

24th Council Meeting Minutes

31st October 2007

Attendees

Becky Burr
Victor Ciza, .bi
Lesley Cowley, .uk
Keith Drazek, .us
Mohamed El Bashir, .sd
Chris Disspain, .au (Chair)
Ondrej Filip, .cz
Olivier Guillard, .fr
Hiro Hotta, .jp
Young-Eum Lee, .kr (phone)
Slobodan Markovic
Oscar Moreno, .pr
Paulos Nyirenda, .mw
Patricio Poblete, .cl
Oscar Robles, .mx
Dotty Sparks de Blanc, .vi

Observers:

Bart Boswinkel, ICANN Staff
Don Hollander, APTLD
Gabriella Schitteck, ccNSO Secretariat
Siavash Shahshahani, ALAC liaison
Peter Van Roste, CENTR
Margarita Valdes, LACTLD

1) Welcome to New Councillors

The Council welcomed two new Council members: *Oscar Moreno*, for the North American region and *Nashwa Abdelbaki*, NomCom appointee, who will take her seat after the meeting.

2) IDN ccPDP

The Chair tabled two resolutions relating to the IDN ccPDP. Firstly, the appointment of a Steering Committee and its members and secondly, the creation of an Issue Report.

2.1) Appointment of Steering Committee

Background

At its meeting at 2 October 2007 the ccNSO Council requested an issues report on matters pertaining to the introduction of IDN ccPDP. The Council also adopted a resolution that a sub-committee of the Council, consisting of 5 members of the Council and its Chair will act as a steering group to liaise and assist the Issue Manager.

Resolution

24.01 IT WAS RESOLVED to appoint the following members of the Council to act as steering committee for the ccPDP:

Becky Burr (NA region)
Ondrej Filip (EU region)
Hiro Hotta (AP region)
Paulos Nyirenda (AF region)
Patricio Poblete (LAC region)

Chris Disspain (Chair of the ccNSO Council)

The resolution was passed unanimously.

2.2 Creation of Issue Report

Background

At its meeting at 2 October 2007 the ccNSO Council requested an issues report on matters pertaining to the introduction of IDN ccPDP. At the same meeting the ccNSO Council appointed the Issue Manager. According to the ICANN by laws (Annex B section 2) the Council shall, in consultation with the Issue Manager, set the time within which the Issue Report needs to be available.

Resolution

24.02 IT WAS RESOLVED, that the Issue Manager in consultation with the Steering Committee, that a first draft of the Issue Report will be available no later than two weeks before the ICANN New Delhi meeting (February 2008).

The resolution was passed unanimously.

3) Resolutions on Proposing a Fast Track Approach

The Chair introduced the next agenda item on the fast track approach and tabled a resolution on forming an Internationalised Domain Name Working Group.

Background

In initial discussions by the ccNSO members, other ccTLD managers and ICANN's Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) a number of policy questions were identified and a "Questions and Issues Paper" was submitted to the ICANN Board of Directors (<http://www.icann.org/topics/idn/ccnso-gac-issues-report-on-idn-09jul07.pdf>). It became clear that the development of the required policy for IDN ccTLDs to resolve the issues raised was likely to take a minimum of 2 years. It also became clear that such a time frame was a major concern for a number of ccTLD managers who have expressed there is a pressing need for an IDN ccTLD in their territory. Because of this, the concept of a fast track approach began to be discussed. In those discussions it was thought that it **might** be possible to find a method to allow the introduction of a limited number of IDN ccTLDs while the overall policy was being developed.

Policies and procedures that may be relevant to the delegation of an IDN ccTLD under a fast track approach include:

- the IDNA protocol standards (<http://icann.org/announcements/announcement-2-11may07.htm>);
- RFC 3454 (<http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc3454.txt>);
- RFC 3490 (<http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc3490>);
- RFC 3491 (<http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc3491.txt>);
- RFC 3492 (<http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc3492.txt>);
- RFC 1591 and associated procedures for delegation of a country code top level domain (<http://www.isi.edu/in-notes/rfc1591.txt>)
- The GAC principles http://gac.icann.org/web/home/ccTLD_Principles.rf.

Following consideration of the “Questions and Issues Paper”, and statements of the GAC and ccTLD managers on a fast track approach the ICANN Board has requested the ccNSO to **explore** both an interim and an overall approach to IDN ccTLDs associated with the ISO 3166-1 two-letter codes and to recommend a course of action to the Board taking the technical limitations and requirements into consideration <http://www.icann.org/minutes/resolutions-29jun07.htm#m>.

At its meeting on 2 October 2007, the ccNSO Council launched a Policy Development Process (ccPDP) by requesting a PDP Issues Report and appointing an Issues Manager. This ccPDP has been launched to develop an overall approach, which includes finding solutions for the matters raised in the “Questions and Issues Paper”.

At its meeting on 2 October 2007, the ccNSO Council requested its chair and staff to prepare a draft charter for an IDN Working Group to be appointed by the Board and a background paper in preparation of the discussion on the fast track approach. The ccTLD managers present at the Los Angeles meeting discussed the drafts internally. The draft Charter was adjusted accordingly to reflect the outcome of the discussion.

At its meeting on 2 October the ccNSO Council endorsed the initiative of its Chair to ascertain the immediate need for IDN ccTLD in territories. The results of this survey were presented at the ccNSO meeting in Los Angeles.

Resolution

24.03 IT WAS RESOLVED to recommend to the ICANN Board that an Internationalised Domain Name Working Group be formed under the Proposed Charter for the IDN Working Group, 31 October 2007.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

4) New gTLD Process / Resolution on Principles Relating to the Use of Names of Territories as Listed in ISO 3166-1 list as new gTLD

The Chair tabled the proposed resolution recommending to the ICANN Board guidelines for the use of the names of territories as listed in the ISO 3166 list and their meaningful abbreviations as a gTLD in ASCII and non ASCII script. The resolution was to be put forward to the ICANN board for approval.

There was discussion on whether the proposed resolution correctly captured the outcome of the discussions held on the topic during the ccNSO meeting on the previous day.

Slobodan Markovic and *Paulos Nyirenda* expressed concern for the use of the wording “recognised languages”, as there seem to be no official list of such languages.

The Chair explained that the background for using the formulation is to avoid potential fights about what a language is. This would be something ICANN staff would have to deal with during the implementation process. He noted that the new gTLD policy had been formulated in a similar way, with references to, for example ‘public morals’ without providing a clear definition.

Oscar Robles expressed the view that making the ASCII and non-ASCII “meaningful abbreviation of a territory” it into a principle was problematic and may be better dealt with under the objection process.

It was, however, felt that there had been consensus in the room during the previous day’s discussions that this was what the ccTLD community wanted.

Background

At its meeting at the ICANN meeting in LA the participants of the ccNSO members meeting discussed the potential impact of the new gTLD. The discussion was focused on the potential use of the names of territories as listed in the ISO 3166 list and their meaningful abbreviations as a gTLD in ASCII and non ASCII script.

Resolution

24-04 IT WAS RESOLVED that the ccNSO Council recommends that the ICANN Board apply the following principles in the new gTLD process:

Principle on meaningful representation of the name of a territory listed on the ISO 3166-1 in a non ASCII script.

No name of a territory as listed in ISO 3166-1 or a meaningful abbreviation of it, whether represented in a non ASCII script or in any recognised language represented in that script, shall be available as a gTLD. This principle should be revisited once the IDN ccPDP Recommendation, if any, is adopted by the Board.

Principle on meaningful representation of the name of a territory on the ISO 3166-1 list in ASCII.

No name of a territory as listed in ISO 3166-1 or a meaningful abbreviation of it, whether represented in ASCII or in any recognised language, shall be available as a gTLD. This principle should be revisited once the IDN ccPDP Recommendation, if any, is adopted by the Board.

12 Councillors voted in favour.

Four abstentions were noted: Young-Eum Lee, Slobodan Markovic, Paulos Nyirenda and Oscar Robles.

5) Regions Self-selection Mechanism

The Chair tabled two resolutions, which are an outcome from the Regions Working Group report.

The first resolution deals with the adoption of the recommendation from the Working Group to install a self-selection mechanism for those ccNSO members which today are assigned to a region based on the citizen criteria. The affected ccTLD manager should, together with their government, be able to define which region they would like to be designated to in the ccNSO framework.

The second resolution instructs the relevant ICANN staff to prepare an implementation process.

Background

At its meeting on 2 October the ccNSO Council adopted the final report of the Regions WG, with one member abstaining. According to the ICANN by laws section Article IX, clause 4 section 4 the ccNSO may adopt procedures for self selection for cases where the Geographic Region of a ccNSO member is unclear.

The WG on the ICANN Regions recommended that the ccNSO Council introduce a mechanism for self –selection for those ccTLD managers which are currently assigned to an Geographical Region on the basis of the “citizenship” criterion.

The recommendation of the WG is:

Under the Provisions of Clause 4 of Section 4 of the ICANN Bylaws

1. **Applicability.** These procedures are available only to those ccTLDs that:
 - a. are currently assigned to an ICANN Geographical Region on the basis of the citizenship criterion, and
 - b. are members of the ccNSO.
2. **Options.** The ccTLD may opt to join the ICANN Geographic Region with which the ccTLD Manager and the Government believe the country or territory has the closest geographic, language, cultural and economic ties.
3. **Procedure.** The ccTLD manager is to submit a request, which must include a letter of support from the ccTLD government, for consideration by the ccNSO Council.
4. **Limitations.** From the date that an application under these provisions has been approved by Council, no further applications from that ccTLD will be considered [for a minimum period of 5 years]. In the event the application has been approved by the Council the assignment to the ICANN Geographic Region only has affect with regard to matters relating to the ccNSO.

Resolution 1

24-05 IT WAS RESOLVED to adopt the recommendation of the WG on the ICANN Geographic Regions as stated above.

Resolution 2

24-06 IT WAS RESOLVED to request ICANN staff to propose mechanisms for implementation of the resolution by the next ICANN meeting in New Delhi, India.

15 Councillors voted in favour of the resolutions.
Olivier Guillard abstained from both resolutions.

6) IANA Working Group Charter

The Chair informed the meeting that the Chair of the IANA Working Group, *Olivier Guillard* has submitted an updated Working Group charter for the Council to consider.

Olivier Guillard indicated that this document was a consolidation of different documents adopted by the ccNSO to structure the IANA Working Group activity, including a membership protocol visible on the IANA Working Group web site. He also indicated that he felt that those documentations may no longer reflect the context and requirements of today's Working Group. The Council was therefore asked to review the scope and work items of the Working Group.

The Chair suggested passing a resolution, requesting the Working Group Chair to draft a relevant scope and work items for the Working Group by the New Delhi meeting.

Lesley Cowley suggested to amend the wording so that it reads "*the Working Group Chair is to report as soon as possible*" in order to speed up procedures.

Background

Olivier Guillard, the chair of the IANA WG submitted an updated charter to be adopted by the ccNSO Council. This charter was drawn up from existing IANA WG documents. At the same time he requested a review of the scope and work items of the working group as the circumstances under which the IANA WG originally was created, have changed significantly since the IANA WG was constituted.

Resolution

24-06 IT WAS RESOLVED to request the chair of the IANA WG to review the scope and work items of the WG with the working group members in close cooperation with relevant ICANN staff. The Working Group chair is requested to report to the Council as soon as possible, and propose a relevant scope and work items for the WG, if any. During this time the IANA WG is requested to undertake its activities under the current charter.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

7) DNSSEC Update

The Chair reiterated his requests to the TECH Working group and the IANA Working Group for input on the issue.

Lesley Cowley asked for the IANA WG to speed up procedures with DNSSEC.

He also encouraged people to review the statement from RIPE on signing the root zone, in order to get a feeling for what the community thinks of the subject.

8) Anti-phishing

The Chair noted that Anti-phishing seems to be a topic of broad interest for the community and therefore asked the Councillors whether an Anti-phishing Working Groups should be set up.

Lesley Cowley suggested that the ccNSO Secretariat launches a survey on the topic to find out what the community knows on the topic and expects from the ccNSO Secretariat.

Becky Burr supported the suggestion and wondered whether the survey also could include questions on legal limitations put upon the ccTLD operators.

The Chair pointed out that the ccNSO Secretariat will need to receive input in how to formulate the questions.

24-07 IT WAS RESOLVED that the ccNSO Secretariat starts drafting a survey on Anti-phishing.

9) ccNSO Working Group Guidelines

The Councillors were informed that *Bart Boswinkel* is working on guidelines for ccNSO Working Groups. The guidelines will be presented to the Council for consideration as soon as possible.

10) Internal Procedures Update

The Chair noted that guidelines for ccNSO Council Minutes are under development and will be sent out to the Council for consideration as soon as possible.

The meeting was then informed that the numbering of future council resolutions will undergo a formatting change. It was explained that they will now follow the numbering of the actual Council meetings.

Lesley Cowley suggested that a work plan should be developed. This was agreed and the Secretariat was requested to start work on a draft work plan for discussion at the meeting in Delhi.

11) New Membership Applications to the ccNSO

The ccNSO received membership applications from Serbia (.rs) and China (.cn). The application details for both ccTLDs have been confirmed by IANA.

24-09 IT WAS RESOLVED to approve Serbia (.rs) as new ccNSO member.

24-09 IT WAS RESOLVED to approve China (.cn) as new ccNSO member.

The resolutions were passed unanimously and acclaimed by applause.

On behalf of the Chinese ccTLD manager, thanks to the ccNSO Chair and Council members were expressed and .cn declared their commitment to support and contribute to the work of the ccNSO.

Paul Twomey welcomed both ccTLDs to the ccNSO.

12) Call for Nominations for ccNSO Council Members

The Chair noted that between the Los Angeles and the New Delhi meeting elections to the ccNSO Council need to be held.

Background

The regular terms of the three ccNSO Council members selected by the ccNSO members within each ICANN Geographic Region shall be staggered so that one member's term begins in a year divisible by three, a second member's term begins in the first year following a year divisible by three, and the third member's term begins in the second year following a year divisible by three. Accordingly one candidate per "Geographic Region": Europe; Asia Pacific; Latin America/Caribbean islands; Africa; and North America has to step down, and there seat are open for election.

The ccNSO Council members who step down are:

Africa: Mohamed El Bashir

Asia/Pacific: Hiro Hotta

Europe: Ondrej Filip

Latin America: Eduardo Santoyo

North America: Dotty Sparks de Blanc

According to the ICANN bylaws (Section 4, Membership. paragraph 8):

"Any ccNSO member may nominate an individual to serve as a ccNSO Council member representing the ccNSO member's Geographic Region. Nominations must be seconded by another ccNSO member from the same Geographic Region. "

Each member can nominate one candidate for election to the ccNSO council and each member can second one candidate.

Candidates do not need to be resident in the region or a citizen of a country within the region in which they stand for election.

In order to nominate or second a candidate, a member must have been a member of the ccNSO by 31 October 2007.

Resolution

24-10 IT WAS RESOLVED to request staff to send out a call for nominations no later than 14 November to fill the seats open for election. The period for nominations shall be open for 14 calendar days. In the event more than one candidate is nominated in a specific region, staff is requested to set up an election for the ccNSO members in that region.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

14) Thanks

The Chair asked the Councillors to express their thanks to following persons:

Bernard Turcotte (retired ccNSO Councillor)
Charles Shaban (retiring ccNSO Councillor)
Eberhard Lisse (ccNSO Technical Working Group Chair)
Vint Cerf (retiring ICANN Board Chair)

24-12 IT WAS RESOLVED to thank Bernard Turcotte and Charles Shaban for their work and service to the ccNSO Community during their time on the ccNSO Council.

24-13 IT WAS RESOLVED to thank Eberhard Lisse for his efforts in organising the ccNSO Tech Day which has now become a significant feature of ccNSO meetings.

24-14 IT WAS RESOLVED to thank Vint Cerf for his extraordinary commitment as Chair of the ICANN board and his outstanding efforts in guiding and serving the ICANN Community.

The resolutions were passed unanimously. .

15) AOB

Olivier Guillard asked the Council whether it should examine IPv4 addresses, which are expected to be depleted by 2010.

The Chair suggested putting the topic into the ccNSO work plan.

Patricio Poblete asked when the ccTLD Community email list is planned to be launched.

The Chair explained that some work still needs to be done on the email software, however, this is expected to be completed within a few weeks.

16) Adjourn

The Chairman then closed the meeting.