

Notes SECIR Telephone Conference

24 February 2015

Attendees:

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Gabriella Schittek

- Actions 24, 33, 37, 41, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57 and 58 still need to be completed.
- *Gabriella Schittek* updated the group that around 50 registries had been invited so far. At the moment, there were 21 subscriptions in total, however, given that .fr joined with six ccTLDs, the real number was around 15. Five of these were the ccTLDs of the Working Group members.

This showed that the registration process so far is going slow and in most cases, many follow-up emails needed to be sent around every subscription. It was noted that there seems to be an issue from some registries to send emails from their listed IANA admin contact email address, as it only seems to be used as an alias.

Alternative ways around this problem were discussed. It was suggested to add the admin contact in cc when subscribing – this would always keep the holder of the admin contact in the loop on what is going on.

The Working Group members were also asked to assist in contacting registries from their region directly.

- The Chair informed the group that after discussions in Singapore with the SSAC Chair, Patrik Fältström, ICANN's head of External Security, Stability & Resiliency, John Crain and IANA's Director of Technical Services, Kim Davies, he had come to the conclusions that a secure email list, such as the envisaged OPS-TRUST system, would be too difficult for many ccTLDs to use. Other secure communication channels should therefore be explored (such as a secure website). This is, however, out of scope of the current Working Group to work on and should be dealt with by the planned follow-up Working Group.

The Chair therefore proposed to proceed with the WG as follows:

- The OPS-TLD list is the final implementation of the ccTLD Contact Repository instead of an intermediary solution towards a more advanced system. The reason is that a mailing list is the lowest common denominator for all ccTLDs, which increases the chances of getting them all on board.

- Secure communication facilities for the exchange of incident information are out of scope. The reason is that setting up the required encryption facilities is quite challenging for some ccTLDs. The WG will therefore stick to “out-of-band” communication channels for the actual exchange of incident information, which is the WG’s current operating model.
- Our ccTLD-based trust model is more suitable than a personal trust model (e.g., the model that OPS-Trust uses), because the latter makes it difficult for people who are relatively unknown in the community to join the list. Also, it will make the process of removing folks from the list much harder, should that be necessary.

The Chair also proposed that the focal point of a follow-up Working Group should be to look into ways of cooperating with IANA, which is planning on adding “authorizing contacts” to their database in addition to the existing admin and tech contacts. Another type of contact might be a ccTLD’s security and stability contact, as defined by the SECIR Working Group. The Chair suggested that the focus of a follow-up working group should be on interaction between TLD-OPS and the new version of the IANA database, both in terms of technology as well as in terms of processes. The Chair will be liaising with IANA to keep them up to date on the progress of the SECIR Working Group.

The Working Group agreed with the Chair’s proposal, which will be included in the Working Group’s Final Report.

The Chair also noted that with the setup of the OPS-TLD email list, the SECIR Working Group is starting to reach an end of its work.

- Various Outreach efforts were discussed. It was agreed that everyone is to contact the General Managers their respective regional organisations, asking them to inform their communities on the email list and the invitations that are being posted.

It was also discussed that two webinars for the community are to be held shortly. It was just a matter of setting a date for this, which will be discussed on the email list.

The group was also informed that ICANN’s Regional Vice Presidents have a weekly meeting, which representatives of the Group have been invited to attend. This is a great opportunity to use ICANN’s capacities to spread information and understanding of the email list. More information on this topic will be shared as soon as available.

- It was asked whether non-ascii ccTLDs also should be invited to the email list. It was agreed that all non-ascii ccTLDs also should be invited, however, that the invitations firstly should be sent to ascii-ccTLDs to manage the workload of the ccNSO Secretariat.
- Another call is to be set up during March, however, avoiding the IETF week of 22-27 March.