

ccNSO Council Meeting Minutes

31 March 2008

Attendees

Nashwa Abdelbaki
Becky Burr
Lesley Cowley
Chris Disspain
Ondrej Filip
Olivier Guillard
Patrick Hosein
Hiro Hotta
Paulos Nyirenda
Patricia Poblete
Oscar Robles
Dotty Sparks de Blank

Don Hollander
Peter Van Roste

Bart Boswinkel
Gabriella Schittekk

Apologies

Mohamed El Bashir
Young-Eum Lee

1) Paris Agenda

The Chair started the meeting by asking the attendees whether they had anything to say about the Paris Agenda, which had been sent to the group prior to the meeting.

Peter Van Roste said he wished to clarify how the scheduled Admin session was to be organised. After the Participation Working Group meeting in New Delhi he said he was under the impression that it had been agreed that this was to be arranged by the regional organisations. However, he now saw that the ccNSO Secretariat was to arrange the session. He thought it would be more beneficial for all attendees if they had the chance to attend both a ccNSO as well as a regional meeting. He also expressed concern that the line of responsibilities between the organisations becomes blurred by setting up such a workshop. In his understanding the ccNSO's responsibility is to focus on policy aspects, whilst the Regional Organisations focus on operational aspects.

Dotty Sparks de Blanc pointed out that the North American region has no Regional Organisation and therefore can't provide any sessions on operations.

The Chair explained that in his opinion two meetings have been mixed together: The meeting that was discussed in outline with Gabi was something separate from what was discussed at the Participation Working Group meeting in New Delhi.

Lesley Cowley confirmed that there had been discussions at the Participation Working Group meeting, based on input, particularly from small cc's, which had expressed their wish to have more workshops tacked on either side of the ccNSO meeting, so that they could justify travelling to ICANN meetings. She said that she had a problem calling the planned meetings "Admin" meetings, as that would imply that is dealing with a lower part of the business organisation.

The Chairman said that one of his concerns with letting the Regional Organisations organising a meeting is that whilst some would be happy to do so, others wouldn't want to arrange anything and that therefore wouldn't be any continuity in the meeting scheme.

Peter Van Roste said that if a Regional Organisation wouldn't want to organise a meeting, the ccNSO Secretariat could take that up and organise it instead.

Don Hollander said that Peter's proposal was rather than organising another Regional Organisation meeting in Europe, only the "best of" presentations would be taken out, to be repeated to the global audience.

Lesley Cowley said she had "floated" the idea with Eberhard Lisse, saying the ccNSO is considering organising a meeting that would appeal to both tech- and other people. He had expressed his positive opinion about that.

The Chair said he does not have a problem the regional organisations organising this type of session but he would not want the ccNSO Secretariat to step in and do it if the Regional Organisation doesn't want to do it. He was concerned that the secretariat would only find out last minute whether some of the Regional Organisations decide to arrange anything, or not.

He further reminded the group that the 2-3 hours that will be sliced out of the Monday tech-sessions will be competing what ICANN considers being their major workshops on Monday. For the tech-day, this has no huge impact, as technical people would go to the Tech Workshop anyway – however, policy people would probably have a conflict with what to attend.

Don Hollander suggested letting Peter Van Roste organise ½ day in Paris and people would "vote with their feet".

Bart Boswinkel said the regional organisations must ensure that the agenda will have a global focus, so that it will interest others outside the region as well.

Lesley Cowley said that that's why she thinks the meetings should be held within the ccNSO.

The Chair suggested that the Participation Group takes back the issue and works on what it wants to have happen over the next meetings.

Action

27-01: The Participation Working Group to define how it wants the 'Admin' meetings to be arranged.

The Chair then asked if there were any other comments on the Paris Agenda.

Olivier Guillard said that he will probably ask the ccNSO Secretariat to shorten the IANA session by 15 minutes.

Minutes and Actions

No comments were noted to the minutes.

Gabi Schittekk read out the actions.

Lesley Cowley asked who is going to organise the planned Orientation Session for new ccTLDs on the Monday morning.

The Chairman said he would work on that together with the ccNSO Secretariat.

Bart Boswinkel said that the Fellowship Programme has requested mentors for newcomers through their programme.

Lesley Cowley replied that the Participation Working Group had appointed mentors last time, but it didn't go very well, as the people who were identified as "new" were actually not new.

Bart said he will inform the arrangers for the Fellowship Programme to avoid this happening at the next round.

Action

27-02: Bart Boswinkel to inform arrangers of Fellowship Programme of past problems with the mentoring programme.

Nominations to the ICANN Board.

The Chair explained that Peter Dengate-Thrush's seat expires on May 10th 2008.

As in the past, the Council asked for nominations from the members. In the event of more than one nominee, members would vote.

This time, only Peter Dengate-Thrush was nominated, and therefore no election was necessary.

The Council was asked to pass a formal resolution to reappoint Peter Dengate-Thrush to ICANN board seat number 11, from the expiry of his current term.

Resolution

27-01 IT WAS RESOLVED to reappoint Peter Dengate-Thrush to ICANN Board seat number 11 from the expiry of his current term.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

The ccNSO Secretariat was instructed to inform Peter Dengate-Thrush about his re-election to ICANN Board seat nr 11.

Action

27-03: The ccNSO Secretariat to inform Peter Dengate-Thrush about his reelection to ICANN Board seat nr 11.

Bart reminded the Chair that he needs to send a notification to John Jeffrey, ICANN's general secretary, about the election.

Action

27-04: The Chair to notify John Jeffrey on the re-election of Peter Dengate-Thrush to Board seat nr 11.

Working Group Update

Processes Working Group – The chair of the working group, *Dotty Sparks de Blanc* updated that the group has had two conference calls so far. It is planning to review all documents that the ccNSO has and edit them where necessary. This will be provided to the ccTLDs and Council prior to the Paris meeting, so that final approval can happen in Paris. The papers include topic such as ccNSO meetings, council meetings, liaisons, templates, the set-up and close-down of working groups, elections for council and board members and the ccNSO workplan.

The ccNSO website and the management thereof has specifically and intentionally been excluded.

Dotty asked for input, should anyone feel a special topic needs to be covered.

IDNC WG – The chair said that the working group currently is working on a methodology to make the fast track possible. It has proven to be quite challenging from a political point of view, as there are a number of governments that want to make sure the process ensure they get what they want immediately – i.e. there is a lack of concern for the greater good than for the individual territory. Still, the group is making some progress and an interim report has been published. This report will be discussed at the Dubai meeting. There is still hope that the group will meet the time line so that the final report can be submitted by the Paris meeting.

IANA Working Group – The Working Group Chair, Olivier Guillard informed that the group is currently concentrating on three main topics: the Working Group Work Plan, The follow-up of the DNSSEC Paper, the new IANA Interface Testing.

At the next IANA conference call the IANA Working Group Work Plan will be discussed. There is a list of topics following the New Delhi meetings which needs to be reviewed and prioritised.

Not much has been done to the DNSSEC Paper lately. Some discussions have been held with Root Operators for some of the sections; however, the topic itself needs to be reactivated.

A conference call was held the previous week, discussing the schedule and a few other couple of issues regarding the testing of the IANA interface. A note on this will be sent to the council during the week. IANA will officially launch their tests on the 7th April 2008.

Although there are volunteers from every region, there are only six volunteers in total. Olivier invited interested Councillors to join the testbed, as he thought it is very important that the software is tested thoroughly.

The Chair suggested that Olivier should send out another note to the ccTLDs to remind them of the testbed.

GAC-IDN Working Group – The Chair said this group has now effectively turned into the IDNC WG, which means it might be closed down.

ccNSO - GAC WG – The Chair informed that the group is specifically set up to work on topics that will be discussed when the ccNSO meets with the GAC. Martin Boyle has led the group from the GAC side so far, however, will need to be replaced, as he has now left his position. The Chair will ask Janis Karklins who will replace Martin Boyle.

Action

27-05: The Chair to ask Janis Karklins who will replace Martin Boyle as the ccNSO - GAC WG Chair from the GAC side.

Participation Working Group – Lesley Cowley informed that the leaflet which the group had produced is now in its final stages. Some things the groups had suggested have already been implemented – such as the cooperation with the Fellowship Programme, or the aim at making the meetings more attractive to smaller cc's. Some work is also done on picking up cc's that may reconsider joining the ccNSO.

Olivier Guillard asked how the leaflet is to be distributed and whether it will be printed.

Lesley confirmed that it will be printed. It will be given to Regional Organisations and ICANN's Regional Liaisons for distribution. It will also be made available on the ccNSO website.

Don Hollander asked whether the Working Group's work will be completed by June, as first planned.

Lesley Cowley said that she thinks the work will continue after June. However, by June a first report will be produced.

Survey Reports

Phishing Survey – Gabi reported that the survey so far has a very poor response rate and encouraged those councillors who had not yet done so to reply to the survey.

Participation Survey – The participation survey has so far gained 45 replies. Gabi encouraged those councillors who had not yet done so to reply to the survey.

New Email List

Gabi updated that an invitation to join the new ccTLD managers email list had been sent by a special programme on the 18th March. However, the feeling was that many had not received it and concern was expressed that it had been caught by spam-filters. The invitations would therefore be resent individually.

Dotty Sparks de Blanc wondered whether the subscribers to the email list could be asked to include their phone numbers on the email list.

The Chair thought that would be inappropriate, as some might feel uncomfortable with providing that.

Lesley Cowley suggested that the ccNSO Secretariat establishes a Council contact list.

Action

27-06: The ccNSO Secretariat to send out a note to the Council list, asking the Councillors to submit their general contact details.

Patricio Poblete asked whether other subscribers from a registry, except the manager, would need any validation.

It was established that the list manager will send a list on who is on the list from the registry.

Olivier Guillard asked whether the IANA database would be used to send out the individual email invitations - and if so, if an "Accuracy Report" on the bounces could be shared with the IANA Working Group.

Gabi confirmed that the IANA database would be used for the invitations and agreed on making a report on the received bounces.

Action

27-07: ccNSO Secretariat to report to ccNSO-IANA WG on the number of returned emails from IANA's datalist.

AOB

Dotty Sparks de Blanc pointed out that most of the current issues for the ccNSO are with the gNSO and was wondering how to move forward.

The Chair explained that firstly, there is a try to set up mutual liaisons. This is somewhat problematic, as the GAC liaison will have to be away from the ccNSO meeting, and vice versa. Secondly, it is intended to start regular cc/g meetings in Paris. This will probably be a two hour meeting happening on Thursday.

Olivier Guillard informed the group that AFNIC is becoming a member of APTLD, as one of the AFNIC territories, .wf (Wallis and Futuna Islands) had wished so.

He also encouraged all Councillors to register for the Paris meeting as soon as possible, as the planned events will base on the number of registrations.

The Chair reminded that the next Council call will take place on the 21st April 2008.

The meeting then closed.