

## Minutes Council Telephone Conference

19 May 2008

### Attendees

Bart Boswinkel  
Chris Disspain  
Keith Drazek  
Mohamed El-Bashir  
Ondrej Filip  
Olivier Guillard  
Patrick Hosein  
Hiro Hotta  
Young-Eum Lee  
Slobodan Markovic  
Oscar Moreno  
Jaqueline Morris  
Paulos Nyirenda  
Patricio Poblete  
Oscar Robles  
Dotty Sparks de Blanc  
Gabriella Schittek  
Margarita Valdes  
Peter Van Roste

### Apologies

Nashwa Abdelbaki  
Lesley Cowley

### 1) Review of Last Minutes and Actions

*Gabriella Schittek* ran through the action items and informed that the minutes from the last call already are posted on the website.

It was noted that *Lesley Cowley*, the chair of the Participation Working Group was not on the current call and therefore could not report on the proceedings of Action item 28-01 (*"The Participation Working Group to come up with suggestions for the format of the Admin Workshop at the Paris meeting."*)

### 2) Readiness for Paris

*Agenda ccNSO meeting*

The Chair informed the Councillors that the ccNSO agenda is about to be finalised during the coming days.

*Technical Workshop*

The Chair informed the group that the agenda for the technical workshop is about to be finalised.

*Dotty Sparks de Blanc* asked whether the workshop would be shortened to leave space to the Administrative Workshop.

The Chair replied that it would stay as long as it normally is.

#### *Administrative Workshop*

As Lesley Cowley did not attend the call, the ccNSO Secretariat was tasked with sending her a note, asking for an update on what the Participation Working Group had decided about the format of the Administrative Workshop.

#### *Action*

29-01: The ccNSO Secretariat to send Lesley Cowley an email, asking for an update of what the participation Working Group decided on the format of the Administrative Workshop.

#### *IDN Workshop*

The Chair confirmed that there will be an IDN Workshop at the Paris meeting starting at 10.00 on Monday morning . He also noted that a session on IDNs will be held during the members meeting, which is foreseen to involve both the discussing and finalising the fast-track as well as a first draft of the PDP report.

#### *ccNSO/gNSO Meeting*

A ccNSO/gNSO council meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday in Paris and it will probably be a lunch meeting. No agenda has been established yet, but the Chair would work on it with Avri Doria.

#### *Action*

29-02: The Chair to work on ccNSO/gNSO agenda together with Avri Doria.

#### *ccNSO/ALAC meeting*

A ccNSO council/ALAC lunch meeting will take place on Monday in Paris, following the IDN Workshop. The Councillors were reminded to let the ccNSO Secretariat know whether they intend to join this lunch.

### **ICANN Budget**

*Bart Boswinkel* informed the Council that the new ICANN Budget and Operational plan was posted on the ICANN website on the 17<sup>th</sup> May. He has spoken to Doug Brent and Kevin Wilson about setting up a telephone conference with ccTLD managers and both have expressed their willingness to participate in such a call.

Bart suggested setting up a coordination group involving 3-4 people, who will act as an “interface” between the ccTLD managers and Doug and Kevin. The volunteers should have read the budget and operational plan and be prepared to ask questions and comment on behalf of the ccTLD managers. The call should be set up in the week starting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

*Olivier Guillard* asked what kind of input the ccNSO is expected to provide.

The Chair explained that nothing is expected and that the ccTLDs can provide whatever input they like.

*Dotty Sparks de Blanc* asked whether it's not too late to provide input at this stage.

The Chair replied that it's not too late and that this is about establishing a precedent for coming years. He reminded the group that there had been discussions on the issue at the council workshop in New Delhi, where it was agreed that the ccNSO needs to be in sync with ICANN's processes, in order to give the ccNSO a strong voice.

*Action*

29-03 The ccNSO Secretariat to send out a note to the ccNSO members list and ccTLD Community list, informing that a call with Doug Brent and Kevin Wilson will be set up in the week starting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June on the proposed Financial and Operational Budget. The email shall call for volunteers to read the drafts and then act as spokespersons for ccTLDs during the conference call.

*Action*

29-04 The ccNSO Secretariat to put together a group of volunteers for the call with Dough Brent and Kevin Wilson

### **Closure of ccNSO IDN Working Group**

*Gabriella Schitteck* informed the Councillors that since the ccNSO IDN Working Group has not been operational for several months, an email was sent to the group, suggesting that the working group should be closed. No objections were received from any of the Working Group members.

A council resolution is needed to formally close down the group.

*Resolution*

29-01 IT WAS RESOLVED to formally close the ccNSO IDN Working Group.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

### **Processes Working Group**

*Dotty Sparks de Blanc* referred to the papers that were sent out from the working group to the Councillors prior to the meeting. She said that there were no "dramatic" or new changes made and any changes followed the ICANN bylaws and ccNSO rules. The group has tried to keep the papers very flexible and any legal parts were kept out as much as possible. The idea was to create some guidelines, which introduce some discipline and procedures when creating a Working Group. The biggest distinction in the guidelines is the establishment of the role of members versus non-members. The council members have time until the 31<sup>st</sup> May to comment on the papers, so that they can be incorporated before the next council call on the 16<sup>th</sup> June. They will then be published prior to Paris, and will then be discussed and voted upon during the Paris meeting.

*Olivier Guillard* asked what format would be the best to submit input in.

The Chair replied that any comments should be sent to the ccNSO Secretariat which will collate them for the Working Group.

*Bart Boswinkel* added that it would be appreciated if fundamental problems could be distinguished from editorial problems.

## **Working Group Update**

### *GAC Working Group*

The Chair explained that this group is a joint liaison group between the GAC and the ccNSO. He said he had written to the GAC chair, Janis Karklins, as the departure of the co-chair of the GAC Working Group, Martin Boyle, would mean that the group needs to be reconstituted. Janis replied that this would happen in Paris and also that the GAC will want to focus on discussing IDN issues during the meeting – therefore, no joint ccNSO/GAC meeting would take place during the Paris meeting.

The ccNSO/GAC meetings would re-start by the Cairo meeting.

### *IANA Working Group*

*Olivier Guillard* informed the Council that the Working Group has discovered some problems with the testing of the IANA interface, as testers need to set up DNS testbed platform to be able test changes to the root zone. This means a heavy workload for the testers. It was hoped that all tests will be done in time for the Paris meeting, however, it might not be possible. A report on the testing will still be provided at the Paris meeting.

*Ondrej Filip* intervened, saying that the CZ.NIC finished a testing platform so it would be possible to speed up some of the test. He thought there would be a good chance to have the tests done by Paris.

Regarding the IANA Working Group Work Plan, Olivier said that a few working group members had expressed some views regarding the priorities of the workplan. The group is now working on a format for presenting it. The next conference call will take place on the 9<sup>th</sup> June – after that a draft of the workplan will be sent to the council.

Regarding the DNSSEC paper, Olivier said that the community is not fully ready for the public root zone to be signed yet. As an interim step, recognising that there was demand for TLD keys to be published, a proposal was put forward for IANA to run an interim "Trust Anchor Repository". The TAR would publish the DNS keys, but they would not be placed in the root zone. The board of ICANN authorized the creation by IANA of this DS Key registry for Top Level Domain DNSSEC keys the 30th of April. This important effort will provide an real value to those operators end users that have implemented DNSSEC.

Finally, Olivier confirmed that the ccNSO Secretariat had reported back to him on the number of bounces received to the emails which were sent out to every ccTLD manager in early April, using the IANA database information. 26 bounces were received in total, 25 of them were due to incorrect database information.

*Paulos Nyirenda* noted that one of the African representatives on the IANA Working Group, *Ali Drissa Badiel*, has indicated he would like to leave the group and asked what would be done to replace him. *Olivier* replied that he is aware of the problem and the Chair encouraged *Paulos* to liaise directly with *Olivier* to find a solution.

#### *IDNC Working Group*

The Chair said that a face-to-face meeting was held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> in Geneva, including remote participants. The published documents were discussed and there is a feeling that the group is close to reaching consensus. The GAC will be meeting to discuss the issue on the 20<sup>th</sup> May. The Chair said he was confident that some agreement would be reached in time for Paris. He noted that there seemed to be only two “sticking points”: One is the gTLDs wish for an open objection process, where anyone can reject a proposed string.. The second issue is with the suggested linguistic committee, which would check that a suggested string meets the linguistic criteria. The chair expressed confidence that a compromise would be found on this matter as well. Therefore, it is anticipated that a new draft will be released within the next 10 days. This draft will be open for everyone’s consideration. It will then be presented both to the ccNSO and GAC at the Paris meeting. If both groups agree, then it will go to the ICANN board as a recommendation for a fast-track.

The group was reminded that an IDNC Working Group meeting will also be held in Paris, on Saturday at 15.00.

#### *Joint ccNSO/GAC IDN Working Group*

This working group has currently transformed into the IDNC Working Group. However, as the working group might revive once the PDP will kick off; it should not be closed down right now.

#### *Participation Working Group*

*Oscar Robles* updated that the analysis of the participation survey has been finished. As soon as input has been received from those who developed the survey, the draft report will be shared with the other Participation Working Group members.

#### *Tech Working Group*

The Chair referred to the previous update on the Tech Working Group activities under “Readiness for Paris”.

## **AOB**

The Chair reminded those Councillors who had not yet subscribed to the new ccTLD Community email list to do so. The list has almost 80 subscribers at the moment and some email traffic has started.

*Olivier Guillard* asked the Councillors to declare whether they will attend the ccTLD dinner in Paris as soon as possible, as the restaurant needs to be booked and prepaid.

Gabriella informed that the numbers of people declaring to come are increasing steadily. The Chair said the invitation will close in a week and asked Olivier to find out what the maximum number of people is which the restaurant can take.

### *Action*

29-05 Olivier Guillard to find out the maximal amount of people the restaurant aimed for the ccTLD dinner can take.

The meeting then closed.