ccNSO Council Meeting  
13 March 2019 – Kobe, Japan

**Attendees:**

AF
Abdalla Omari, .ke
Abibu Ntahigiye, .tz
Biyi Oladipo, .ng (Councilor-elect)

AP
Debbie Monahan (remote)
Jordan Carter, .nz (Councilor-elect)
Hiro Hotta, .jp
Young Eum Lee, .kr

EU
Katrina Sataki, .lv
Giovanni Seppia, .eu
Peter Vergote, .be
Nick Wenban-Smith, .uk (Councilor-elect)

LAC
Alejandra Reynoso, .gt
Demi Getschko, .br
Margarita Valdes, .cl

NA
Byron Holland, .ca
Stephen Deehake, .as
Pablo Rodriquez, .pr

NomCom
Laura Margolis
Ajay Data
Jian Zhang

Liasons/Observers
Miguel Ignacio Estrada
Barrack Otieno
Biyi Oladipo
Segun Akano
Maarten Simon
Welcome and roll call

Quorum was met

Consent Agenda

RESOLUTION:

The resolutions proposed under item 4, 5 and 7.2 on the 13 March 2019 Council agenda are adopted.

Moved by Stephen Deerhake
Seconded by Alejandra Reynoso
Passed unanimously

2. Action Items

Action Items were reviewed

3. Intermeeting decisions (since 14 February)

The ccNSO Council reviewed the following intersessional decisions:

- Selection Maarten Simon (.nl) ccNSO appointment liaison to the GNSO Council
- Support IDNccTLD Fast Track Process Risk Mitigation Guideline

4. Appointment Régis Masse as member of the Tech WG

Resolution – part of consent agenda
The ccNSO Council appoints Régis Masse (.fr) as member of the ccNSO Tech Working Group. The secretariat is requested to inform the chair of the Tech WG accordingly.

Action Item 149-01:
The secretariat is requested to inform the chair of the Tech WG accordingly. (appointment of Regis Masse)

5. Next steps Assignment of Councillors Roles and Responsibilities

The Chair of the ccNSO Council discussed the workshop earlier in the week and the noted there were still “roles” that required sign up.
Resolution – part of consent agenda
The ccNSO Council requests the secretariat to inform the Council on the results of the signup session during its workshop and provide the overview of the positions that need to be filled. Councillors are urged to volunteer for the open role’s positions.

Action Item 149-02:
Secretariat to inform the Council on the results of the signup session during the workshop.

6. Introduction Guideline ccNSO Approval Action Process
The Chair of the ccNSO Council noted the Guidelines Review Committee had a final look at the Approval Action Guideline. The guideline will be sent to the Council mailing list in the coming days. The Council has two weeks to review the guideline before sending to the community for public comment.

Action Item 149-03:
Councilors are requested to provide feedback and comments on the proposed Approval Action Process Guideline (by 1 April 2019)

7. PDP Part 1 Retirement and updated overall schedule PDP 3
7.1 Update WG taken from the meeting.
7.2 Adopt the Updated schedule

The Chair of the ccNSO Council stated there is an update to the overall schedule from this working group – noting “some [from the community] were shocked” by the revised timeline.

Resolution – part of consent agenda
The ccNSO Council has taken notice of and confirms the amended schedule and timeline of ccNSO PDP 3, as proposed by the PDP Issue Manager.

8. Update CSC, RZERC, ECA: taken from the meeting

9. Updates WG written updates/ updates taken from the meeting.

10. Updates from chair, vice-chair and Councillors taken from the meeting.

11. Update liaisons

11.1 Update ALAC Liaison (written update)

11.2 Update GNSO Liaison (written update)

12. Next meetings
• April 18th
• May 16 or 23rd
• June – Marrakech (24-27 June)
• July/August – 22 August
The Chair of the ccNSO Council confirmed the timing of the meetings – rotating between 12:00 UTC and 18:00 UTC.

Some Councilors mentioned potential conflicts. The Chair of the ccNSO Council stated this is the reason dates are circulated well in advance and ask the regional organizations to note any conflicts.

**Regular meeting**

13. **Membership application issue.**

The Chair of the ccNSO Council reminded Council of the basics of the membership application. In this case, there is a ccTLD operator and according to the IANA database, there is a primary contact. According to the information that IANA provided, the manager no longer works for the ccTLD operator. What should be done? If someone looks at the database, the person in question is listed there. But information was received to the contrary. There are three options:

1. It is IANA’s and current operator’s responsibility to make sure that the database is accurate and the proposal going forward is to wait for IANA / current operator to perfect/update its records before the Council approve the membership.
2. Alternatively, Council could provide a conditional approval (say for 3 months) until the entries in the database are corrected. This way the current operator will have the task to update the database within the given period.
3. The Council should not be concerned and approve the application.

Several Councilors asked for further clarification – and discussed ways forward.

*It was the decision of the Council to defer this decision until the next meeting.*

**Action Item 149-04:**

Secretariat to follow up on membership application process and report back to Council by next meeting (in April)

14. **Adoption of CSC Effectiveness Review report and support for findings and Recommendations**

The Chair of the ccNSO Council noted the GNSO has adopted the CSC Effectiveness Review Report and supports the findings.

Debbie Monahan added the ccNSO Council comments received on the report were very useful and encourages Council to adopt the report.
RESOLUTION 149-01:
The ccNSO Council adopts the final report of the Customer Standing Committee Effectiveness Review and supports the Findings and Recommendations contained in it. The Chair of the ccNSO Council is requested to inform the GNSO Council accordingly. Further, if the GNSO Council also adopts the Report and supports finding and recommendations contained in it:
a. The review process is closed, and CSC Effectiveness Review team dissolved
b. In accordance with terms of CSC Effectiveness Review Template, the Chair of ccNSO Council and the Chair of GNSO Council are requested to recommend report to IANA Naming Function Review Team (IFRT) as soon as that is established.
c. The ccNSO Council requests its Chair to share the results of this motion with the CSC.
The ccNSO Council expresses its sincere appreciation to the members of the CSC Effectiveness Review Team, the liaison, expert advisors and support staff who contributed to the review.

Moved by Stephen Deerhake
Seconded by Alejandra Reynoso
Passed unanimously

15. Discussion and next steps Road Map review and update IDN overall policy
15.1 Road Map IDN ccTLD overall policy

The Chair of the ccNSO Council reviewed:

- ccNSO Council to send letter to the Board
- Request draft ToR for review working party by next Council meeting and after adoption send out. The scope should be limited to review the Fast Track Methodology and ccNSO PDP recommended overall IDN ccTLD policy to:
  - Required Bylaw changes to include IDN ccTLDs in ccNSO
  - Changes needed to IDN ccTLD string selection process
  - Ensuring IDN ccTLD are treated similar as ccTLDs
  - Call for volunteers

In Marrakesh (ICANN 65)
Discuss Initial findings Gap Analysis & discuss next steps with respect to:
• Inclusion IDN ccTLD in ccNSO as soon as possible.
• Need to launch PDP on IDN sting selection policy

15.2 Letter to the Board on closing further evolution Fast Track Process and review of IDN ccTLD overall policy recommendations (ccNSO PDP 2) and draft Terms of Reference for review policy recommendations.

RESOLUTION 149-02:
The ccNSO Council requests its chair to draft a letter for discussion by Council at its next meeting to the ICANN Board of Directors to seek:
• closure of the evolution of the Fast Track Process (additional amendment of the Fast Track Implementation Plan).
• agreement to stop further steps with respect to the adoption by the Board the overall IDN ccTLD policy recommended by the ccNSO and start the review of the recommended overall IDN ccTLD policy with the goal to replace the Fast Track Process by a recommended policy on the selection on IDN ccTLDs and enable IDN ccTLD managers to join the ccNSO.

The ccNSO Council also request the secretariat to draft the Terms of Reference for a working party to review the ccNSO recommended overall IDN ccTLD policy as submitted to the ICANN Board of Directors in September 2013, and consider the evolution of the Fast Track since then and other relevant developments with respect to selection of IDN ccTLD strings. The draft Terms of Reference are to be discussed for adoption by the next meeting of the Council (18 April 2019).

Moved by Giovanni Seppia
Seconded by Young Eum Lee
Passed unanimously

**Action Item 149-05:**
The chair to draft a letter to the Board to agree on closing further evolution of the Fast Track Process after implementing the Risk Mitigation Process and agree to stop further steps with respect to the ccNSO PDP 2 and assist in review of the recommendations.

**Action Item 149-06:**
The secretariat to draft terms of reference for working party (review policy recommendation) (IDN ccTLD) by meeting in April

15. **Chair and Vice-chair(s) Election**

The Chair of the ccNSO Council reviewed proposed election procedure, as such, chairmanship of the meeting was handed over to Debbie Monahan.

Call for nominations for chair of the ccNSO Council was made by Debbie Monahan.
Margarita Valdez nominated Katrina Sataki.
Seconded by Alejandra Reynoso
No other nominations were received.
Katrina Sataki accepted the nomination.
Katrina Sataki abstained, all remaining Councilors voted in favor.

Chairmanship was handed back to Katrina Sataki.

The Chair of the ccNSO Council reviewed the proposed procedure for vice-chair elections.

Several Councilors noted confusion over the procedure and asked for further clarification.

Abibu Ntahigiye nominated Byron Holland
Seconded by Giovanni Seppia
Margarita Valdez nominated Alejandra Reynoso
Seconded by Young-Eum Lee
Byron Holland accepted the nomination
Alejandra Reynoso accepted the nomination
Byron Holland and Alejandra Reynoso, abstained, remaining Councilors voted in favor.

16. AOB

17. Thank You and Welcome

The Chair of the ccNSO Council read the following statement of thanks:

Let me first thank all presenters, participants and attendees for all the work done this week. and our accomplishments. It was an exhaustive week, but we achieved a lot and show progress on a lot of workstreams and listen to very interesting and lively presentations and work sessions. On behalf of the Council and whole community I also wholeheartedly thank Debbie Monahan (.nz), Abibu Ntahigiye (.tz) and Peter Vergote (.be) for their service to the community and Council and their contribution and participation in the different working groups, Council committees, review teams and as liaison. We hope that in whatever capacity they will remain involved in the ccNSO and will look back on their time at the Council with satisfaction and joy. We also want to thank Wafa Dahmani (.tn) and Biyi Oladipo (.ng) as the ccNSO appointed liaisons to ALAC and the GNSO Council. The ccNSO Council welcomes Nick Wenban-Smith (.uk), Jordan Carter (.nz) and Biyi Oladipo (.ng) as newly appointed Councillors from respectively the African, Asian-Pacific and European Region, and welcome back Demi Getschko and Pablo Rodriguez from the Latin-American, Caribbean and North-American Region. The ccNSO Council is also pleased to announce the appointment of Segun Akano and Maarten Simon (.nl) as the new liaisons to respectively the ALAC and the GNSO Council. Finally, on behalf of all ccTLDs present I wholeheartedly thank JPRS, and our Council colleague Hiro Hotta, for the assistance and welcome in Kobe and of course as the sole sponsor of the fabulous ccNSO Cocktail.

The ccNSO Meeting is Closed

18. Closure