

ccNSO Meeting Highlights: Prague meeting (24 June – 28 June 2012)

ccTLD Financial contributions to ICANN

On 24 June, the ccNSO Finance WG met with ICANN's CFO, Xavier Calvez. At this meeting, the ICANN CFO stated that the Expense Area Grouping (EAG), an instrument to provide an overview of ICANN's expenses by stakeholder community, was not, in his opinion, an adequate tool to provide the information regarding ICANN's expense allocation that the Finance WG needs. It had therefore not been included in the FY13 Budget, nor would it be provided to the Finance WG.

The ccNSO Finance Working Group began its work in October 2010 with a review of the financial contributions model to ICANN that included three major deliverables:

1. Contribution model analysis;
2. Quantitative research on the services offered by ICANN and the services consumed by the ccNSO; and
3. Analysis and understanding of ICANN's expense allocations, or specifically the EAG.

To date, the WG has completed the first two deliverables on time and has been awaiting additional data and explanations on the EAG in order to complete its mandate. By not providing the EAG, ICANN's CFO challenged this approach.

The Finance WG has been working on the financial contribution models and the research on the services for the past 20 months and intended to fulfil its 24 month delivery mandate at the Toronto meeting. The outcome and timeline of the process are therefore undetermined at this stage.

After extensive discussion at the ccNSO members meeting, the ccTLD community members present indicated that the Finance WG should be continue its work and seek a way forward. The ccNSO Finance WG remains committed to find an appropriate resolution on the important matter of finding a new model for the financial contribution of ccTLD's to ICANN and will explore alternative approaches together with ICANN.

Draft Statements on ICANN's role and remit in SSR of the Internet

At the ccNSO meeting, ICANN staff presented draft statement of ICANN's role and remit in Security and Stability and Resiliency (SSR) of the Internet's Unique Identifier Systems (SSRT Recommendations 1 and 3) to seek input and feed-back from the ccTLD community present. As a result, the ccNSO Council decided to:

1. Request ICANN to extend the public comment on the draft statements at least until 28 August 2012,
2. Assuming the comment period will be extended, launch the ccNSO Statement Process in accordance with the Guideline on ccNSO Statement and Position Papers, and appoint a drafting team.

Meeting with the Board and other SO's and AC's

The ccNSO Council had a its regular meeting with the GNSO Council on 25 June 2012. A wide range of topics were discussed. These included updates from the ccNSO SOP and Finance WG's, aspects of the new gTLD process, the GNSO principles for cross-community working groups and an update on RAA negotiations.

The ccNSO-Board meeting (26 June 2012) mainly focused on the situation resulting from the discussions with ICANN's CFO regarding the EAG and the need to find a way forward. The ccNSO SOP inputs regarding the FY2013 ICANN Operating plan & budget, the latest developments regarding the IANA Function contract and whether ICANN had a strategy regarding the WCIT.

At the joint ccNSO-GAC meeting (27 June 2012), the SOP WG provided an overview of the main comments on ICANN's FY 2013 Operating Plan and Budget. Regarding the FoIWG, the GAC was informed of the decision by the WG that its work will be continued on a chapter by chapter basis, but that the WG will seek support from the ccNSO and GAC on the resulting complete set of recommendations.

At the ccNSO meeting on 26 June, the Chair and Vice-Chair of SSAC provided an overview on *SSAC Report on the Domain Name Registration Model (SAC054)*. This resulted in a decision of the ccNSO Council to provide ccNSO input and feedback to SSAC on its report SAC 054. The feedback and input will take into account the comments made and discussions during the ccNSO meeting.

Tech Day

At the ccNSO Tech Day (25 June 2012), topics were presented and discussed ranging from TPM, the Poor Mans HSM to updates on BIND 9/10 and NSD. The presentations can be found at: <http://ccnso.icann.org/meetings/prague/workshop.htm>

The Tech WG also presented its vision on the future of Tech Day to the ccNSO Council meeting and suggested exploration of opening up the Tech Day program committee as a joint community committee involving the GNSO and SSAC. The ccNSO Council supported this suggestion and requested the Tech WG undertake this exploration and report back in due course on a suggested path forward.

ccNSO Meetings days (26 -27 June)

During the two meeting days, a broad range of topics were discussed and presented to the ccTLD community present. The main sessions were:

- *Updates from the Strategic and Operational Planning working group, Framework of Interpretation, Study Group on Use of Country and Territory names as TLD's, DSSA WG and IDN ccPDP working groups (1 and 2).*
- *Session on experiences with new gTLD application process.*
- Panel Discussion: WCIT: Can ccTLDs influence the outcome? Keith Davidson (.NZ) chaired the session and Sally Wentworth (ISOC) presented an introduction on

the topic. The panelist included members from the ccTLD community, and experts on Internet Governance.

- *ccTLD news session and Regional Organizations update*, with presentations ranging from the Evolution of the .PT registry, Internet NZ principles to Registrar Certification and Domain conflicts: a guide for judges, lawyers and others.
- *IDN Session*, which included updates from ICANN staff on Universal Acceptance of TLD's, Second annual review of the IND ccTLD Fast Track Process and presentation on efforts to improve IDN experience in Korea and current status of Arabic IDN ccTLD's.

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All presentations and transcripts of the session are available at:
<http://ccnso.icann.org/meetings/prague/presentations.htm> and
<http://ccnso.icann.org/meetings/prague/transcripts.htm>.

Thank You

The ccNSO Council, thanks whole heartedly all presenters and participants at the ccNSO meetings and ccNSO working groups and the ccNSO secretariat to make this a successful meeting.

The ccNSO Council, on behalf of the ccTLD community present expresses it deep appreciation and warm thanks to CZ.NIC and in particular its CEO, Ondrej Filip, the host of the Prague meeting for hosting the ccTLD meetings and its warm hospitality and generosity.