

### **FoI Working Group Update** (Keith Davidson):

The WG has met almost weekly since Singapore ICANN, attacking the first issues in our work plan of documents on "Terminology" and "Definition of Consent". Unfortunately, work on the Terminology document has been somewhat counter-productive, with many seeking to resolve absolute definitions of terms before we get to visit the individual subjects at a detailed level. As a result, we will not make our timeline for public consultation on the Terminology document, which was due to occur now, through to ICANN Senegal. The FOIWG has agreed that we should ask ccNSO Council (and the other involved SO's and AC's) if we can amend the work plan, so that we will work progressively on the Terminology document through the life of the WG, and as we sign off individual documents, we will include the definitions and terminology agreed by the WG as being able to be included in the Terminology. A formal request will be forthcoming in a few days.

On a brighter note, considerable progress has been made on the Consent document, after two conference calls on this specific topic, and I feel we are likely to have agreement on this document prior to ICANN Senegal, and should also be progressing two further individual topics.

There are still two other matters for this WG requiring my attention, namely:

- KD to draft email to ICANN Chair to ask if ICANN Board wished to appoint a representative to the FOIWG
- KD to draft ccNSO letter to ICANN Board re recommendation 2.1.1 from final DRDWG report, requesting ICANN to revoke its September 2000 resolution requiring Sponsorship Agreements for delegations and redelegations of ccTLDs (since it is not an enforced requirement). There will be two meetings of the WG during ICANN Senegal (on Sunday and Thursday afternoons) and there should be a brief update available to the ccNSO members and joint GAC ccNSO session.

### **GAC / ccNSO Liaison Committee** (Keith Davidson)::

It was pleasing to return to the regular joint GAC ccNSO meeting at ICANN Singapore, following the GAC's distraction with gTLD issues at the past 2 or 3 ICANN meetings. The agenda for the joint meeting came together through several last minute emails directly from the GAC Chair, ignoring the ccNSO's desired process of a joint liaison group building the agenda. At the joint meeting one of the seven agenda items was a request for the GAC to advise its desire relating to GAC ccNSO liaison going forwards, and to date I have received no response. I am following up by email with the GAC Chair currently.

### **General** (Keith Davidson)::

I will not be able to attend ICANN Senegal as I am unable to get a visa processed, so will be participating remotely. Vice Chair of the FOIWG Becky Burr is confirmed to attend, so will largely chair all FOI sessions at ICANN. I am hopeful that perhaps Martin Boyle may be able to assist with liaising with the GAC over the joint session and co-chairing the Senegal session in my absence, if the ccNSO Chair agrees?

### **IDN ccPDP Working Group 1 (Bart Boswinkel/Chris Disspain):**

In Singapore the WG agreed to reconvene by mid August due to holiday season.  
Open issues for full working group:

- Implementation Processes – Using input from the Fast Track Review, the working group should suggest the processes for selection of IDN ccTLD's under overall policy.
- Confusing Similarity – A strawman to initiatediscussion among the sub working group will be send by Friday 19 August. The results from the discussion will both be submitted to the council and in cluded in the overall policy.
- Develop method to assist ICANN staff with implementation assistance, if any.

### **Study Group on the Use of Names for Countries and Territories (Paul Szyndler):**

The Study Group on Use of Names for Countries and Territories met at ICANN Singapore, confirming membership and nominating co-Chairs for Council approval.

The group held a preliminary discussion, based upon the Study Group's charter, regarding scope, workplan and scheduling.

The group agreed that two documents could provide a useful basis for initial deliberations:

- A summary of ICANN policies that relate to the use of country and territory names – for example rules for ccTLDs (including IDNs) and for the new gTLD process.
- A typological document that would provide a framework for considering the different types, representations and uses of country names, in the context of the DNS.

The first document is expected to provide a useful historical basis of how names have been considered and used in the past, and the second could define a series of categories to cover all future uses of names.

Given the northern hemisphere holiday season, it was proposed that co-Chairs and staff would undertake the development of these documents and the group would re-convene, via teleconference, toward the end of August. To date, an initial staff summary of treatment of country and territory names has been developed and negotiations are continuing with UNESCO for the development of the typology, under the auspices of the collaborative MoU between that organisation and ICANN.