. Considering that the BGRI has already designed a "Process for consultations between the [Board] and the [GAC]," the ALAC calls the Board to reconsider the proposed bylaws changes and continue to foster equal footing among all participants of the ICANN community.
5. If the Board is to implement this Bylaw change, the ALAC advises the Board to fully implement recommendation 9.1 of ATRT2 in the same round of Bylaw changes. This would preserve the delicate balance of advice coming from the ALAC, SSAC and RSSAC alongside the GAC.
6. The ALAC is confident that the Board will continue to implement the recommendations of the ATRT1 and ATRT2 in a way that safeguards the principles of the multi-stakeholder model, more specifically those that help bring balance among participants.

Link to full Statement [{LINK}](#)

**27 August 2014**

## **ALAC Statement on the Introduction of Two-Character Domain Names in the New gTLD Namespace**

Link to full Statement [{LINK}](#)

**30 August 2014**

**ALAC Statement on the Introduction of Two-Character Domain Names for  
.LUXURY, .WANG, XN--3BST00M, XN--6QQ986B3XL, XN--CZRU2D, XN--45Q11C,  
.BUILD, .REN, .PIZZA, .RESTAURANT, .GIFTS, .SARL, XN--55QX5D, XN--IO0A7I,  
and 20 TLDs associated with Top Level Domain Holdings  
Limited**

Link to full Statement [{LINK}](#)

**30 August 2014**

**ALAC Statement on the Introduction of Two-Character Domain Names for  
.SOHU, .IMMO, .SAARLAND, .CLUB**

Link to full Statement [{LINK}](#)

**Summary of the three above statements:**

1. At-Large has taken note of the many new gTLD Registries' Registry Services Evaluation Process (RSEP) requests applying for exceptions to Specification 5, Section 2 of the New gTLD Registry Agreement.
2. Many of the RSEP requests are for the release of two character ASCII labels not on the ISO 3166-1 alpha 2 standards. However, the ISO 3166-1 alpha 2 standards will be updated to reflect changes to countries and territories. Future countries and territories may be consequently treated differently than those on today's ISO 3166-1 alpha 2 list.
3. Furthermore, two character ASCII labels at the second level have been made available for some gTLDs and many ccTLDs.
4. Absent any DNS-related security or stability issues, the ALAC believes that all the restrictions of two character ASCII labels at the 2nd level within a TLD should ultimately be removed, and has no problem with the current exceptions being approved.

Respectfully submitted  
By Ron Sherwood (ccNSO/ALAC Liaison)