

ccNSO Council Telephone Conference
12 May 2016

Attendees:

AF

Abibu Ntahigiye, .tz
Souleymane Oumtanaga, .ci

AP

Debbie Monahan, .nz

EU

Nigel Roberts, .gg & .je
Katrina Sataki, .lv
Peter Vergote, .be

LAC

Alejandra Reynoso, .gt
Demi Getschko, .br

NA

Becky Burr, .us
Stephen Deerhake, .as
Byron Holland, .ca

NomCom

Christelle Vaval
Celia Lerman-Friedman

Observers/Liaisons

Ron Sherwood, ccNSO Liaison to the ALAC
Maureen Hilyard, ALAC Liaison to the ccNSO

Regional Organizations

Leonid Todorov, APTLD
Barrack Otieno, AfTLD

ICANN Staff

Bart Boswinkel
Joke Braeken
Kim Carlson

Introductory comments were made by the Chair regarding last meeting, as well as housekeeping items.

1 Apologies

Apologies were noted from Hiro Hotta, Margarita Valdes, Ching Chiao, and Peter Van Roste

Absent, no apologies received: Vika Mpisane, Young-Eum Lee

2 Minutes and Actions

Minutes from the 14 April Council call were circulated on Monday 2 May 2016.

No comments or objections were received and thus the minutes were approved.

One outstanding action item remains – Council accountability survey, to be completed by end of 20 May. All other action items are completed

Outstanding Item from to do list – inform chairs of working groups meetings will be open to observers

3 Overview inter-meeting Council decisions

The Chair noted the Annual Work Plan 2016-2018 was adopted. Chair reminded the Council the Work Plan is a living document and will be updated regularly. No objections or abstentions were noted.

The Council adopted the resolution for transparency of working groups and Council meetings.

No objections or abstentions were noted.

4 IANA Stewardship transition and CCWG –Accountability

4.1 Progress implementation

The Chair explained there is a group of SO/AC chairs who are briefed by ICANN staff on implementation of transition. She noted the timeline of bylaw drafting – 30 public comment period ends on 21 May, the new version of bylaws must be submitted to NTIA.

Becky Burr noted nothing has changed regarding the ccNSO specifics of the bylaws. There were questions about some of the language regarding the role of ICANN in respect to policy development, which has been clarified. As for the ccNSO specific section of the bylaws are not changing - consensus is that the lawyers did a “pretty good job”. There are a couple of issues they didn’t get quite right, so the CCWG is preparing small comments that will be submitted for changes to be made – the critical issue is the Board actually has to adopt the bylaw changes prior to June 15, when Larry Strickling is to issue his report. Timing is on track.

Byron Holland directed a question to Becky Burr – do you have any thoughts or insights on the political climate on this issue in Washington?

Becky Burr stated there may be another set of congressional hearings in the Senate Commerce Committee, but nothing has been formally scheduled. She noted Senator Cruz, who had been campaigning is back in the Senate and expects there should be some sharp questioning but nothing that suggests there is enough will to derail.

The Chair continued on with RZERC – the Council will need to appoint 1 member, there is no charter – it is

still in the drafting phase.

Regarding the Customer Standing Committee, there is much more clarity. On August 15th, ICANN needs to submit implementation report to the NTIA, and by that date, the Customer Standing Committee must be adopted by both the ccNSO and GNSO Councils. The members from ccNSO and from Registry Stakeholder Group, they must be submitted by July 21st. ICANN will collect names, then submit to the respective councils for consideration.

The latest moment to issue call for expressions of interest for ccTLDs is the Helsinki meeting – community will be informed at that time. At that time, guidelines need to be in place for selection process and adopted by the Council. The Guidelines Review Committee is working on this guideline and targeting completion by the work group call in June. The “plan” currently is that ICANN will send out an invitation to submit expressions of interest on May 16th, then a webinar will be conducted to answer questions.

In order to have the full slate adopted in time, Council will need either a special Council Call at the end of July/early August but would need to be quorate to make a decision or delegate a group of Councilors to liaise with the GNSO Registry Stakeholder Group and work in this full slate. The primary concern is to select technically knowledgeable people. Diversity is a secondary factor to consider.

AC chat question from Barrack Otieno: Given the time ccTLD take to respond at times, is there harm making the call immediate after this meeting?

The Chair answered that the information is not out yet and according to the proposal we select the members according to our own internal procedures but the guideline is not ready yet. Also, information must be disseminated soon to give enough consideration time and work on EOI and other documentation.

No other questions or comments were put forward.

4.2 Change statement of Purpose ccNSO IANA Transition and Accountability Coordination Committee (ISTACC).

The Chair reminded Council that during the last call the need to change the mandate of the ccNSO Coordination group relating to the IANA Stewardship Transition and ICANN’s Accountability processes (ISTACC) was discussed. The purpose of this group needs to be changed. A draft of purpose of statement was circulated.

RESOLUTION 118-01:

The ccNSO Council adopts the revised statement of purpose of the ccNSO IANA Stewardship Transition and Accountability coordination committee. The ccNSO Council appoints its vice-chair Byron Holland as chair of the committee. The secretariat is requested to inform all current members of the ISTACC on the changed mandate and invite and adjust membership according to the adopted purpose statement.

Moved by Nigel Roberts

Seconded by Abibu Ntahigiye

No abstentions

Resolution was carried unanimously

5 PDP Review Mechanism and Retirement Framework

The Chair mentioned the secretariat prepared more information on the PDPs and alternatives, as discussed in Marrakech.

As a reminder of what was discussed:

- First focus on review mechanism for decision of delegation, revocation and transfer of ccTLDs. This was considered to be of the highest priority by the ccTLDs present at the meeting, in particular in light of the IANA stewardship transition.
- Secondly, the focus of retirement and to extend needed, revisit review mechanism outcome to adjust for the retirement of ccTLDs.
- Next, was to do as many things in parallel as feasible and possible.
- Also, preference was to conduct 1 PDP (with topics), although implications were not clear.

Documents can be found in packet of documents and on Council wiki space.

It is assumed in all cases, in Helsinki a PDP will be launched with appointment of Council oversight committee, appointment of issue manager, request for issue report effectively defining which issues need to be discussed and define initial timeline, which will change over time.

At this point, no decision need to be made.

Byron Holland asked if any of the other Council members had any comments on the potential timelines, whether things are done sequentially or not, concurrently or consecutively, 1 or 2 PDPs – has anyone give any thought one way or another to the possible alternatives. Are there any preferred options?

Stephen Deerhake commented in AC Chat: concurrent, but still thinking about it.

Peter Vergote commented he thinks the issues that will be dealt with are not going to lead to simple and casual conversations. Taking that into account, it would create an advantage to do things in a sequential manner define obstacles and how “smoothly” things are able to progress. If it’s done in parallel, the discretions really are heating up, we risk ending up with nothing.

The Chair added the feeling in the room in Marrakech was there was a need for a review mechanism. Another risk is having the same people, and the longer it takes, the change of losing volunteers grows higher.

6 Meeting B Update/Programme WG update

The Chair noted cross community work in the afternoons. It was decided to stick with our agenda because she feels not many ccTLDs would be interested in the PDPs on next generation gTLD registry services – not all cross community sessions would be of interest to ccTLDs.

Alejandra Reynoso provided an update. Presenter slots are being filled. Main topics have been finalized. The cross community discussion will include ccNSO and GAC joint meeting on Tuesday. Cross community discussion on operational side of ICANN and Country and Territory names forum is still being finalized and discussed. Council meeting will be on Thursday, due to cross community discussions. It is unknown if there will be a cross community discussion on Wednesday since there will be in the general room a session of interest to the ccNSO.

7 Council Updates

7.1 Chair Update

The Chair noted a really “hot debate” about anti-harassment policy of ICANN. After the public forum in Marrakech, all SO/ACs realized ICANN does not have a policy in place. Discussion is taking place.

7.2 Vice-Chair Update

No updates from Vice Chairs were brought forward

7.3 Councilors Update

No updates from Councilors were brought forward

7.4 Regional Organizations Update

Barrack Otieno updated via AC chat: Reminder of African Internet Summit coming up at end of May

7.5 Staff Update

- Kim Carlson gave an update on the Council Wiki Site
- Joke Braeken give an update on the Social Media Strategy

8 WG updates

8.1 GRC (Guideline review committee) update

The Chair noted the GRC was working on the guideline for selection of members to the CSC and intent is to present before the Council call in June.

8.2 CCWG Updates

- Use of country and territory names (Annebeth Lange, Paul Szyndler, written update)
- CWG on CCWG Principles (Becky Burr)
Becky Burr stated the group will be meeting in Helsinki on the Sunday to work on work stream 2 items, otherwise most of the work has been focused on bylaws drafting, as discussed earlier.
- CCWG Internet Governance (Young Eum Lee)

8.4 EPSRP WG (written update)

8.5 SOPWG (written update)

Other updates, if any

9 Liaison Updates

Written updates were included in pack. No questions or comments were brought forward.

9.1 GNSO Liaison (Patrick Myles).

9.2 ALAC Liaison (Ron Sherwood).

10 Monthly Work Plan

Will be prepared following this meeting.

11 Next meetings

- 16 June 2016, 11.00 UTC
- Face-to face meeting June 2016, time to be agreed, taking into account new meeting format.
Suggested time: Thursday 30 June 2016, 10.45-12.00 (local time)
- 28 July 2018, tentatively, and depending on progress CSC member selection.

12 AOB

Barrack Otieno has provided more information on the African Internet Summit via AC Chat

Alejandra Reynoso mentioned a new online and paper survey will be implemented at the Helsinki meeting.

13 Closure