

DAY 1

Tuesday, 31 October 2017

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Introduction to the ccNSO Members Meeting

Opening and welcome by Katrina Sasaki (.lv), chair of the ccNSO followed by the local host (TBC). New: Katrina will provide an overview of the ccNSO Council's current priorities. Patricio Poblete (.cl) will introduce the schedule of the ccNSO Members Meeting at ICANN60, on behalf of the ccNSO meeting programme working group: what to expect in the next days.

ccNSO Working Group Updates

Update by [TLD-OPS](#)

TLD-OPS is the incident response community for and by ccTLDs and brings together folks who are responsible for the overall security and stability of their ccTLD. The goal of the TLD-OPS community is to enable ccTLD operators worldwide to collaboratively strengthen their incident response capabilities. The standing committee is organizing a workshop on Sunday, 29 October on the "development of a DDoS Mitigation Framework." This is a closed meeting: ccTLDs who are subscribed to TLD-OPS should approach the standing committee or ccNSO staff support Kimberly Carlson for an invitation.

Update by the Strategic and Operational Planning ([SOP](#)) WG

The purpose of the SOP Working Group is to coordinate and organise participation of ccTLD managers in ICANN's Strategic and Operational planning processes. The SOP WG has recently reviewed its charter and will propose an updated version to the ccNSO Council. An overview of recent activities and upcoming work items will be provided as well.

Update by the cross-community working group New gTLD Auction Proceeds ([CCWG Auction Proceeds](#))

The new gTLD Program established auctions as a mechanism of last resort to resolve string contention. Most string contentions have been resolved through other means before reaching an auction conducted by ICANN's authorized auction service provider. However, it was recognized from the outset that significant funds could accrue because of several auctions. As such, these auction proceeds have been reserved and earmarked until the Board authorizes a plan for the appropriate use of the funds. Board, staff, and community are expected to be working together in designing and participating in the next steps addressing the use of new gTLD auction proceeds. It should be recognized though that these proceeds are to be considered as an exceptional, one-time source of revenue.

The ccNSO Council adopted the charter of the CCWG new gTLD Auction Proceeds and by adopting is participating as one of the chartering organisations. Some ccTLDs have extensive experience in dealing with funds such as the auction proceeds and this experience could be beneficial to the process.

The CCWG expects to complete its work on Phase 2 shortly so it is able to commence its work on Phase 3 which will focus on compiling a list of possible mechanisms for fund allocation that could be considered by CCWG. See further details about the work plan and approach [here](#).

Update by the Guidelines Review Committee ([GRC](#))

The purpose of the ccNSO Guidelines Review Committee (GRC) is to review the current guidelines and to ascertain whether they reflect current practices and working methods, identify potential gaps, and based on this analysis propose changes to the current ccNSO guidelines to the Council. Documents, meeting recordings, and additional information of the Committee can be found on its [wiki space](#). During the day 1 update, chair Katrina sasaki (.lv) will provide a status update on all guidelines that are not related to the ccNSO as a decisional participant (e.g. ccNSO Travel Funding Guideline, ccNSO Council Election Guideline)

ccNSO Policy Development Process (PDP) session

Update by the PDP Retirement WG

The ccNSO Council has initiated the third ccNSO Policy Development Process (PDP). The goal is to develop and recommend policies to the ICANN Board of Directors pertaining to:

- The retirement of country code Top-Level Domains (ccTLDs)
- Review mechanisms for decisions relating to the delegation, transfer, revocation, and retirement of ccTLDs

The ccNSO Council decided that the initial focus will be on developing a policy for the retirement of ccTLDs. The ccNSO PDP Retirement Working Group will meet Thursday, 2 November at ICANN60 and a short briefing will be provided to the ccNSO members and broader community during the [ccNSO Members Meeting](#) on Tuesday, 31 October. The Working Group intends to describe and analyse the small number of retirement cases to date, and agreed to focus on defining the relevant terminology, in parallel with starting the discussion on the impact of the finite stage of a country code on the ISO 3166 list and in the context of the IANA practices. A finite state is when for example the name of country changes, which impacts the two-letter code. Consult the group's [charter](#), its work plan, and other relevant documents on its [website](#) and [workspace](#).

Retirement from ISO 3166 Maintenance Agency perspective

Jaap Akkerhuis will provide an update on the retirement of ccTLDs from the perspective of the ISO 3166 Maintenance Agency, including the role of the maintenance agency, the relevant terminology and the rules.

ccNSO participation in WT5 (geographic names)

Following the adoption of the [recommendations](#) of the Cross-community Working Group on the Use of Country and Territory Names as TLDs ([CCWG UCTN](#)) and hence closure of this CCWG, the ccNSO will participate in the newly created Work Track 5 (WT5) under the GNSO New gTLD subsequent procedures policy development process ([PDP WG](#)).

In September 2014, the Non-PDP Study Group on the Use of Names for Countries and Territories (<https://ccnso.icann.org/workinggroups/unctwg.htm>) recommended the ccNSO Council: *"In light of the need for further work on the treatment of country and territory names, the complexity of the issue at hand and the aforementioned inconsistencies between various ICANN policies, it is also recommended that the ccNSO Council request that the ICANN Board extend the current rule in the new gTLD Applicant Guidebook regarding the exclusion of all country and territory names in all languages, for consecutive rounds of new gTLD applications."*

The ccNSO Council adopted this recommendation in 2014. Given the establishment of the [CCWG UCTN](#), the ccNSO Council did not pursue this recommendation, awaiting the outcome of the

deliberations and recommendations of the CCWG. At the ccNSO members meeting at ICANN59 in Johannesburg the recommendations of the CCWG Use of Country and Territory names to continue work on use of Country and Territory Names as TLDs were discussed and supported. This also included the recommendation of the Study Group. A [letter](#) by the ccNSO chair has been sent in the meanwhile to the chair of the GNSO Council, in copy to the GAC and ALAC chair, chair of the ICANN Board, the ccNSO Board members, the ICANN CEO, the ccNSO co-chair for WT5, and the co-chairs of the GNSO New gTLD subsequent procedures PDP WG.

Finance Session

ccTLD financial contributions to ICANN

After a long and intensive process of community consultation, the ccNSO agreed in 2013 on a [guideline pertaining to the voluntary contribution of ccTLDs to ICANN](#). This session is intended to review the level of contributions to date, and also about improving the invoicing and contribution process.

Joint meeting between the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) and the country code Name Supporting Organisation (ccNSO) [Hall3]

The agenda topics will include:

- an update on the ccNSO PDP Process regarding the retirement of ccTLDs
- the next steps regarding the PDP on country and territory names and geo names as TLDs
- ISO3166 three letter codes as TLDs
- the ccNSO meeting strategy review.
- FAQ Underserved regions WG: delegation, transfer and revocation of ccTLDs

ICANN Updates

ICANN reviews update

Larisa Gurnick (ICANN, MSSl) will provide a high-level overview of the specific and organisational reviews currently going on. There are currently 10 reviews in motion, based on the schedule imposed by the ICANN Bylaws. Larisa will provide an update on the current status of each review and an overview of the observed issues, as well as answer questions.

Domain Abuse Activity Reporting ([DAAR](#))

David Piscitello will provide an update on the DAAR project. ICANN's Domain Abuse Activity Reporting (DAAR) project is a system for studying and reporting on domain name registration and security threat (domain abuse) behaviour across top-level domain (TLD) registries and registrars. The overarching purpose of DAAR is to report security threat activity to the ICANN community, which can then use the data to facilitate informed policy decisions. DAAR was designed to provide the ICANN community with a reliable, persistent, and reproducible set of data from which security threat (abuse) analyses could be performed. The system collects TLD zone data, a very large body of registration data, and complements these data sets with a large set of high-confidence reputation (security threat) data feeds. The data collected by the DAAR system can serve as a platform for studying or reporting daily or historical registration or abuse activity.

IDN Programme Update

Sarmad Hussain presents an update on the various projects being undertaken by the [IDN](#) Program, including the progress on Root Zone LGR work by community panels.

PTI Session

Customer Standing Committee (CSC)

The CSC provides operational oversight on the IANA naming function as performed by Public Technical Identifiers (PTI) since the transition of the IANA Stewardship. Background on the committee, along with transcripts of its meetings and the monthly reports on the PTI performance can be found [here](#). Byron Holland, chair of the CSC, will provide an update on its recent activities.

CSC Review Team

The ccNSO and the Registry Stakeholder Group (RySG) will have to review the charter of the Customer Standing Committee (CSC), starting October 2017. To structure the review process, the ccNSO Council and RySG agreed to define the terms of reference for the review starting May 2017. Both the ccNSO Council and RySG have adopted the Terms of Reference, as developed by the joint group of ccNSO and RySG, for the upcoming first review of the CSC charter.

Timeline:

- October 2017: kick-off review
- ICANN60: public consultation and interviews
- Nov 2017 - Jan 2018: preparation report, incl proposed changes to the charter
- Febr 2018 - March 2018: public comment draft report (ICANN61 overlap)
- April 2018: submit updated charter to ccNSO and GNSO council for adoption.

The review team is a small one (2 members from RySG, 2 from ccNSO), and the CSC liaison. They will check with the full CSC the potential areas for improvement, and will adopt a lightweight approach. At ICANN60, the Review Team will meet again with CSC, with ccTLD managers, and tentatively with gTLD registries. An open public meeting will be held at ICANN60 (Wednesday, 1 November) as well.

Root Zone Evaluation Review Committee (RZERC)

ICANN has established a [Root Zone Evaluation Review Committee](#) to review and provide input regarding proposed architectural and operational changes to the root zone and as determined necessary by the RZERC, propose architectural and operational changes to the root zone for consideration by the ICANN Board.

The RZERC will consider issues raised to the RZERC to identify any potential security, stability or resiliency risks to the architecture and operation of the root zone.

PTI, to present on the IANA Services to the ccNSO

The "Post-Transition IANA" organization, filed under the name Public Technical Identifiers ([PTI](#)), is performing the IANA functions pursuant to an IANA Naming Functions Contract with ICANN and subcontracts with ICANN for the performance of the numbering and protocol parameter services. This session includes an update by PTI on the IANA services to the ccNSO, and a short update by Lise Fuhr, PTI Board member.

Regional Organisation Update

AFTLD

Info to be provided.

APTLD

The presentation focuses on current trends in APTLD's outreach and capacity building efforts across Asia Pacific. Based on a brief analysis of several case studies, it should help shape a vision of how

better address the challenges in the communication and capacity building areas and suggest some good practices in that regard.

CENTR

CENTR's presentation will focus on statistics. Patrick Myles will provide a general market update and give an overview of recent trends. Additionally, he will share details on the increased cooperation with RARs on defining datasets and looking into domain categorisation. The session will also engage the audience in a discussion on the methodology to identify 'parked' vs. 'used' domains.

LACTLD

Info to be provided.

Review of the ccNSO meeting strategy and the selection of the meeting venue criteria

The ccNSO appointed volunteers for a drafting team, that will prepare the Terms of Reference for the review of the ccNSO Meeting Strategy. These terms will then be presented to the community and the ccNSO Council at the Abu Dhabi meeting (ICANN60). Consult [here](#) the ccNSO Council resolution from January 2016 & related background material, including the previous advise from the [ccNSO Meeting Programme Working Group](#).

DAY 2

Wednesday, 1 November 2017

Internet Governance Session

This session will cover an update and outreach by the Internet Governance Forum Support Association (IGFSA) and by the [CCWG on Internet Governance](#).

The IGFSA recognises the ccTLDs importance and noted this community is an active participant at the Internet Governance forums, not only at local level, but also globally. The IGFSA is interested in having better connections with this important community, and would like to present its activities, and stimulate their continued support to local, regional and global IG dialogue initiatives.

Q&A and candidate statements: ccNSO Council nominees

In March 2018, at the conclusion of ICANN61 in San Juan (10-15 March 2018), the 3-year term of the following ccNSO Councillors ends:

Africa: Abdalla Omari

Asia-Pacific: Young-Eum Lee

Europe: Katrina Sataki

Latin America/Caribbean: Margarita Valdes

North America: Byron Holland

At its 24 August 2017 meeting, the ccNSO council discussed and agreed on the timeline for the ccNSO Council election. Following that decision, the nomination and secondment procedure started Tuesday, 26 September 2017 (00:01 UTC) and closed Tuesday, 17 October 2017 (23:59 UTC).

Read more about the call for nominations [here](#). Candidates were requested to provide and present a Candidate Statement on day 2 of the ccNSO Members Meeting at ICANN60 in Abu Dhabi.

The ccNSO as decisional participant

Empowered Community Administration (ECA) Update

The Empowered Community (EC) comprises of ALAC, ASO, ccNSO, GAC, and GNSO— each in their capacity as Decisional Participant. The Decisional Participants EC's sole purpose is to exercise their rights and obligations through the EC Administration. Stephen Deerhake (.as) is the ccNSO appointed representative on the ECA, and he will provide an update.

Approval Action and Rejection Action Procedure

According to the ICANN Bylaws, the Empowered Community needs to approve certain actions to become effective ("Approval Actions"). In addition, the Empowered Community may object to certain actions, which are defined in the ICANN Bylaws ("Rejection Actions"). The ccNSO as Decisional Participant is developing Guidelines for the Approval Action and Rejection Action processes. This is a follow up of a similar session at ICANN59. Moderators are Katrina Sataki (.lv) and Stephen Deerhake (.as).

Independent Review Process (IRP) - implementation

The ccNSO's most likely interaction with IRP will come as a Decisional Participant in the EC as "Claimant". In addition, the ccNSO may have to play a role in setting up the Panel itself. David McAuley (Verisign and member of the Guideline Review Committee) will provide an update on the current state of implementation and expected role of the ccNSO.

Update and next steps ICANN Accountability

This session aims to inform the community present on current state of affairs of [Work Stream 2](#) (focused on addressing accountability topics for which a timeline for developing solutions and full implementation may extend beyond the IANA Stewardship Transition). Topics will include: what is current phase of the project; what comments fora are open; the anticipated approval process for WS2 proposals; and, any controversial parts from a ccTLD perspective that are under discussion at the moment.

Q&A and candidate statements: ICANN Board Seat 12

The ICANN Board of Directors consists of sixteen voting directors, including two directors nominated by the ccNSO. These seats on the Board are referred to in the ICANN Bylaws as Seat 11 and Seat 12, and are respectively occupied by Chris Disspain and Mike Silber. Mike Silber's term on the ICANN Board Seat 12 will expire at the ICANN Annual General Meeting 2018. The nomination and secondment procedure closed Wednesday 11 October 2017, 23.59 UTC. Nigel Roberts and Pierre Ouedraogo have accepted their nomination, and an election will be held after ICANN60. Read more about the call for nominations [here](#).

According to the ICANN Bylaws, an ICANN Board member is eligible to serve three (3) terms. Mike is currently in his third term and cannot be re-appointed. Regarding the Geographic Region for board seat 12, [Bylaw Article 7 – Section 7.2 \(c\)](#) : since Chris Disspain (board seat 11) is an Australian citizen

and maintains a residence there, this means that board seat 12 cannot come from the Asia-Pacific region. According to the Bylaws, an ICANN Board member is eligible to serve three (3) terms. Mike is currently in his third term and cannot be re-appointed, whereas Chris is currently serving his second term: he was re-appointed at the end of 2016. Consult the 2016 nomination report for ICANN Board Seat 11 [here](#).

ccTLD News Session

Experience for .jo and .الأردن (.alurdun) with respect to IDNs: Ahlam Mahmoud M. Abu-Jadallah (.jo)

Update on the experience for the .jo and .alurdun ccTLDs with respect to IDNs

SaudiNIC updates on the Saudi TLDs (.sa and .السعودية): Raed Alfayez (.sa)

The presentation will give a brief update on the latest achievement in the Saudi TLDs (.sa and .السعودية) which includes DNSSEC, EPP and Arabic domains.

Helping small entrepreneurs to evaluate and improve their online presence: Emilie Turbat (.fr)

By ICANN60, Afnic will have launched a new website that proposes a survey to small entrepreneurs to help them evaluate the maturity of their online presence and that gives them advices and tips for improving their online presence. This initiative has been inspired by the NZ Digital Journey and has been adapted to France and .fr's focus on SMBs.

Authentication and web single-sign-on based on domains: Jörg Schweiger (.de)

DomainID is a Single-Sign-On solution that builds on domain names as digital identifiers of a user and is based on open standards (OpenID, OAuth, DNSSEC, DANE). DomainID provides the freedom back to the users to bind their identity and personal data to their domain names, instead of locking-in to the usual handful of existing social media portals. Its open, federated design supports adoption by various registries and registrars alike.

The panacea to growing a strong .ng ccTLD brand: Olusegun Akano (.ng)

Nigeria Internet Registration Association (NiRA) has integrated stakeholder engagement as an institutional priority within the operations and branding of the .ng ccTLD. This presentation would draw from her experiences and provide information into how Stakeholders Engagement enables the sustainable growth of the .ng ccTLD brand. The presentation would focus on four areas: Governance & policy development, Awareness & Marketing, Technical Advancement and Corporate Social Responsibility.

1 million .ir domain names: Alireza Saleh (.ir)

Update on the recent 1 millionth domain name registration milestone for .ir