Metrics GNSO Working Group (agenda item 5)
(For discussion)

Background and introduction

At its meeting in Cartegan (December 2010) the ICANN Board requested ALAC, ccNSO, GAC and GNSO to provide advice on establishing the defintion, measures and three year targets for those measures, for competition, consumer trust and consumer choice in the context of the DNS (consumer metrics). The ccNSO Council decided not to take a leading role and await the initiative of other SO and AC's in this respect.

The chair of the ccNSO has been approached by the chair of the GNSO asking whether the ccNSO had done some work in the area of consumer metrics and to explore the option to create another joint Working Group (including ALAC and GAC as well). The GNSO has initiated the development of a possible charter for a working group to follow up on the request of the Board. The latest published version (21 July 2011) can be found at: http://gnso.icann.org/drafts/cci-draft-charter-21jul11-en.pdf.

To date the ccNSO has not done any work as a group on consumer metrics. It also could be that individual ccTLD's have done work on it, which, if they are willing could share.

Next steps

To move forward the council is requested to consider which approach it want to take on the topic. For discussion the following options to proceed can be foreseen:
A. Participate in the formation of a joint WG, with full members of the ALAC, ccNSO, GAC and GNSO. GNSO assumption is that each of the participating SO/AC's would adopt the charter and decide independently on recommendations of the wg.

B. Propose to GNSO council to set up GNSO Working Group with participation of individual ccTLD's with an interest in the topic. In due course the ccNSO may or may express support for the recommendations of the working group. The Workin Group is considered a GNSO WG under rules and procedures of the GNSO

C. Seek volunteers from ccTLD community to participate in GNSO WG. No direct involvement of the ccNSO

D. No action, until further notice.