

DAY 1

Tuesday, 13 March 2018

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Introduction to the ccNSO Members Meeting

Opening and welcome by Katrina Sataki (.lv), chair of the ccNSO followed by the local host, Pablo Rodriguez (.pr). Katrina will provide an overview of the ccNSO Council's current priorities. Alejandra Reynoso (.gt), chair of the ccNSO Meeting Programme Working Group, will introduce the schedule of the ccNSO Members Meeting at ICANN61 and 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.

Update by the Strategic and Operational Planning ([SOPC](#)) Committee

The purpose of the SOPC is to coordinate and organise participation of ccTLD managers in ICANN's Strategic and Operational planning processes. The SOP WG will provide an overview of recent activities, including its feedback to the draft ICANN FY19 Operating Plan and Budget, and upcoming work items.

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 identified criteria that are expected to influence the selection of a mechanism, clarifying questions in relation to the different mechanisms identified to date as well as pros and cons associated with each mechanism. In order to further analyse the different mechanisms identified to date, the

CCWG is expected to engage with the external experts identified earlier in the process to help inform its deliberations. Based on that input, the CCWG is expected to be able to move to phase 4 of its work, namely determine which mechanism(s) demonstrates most potential to meet CCWG expectations as well as conform with legal and fiduciary constraints. 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](#).

The ccNSO as a decisional participant

Empowered Community Administration (ECA) Update

The Empowered Community (EC) includes the ccNSO (other Decisional Participants are ALAC, ASO, GAC, and GNSO). The ccTLD Community present will be briefed on the latest with respect to the ECA.

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 (“Rejection Actions”). The ccNSO as Decisional Participant is developing internal [Guidelines](#) to structure the Approval Action and Rejection Action processes. At this session the Guidelines will be explained and discussed to ensure ccTLDs are aware of their own roles and responsibilities, those of the ccNSO as a whole and of the ccNSO Council.

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. During this session you may expect an update on the current state of implementation and expected role of the ccNSO.

Joint meeting: ccNSO & ICANN Board

Agenda topics include:

- Communication between the ICANN Board and the ccNSO regarding Board's decisions
- Impact of the levelling of ICANN's funding on ICANN’s priorities and priority setting mechanism
- Next steps for adoption of the IDN overall policy

Questions from the Board to the ccNSO:

- What are your key goals in 2018?
- What are your most relevant longer-term goals?

ccNSO Meeting Strategy Review

The ccNSO Meeting Strategy Review Team is tasked to assess the duration and shape of the ccNSO Members Meetings. The review might lead to recommendations to change how ccNSO Members Meetings work. As part of this review process, input from the community has been collected via an online survey: Based on this input, an initial report with proposed recommendations by the [ccNSO Meeting Strategy Review Working Group](#) that will be discussed on Tuesday, 13 March 2018 at the ccNSO Members Meeting in San Juan and debated during an interactive workshop. In preparation of this session it is advised to consult the [Background paper](#), covering information about the ccNSO Meeting Strategy Review, the ICANN meeting strategy, and the ccNSO meeting distribution at ICANN meetings.

Joint meeting: ccNSO & GAC

Agenda topics include:

- Progress GNSO New gTLD Subsequent Procedures WG (WT5 – geographic names), and the role of ccNSO and GAC in this process
- GAC Underserved Regions Working Group (USR WG) initiative to prepare FAQ regarding ccTLD delegation and re-delegation.
- Role of the agenda setting committee for the joint sessions between ccNSO and GAC

ICANN Updates

Update by the Universal Acceptance Steering Group ([UASG](#))

Universal Acceptance is the concept that all domain names should be treated equally. Domain names and e-mail addresses should be Accepted, Stored, Processed and Displayed in a consistent and effective manner. Many systems still assume that domain names (and associated e-mail addresses) are only available in ASCII and that Top Level Domain names are restricted to a well-defined and constant two or three characters. Since the introduction of IDN ccTLDs in 2010 and the most recent wave of new gTLDs in 2013, this is no longer the case.

In February 2015 the community created the Universal Acceptance Steering Group tasked with undertaking activities that will effectively promote the Universal Acceptance of all valid domain names and email addresses. These efforts will at least target Universal Acceptance of all ASCII domain names, ASCII email addresses, IDN domain names, and IDN email.

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 first review of the CSC charter. 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. The public comment on the draft report, including proposed changes to the charter, is overlapping with ICANN61. In April 2018 the CSC Review Team expects to submit the updated charter to ccNSO and GNSO council for adoption.

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.

DAY 2

Wednesday, 14 March 2018

Impact of natural disasters on ccTLDs, registrars and registrants, including mitigation of the impact

Javier Rúa-Jovet, ALAC member from Puerto Rico has asked the ALAC if it would be possible to investigate the possibility of some global ICANN protection and/or mitigation measures to help people who might experience a similar situation (anywhere in the world, for whatever disaster situation). The idea was raised to give some consideration to a flexible policy that could alleviate the anxieties of registrants whose domain names may be at risk of expiry if they are not resumed within the critical time frames. This would be especially relevant to areas that are more susceptible to similar types of natural disasters that can wipe out essential internet related infrastructure and access. The ALAC is seeking support from other SO/ACs for developing a strategy that they might propose to the Board. The regional organisations (CENTR, AfTLD, LACTLD, APTLD) ran a survey in February 2018 on this topic. The survey results will be presented to the community in San Juan. Links: http://www.circleid.com/posts/20171118_icann_guidance_to_domain_registrars_registries_about_hurricane/ and <https://www.icann.org/news/blog/assisting-registrants-in-areas-affected-by-hurricane-maria>

Policy 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 PDP Retirement Working Group, which will meet Thursday, 15 March at ICANN61, and will provide a short briefing to the ccTLDs and broader community during the [ccNSO Members Meeting](#) on Wednesday, 14 March. Consult the group's [charter](#), its work plan, and other relevant documents on its [website](#) and [workspace](#).

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 is currently participating in the newly created Work Track 5 (WT5) under the GNSO New gTLD subsequent procedures policy development process ([PDP WG](#)). Work Track 5 will focus on developing proposed recommendations regarding the treatment of geographic names at the top-level. The group reached agreement on its Terms of Reference and began substantive deliberations in 2018.

The use of emoji in domain names

At ICANN61, the ccNSO and SSAC will brief the community on the risks linked to the use of emoji in domain names (see: [SAC 095](#)): during [Tech Day](#) (Monday, 12 March | 10:30 - 16:45 | 209-BC), the technical risks will be addressed, whereas the [ccNSO Members Meeting](#) will focus on the policy-related aspects linked to the use of emoji in domain names.

Update and next steps ICANN Accountability

This session kicks off with an initial discussion on the rules of the ccNSO. Part II deals with [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), and whether the proposed changes are indeed supported by the ccNSO.

ccTLD News Session

The Five Pillars of a Successful Registry, Joe Alagna (Afilias)

Throughout Mr. Alagna's 18 years of working with ccTLD registries he has identified five key pillars necessary for long term registry success! These include Transparency, Reach, Being Unhindered, Security, & Technology. This presentation will detail how each pillar contributes to the growth of a ccTLD registry, regardless of size, and how they can implement them.

.fo Umsitingin (in english, The .fo Administration), Guðrun Poulsen (.fo)

A presentation on the efforts by .fo to make their ccTLD more attractive, and to increase the number of domain name registrations

Company registrations and domain name registrations on the same platform, Vika Mpisane (.za)

ZADNA recently collaborated with the Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) in order to enable company registrations and domain registration to take effect on the same platform for anyone registering their company name in South Africa. We see this as a great opportunity to stimulate growth of .ZA domains particularly co.za domains.

.RU experience in increasing price for domain name registrations, Irina Danelia (.ru)

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.US: 2017 Awareness and Outreach, Fernando España (.us)

Update on the 2017 .US Awareness campaign and state of the .US space.

Legal Session

The General Data Protection Regulation ([GDPR](#)) was adopted by the European Union (EU) on 14 April 2016 and takes effect on 25 May 2018. As It applies to all companies processing and holding the personal data of subjects residing in the European Union, regardless of the company's location, ccTLD managers located in the EU, and those outside of the EU who allow registrations by European citizens are most likely affected. The goal of this panel discussion is to inform and discuss how ccTLDs in different regions are affected, and how they intend to deal with the consequences, such as WHOIS related issues.