

ccNSO Council Meeting Cairo
5th November 2008

Attendees

Nashwa Abdelbaki
Bart Boswinkel
Becky Burr
Chris Disspain
Keith Drazek
Victor Ciza
Lesley Cowley
Ondrej Filip
Don Hollander
Hiro Hotta
Erick Iriarte – *telephone*
Young-Eum Lee
Slobodan Markovic
Oscar Moreno
Paulos Nyirenda
Patricio Poblete
Oscar Robles - *telephone*
Gabiella Schittek
Dotty Sparks de Blanc

Apologies

Olivier Guillard
Patrick Hosein

1) Confirmation of Approval of Minutes and Actions from Council Call 15th October 2008 & Matters Arising

The Chair opened the meeting and asked for comments on the minutes from the 15th October 2008.

Lesley Cowley referred to action 33-02 (“*The Chair to discuss the number of Working Group members in the GAC-ccNSO Working Group*”), noting that it has not yet been completed. She proposed renewing and widening the membership of the GAC Working Group

The Chairman said he would talk to the GAC Working Group chair Keith Davidson about the issue.

Action 35-01

The Chairman to discuss the composition of the GAC Working Group with Keith Davidson.

Referring to action 34-04 (“*The Secretariat to forward the nomination of Juhani Juselius to the ccNSO Council email list for the Councillors’ approval.*”) *Lesley* clarified that the

delay in nominating a European Councillor was caused by concerns about lack of time, not a lack of willingness from members to becoming councillors, as indicated in the last Council call.

The Chair added that the issue of finding candidates willing to devote time for Council work needs to be addressed at the next Council workshop.

2) Processes Working Group

2.1 Approval of Travel Funding Process Paper

2.1.1 Appointment of Three Travel Fund Committee Members

The Chair presented the suggested resolution on the Travel Funding Process Paper, as developed by the Processes Working Group and presented during the members meeting.

He also noted that according to the Travel Funding Guidelines, three Councillors need to be appointed to take place in the Travel Fund Committee.

Dotty Sparks de Blanc explained that the role of the Committee will be to approve applications for travel funding.

Chris Disspain, Ondrej Filip and Dotty Sparks de Blanc volunteered to take place in the committee.

The resolution was proposed by *Ondrej Filip* and seconded by *Slobodan Markovic*.

Resolution 35-01

Whereas under the ICANN travel policy ICANN will provide funding for travel etc. to persons who are eligible under that policy.

Whereas under the ICANN travel funding policy the ccNSO needs to provide its own more detailed guidelines and criteria for funding and the processes WG has developed a guideline for that purpose.

IT WAS RESOLVED to

- 1. Approve and adopt the travel funding guideline as proposed by the processes WG (version 7.3);*
- 2. Appoint the following 3 members of the Council as the travel fund committee envisioned in the guideline: Chris Disspain, Ondrej Filip, Dotty Sparks de Blanc; and*
- 3. Request the ccNSO secretariat to publish the procedure and form on the ccNSO website.*

The resolution was passed unanimously.

2.2) Approval of Process Paper on NomCom Appointments

The Chair then presented the suggested resolution on the Process of Appointing a NomCom Representative.

The resolution was proposed by *Becky Burr* and seconded by *Lesley Cowley*.

Resolution 35-02

Whereas the ccNSO Council requested the Processes Working Group to develop a guideline to appoint a delegate to the Nominating Committee.

IT WAS RESOLVED to adopt the guideline for appointing delegates to the Nominating Committee as presented.

The resolution was approved unanimously.

2.3) Approval of Process Paper on Input to the ICANN Strategic Plan

The Chair presented the suggested resolution on approving the process paper on providing input to the ICANN Strategic Plan.

Lesley Cowley pointed out that the guidelines as presented say that the committee should commence their work in June 2009. However, she suggested that it should start its work earlier.

She also suggested that the second part of the proposed resolution, saying that a committee should be formed as soon as possible and replaced by a new committee in June 2009, should be amended so that the committee would not have to be replaced after only six months in existence. She felt that it would be valuable to use the committee's experience instead. She therefore suggested that the first committee is appointed for 18 months.

The Chair agreed and said the guidelines will be amended to reflect *Lesley's* suggestion on starting the committee's work earlier. The resolution was also amended to state that the first committee will work until June 2010.

The resolution was proposed by *Lesley Cowley* and seconded by *Young-Eum Lee*.

Resolution 35-03

Whereas the ccNSO Council requested the Processes Working Group to develop a guideline to facilitate the interaction of ccTLD managers with the ICANN Strategy and Operational planning cycle and input to the Budget.

Whereas the Council notes that the Committee as proposed will be appointed in June of every year.

IT WAS RESOLVED to

- 1. Adopt the guideline on interaction ICANN strategic and Operational Plan as presented;*
- 2. Request the ccNSO Secretariat to seek members for the committee as soon as possible for the period up until June 2010, at which time a new committee will be appointed.*

The resolution was passed unanimously.

2.4) Closure of Processes Working Group

The Chair presented the final resolution on Processes Working Group matters, which was suggesting the closure of the group and to thank its members for their work.

Lesley Cowley suggested including Bart Boswinkel and Gabriella Schitteck in the thanks for the group's work.

The resolution was proposed by *Dotty Sparks de Blanc* and seconded by *Patricio Poblete*.

Resolution 35-04

Whereas the Processes Working Group was established by the Council at its Delhi meeting and the Working Group has provided the guidelines and procedures which were requested by the Council.

IT WAS RESOLVED to close the Processes Working Group and to thank its members, Bart Boswinkel and Gabriella Schitteck for their hard work.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

3) ICANN Regions

3.1) Approval of self-selection procedure

3.2) Application form to change regions

The Chair then presented the resolution on the approval of the suggested self-selection procedure, as well as the application form to the procedure.

Lesley Cowley pointed out that the section of "Limitations" in the self-selection procedure says that once a ccTLD has changed region, it is not allowed to change region again until five years have lapsed. She thought that the Council should consider adding the wording "except for extraordinary circumstances", as such could happen.

The Chair agreed and suggested the proposed wording should be added to the self-selection procedure. However, such an amendment requires a formal change of the Council's previous resolution, approving the recommendations on the geographic regions. This would be dealt with after the meeting.

The resolution was proposed by *Lesley Cowley* and seconded by *Slobodan Markovic*.

Resolution 35-05

Whereas the Council has adopted the recommendations of the Geographic Names Working Group to allow for self-selection of a Geographic Region for the purposes of membership of the ccNSO,

IT WAS RESOLVED to:

1. *Adopt the procedure for the self-selection of membership a Geographic Region for purposes of the ccNSO as proposed (See Annex).*
2. *Adopt the request for re-assignment to an ICANN Geographic Region form.*
3. *Request the ccNSO Secretariat to publish the procedure and form on the ccNSO website.*

The resolution was passed unanimously.

4) GNSO Observership

The Chair informed the Council that it was agreed to exchange observers with the GNSO. The GNSO has appointed Olga Cavalli as their observer to the ccNSO Council.

He now asked the Council to instruct the ccNSO Secretariat to call for nominations for an observer to the GNSO Council. The call should last for two weeks. Should there be more than one nominee, a quick election process will be organised.

Action 35-02

The ccNSO Secretariat to launch a call for nominations for a GNSO Observer.

5) Working Group Update

IANA Working Group

No update was received.

Participation Working Group

Lesley Cowley informed that a draft report with a set of recommendations will be submitted in time for the next council call.

Tech Working Group

No update was received.

6) Council Elections Update

Gabriella Schitteck informed that the elections for a Councillor to the Asia-Pacific region would end the same night at 00.00 UTC. Only 10 ccTLDs out of the 23 eligible had voted so far.

The Chair suggested that the ccNSO Secretariat sends out a reminder that the voting finishes at 00.00 UTC.

Action 35-03

The ccNSO Secretariat to remind the membership that the ccNSO Council elections for the AP region end on the 5th November at 00.00 UTC.

7) ICANN Board Member Selection

7.1 Appointment of Elections Manager

7.2 Acceptance of timeline

The ccNSO Secretariat is going to launch a nomination period for the selection of an ICANN Board member on the 17th November 2008. According to the Board Selection Guidelines, the ccNSO Council needs to appoint an Election Manager and it is suggested that Gabriella Schittek be appointed. The Council also needed to accept the timeline that had been suggested for the selection period.

The Council agreed to appoint Gabriella Schittek as Election Manager for the ICANN Board Member Selection Process and approved the suggested timeline.

8) Start of Appointment Process for GNSO Observer

The Chair referred to item 4, where this issue had been discussed.

9) Thanks to Slobodan Markovic and Welcome to Jian Zhang

The Chair informed the Councillors that Slobodan Markovic's term on the ccNSO Council expires by the end of the Cairo meeting.

Resolution 35-06

THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to thank Slobodan Markovic for his time on the ccNSO Council, his humour and hard work and to wish him every success in his new role which will include him attending as Serbian representative to the GAC.

The resolution was passed by acclamation.

On behalf of the ccNSO Council, the Chair then welcomed *Jian Zhang* as a new ccNSO Council member for the Nominating Committee.

10) AOB

The Chair suggested that in order to facilitate members who have questions or would like to have discussions on the IDN ccTLD implementation plan, a members-based mailing list should be set up.

Young-Eum Lee noted that many ccTLDs have raised concern, having read the New gTLD application guidebook. Since many ccTLDs seem not to be clear that the cc process will be very different, she wondered whether the Council perhaps should clarify this somehow.

The Chair replied that he did not think that a formal statement from the Council would be of much help.

The Chair then reminded the group that the issue of country and territory names arose during the members meeting. He thought that it would be sensible to set up a small

Working Group which would deal with the topic. He suggested that Hilde Thunem should be asked to organise the Working Group and invite the relevant people to participate.

Finally, the Chair said that dates for future council calls will be set up during the next weeks.

The meeting then closed.