

ccNSO Council Telephone Conference Notes
16 February 2009

List of Attendees

Bart Boswinkel
Olga Cavalli
Chris Disspain
Keith Drazek
Lesley Cowley
Olivier Guillard
Hiro Hotta
Erick Iriarte Ahon
Young-Eum Lee
Patricio Poblete
Gabriella Schittek
Dotty Sparks de Blanc
Rudi Vansnick
Peter Van Roste
Jian Zhang

Apologies:

Ondrej Filip
Patrick Hosein

**1) Confirmation of Approval of Minutes and Actions from Council Call 13th
January 2009**

Gabriella Schittek ran through the action items from the previous meeting that were still open:

Action 37-03

The ccNSO Secretariat to schedule a ccNSO Board briefing session for the Mexico agenda, independent of the briefing by Paul Twomey and Peter in his capacity as chair of the Board.

As at the date of this meeting this session has not been confirmed yet, however, it looks like Peter Dengate-Thrush will not be able to join, whilst Demi Getschko and Michael Silber can.

Action 37-07

The ccNSO Secretariat to contact Raul Echeberria and /or Adiel to request participation as well as contact Martin Boyle on availability.

As at the date of this meeting this still needs to be done.

Action 37-08

Bart Boswinkel to draft a resolution within 10 days in reply to the GNSO resolution with regard to the timing of the introduction of IDN TLDs.

As at the date of this meeting this has not been done yet, as it is dependant on the outcome what the council will decide regarding the timing of the fast track and gTLD process.

Action 37-08

The ccNSO Secretariat to add Pierre Bonis and Ron Sherwood to the ccNSO Council email list.

This has been done; however, as Pierre Bonis resigned from his position, he has now been removed from the Council email list..

2) Alignment of New gTLD Process and Fast Track

Bart Boswinkel reminded the group that concern was raised during the previous Council call on the timing of the fast track and the new gTLD process. Based on the feedback received to the draft application guidebook, it looks like the new gTLD process will be delayed and the fast track may be ready earlier.

An overview of the public statements made by the gNSO on the timing of the introduction of new gTLDs and the fast track was sent to the Councillors prior to the meeting and it was now up them to decide how to proceed.

The Chair noted that there will be a joint ccNSO/GNSO Council session in Mexico where this topic will be discussed and therefore suggested to wait to take any further action.

Jian Zhang said she thought a resolution should be drafted, as discussed in the previous meeting, as she was strongly concerned about the GNSO position.

Lesley Cowley agreed, saying that if nothing would be said on the issue, it could be perceived as if the GNSO resolution was acceptable.

The Chair stated that he thought a direct discussion with the GNSO would be desirable. He noted that it is becoming clear that there is a push on the ICANN board to treat ccTLD applications in the same way as new GTLDs – which means that ccTLDs will be asked to pay application fees and possibly other fees too. This means that there is a lot of work still to be done before being ready to delegate IDN ccTLDs, which leads to the fact that the timing issue may be much less acute than anticipated.

The general feeling was that, irrespective of timing, it would be worth having a resolution..

Patricio Poblete also added that it could be worth mentioning that the whole reason to do a fast-track was because there was a pressing need in some countries.

The Chair therefore asked *Bart Boswinkel* to draft a resolution saying that the ccNSO notes the change on view of the gNSO on timing and wishes to talk to the GNSO about this in Mexico. The resolution should be in the format of a “holding” response, whilst a

more formal response will be given after the meeting in Mexico. The pre-amble of the resolution should state that the fast track was launched in order to meet the “pressing need” of ccTLD IDNs.

Action 38-01

Bart Boswinkel to draft a resolution on the timing of the implementation of IDN ccTLDs/gTLDs, mentioning that the fast-track was launched in order to meet the “pressing need” of IDN ccTLDs in some countries.

The Chair asked to have the resolution prepared by the next day, the 17th February 2009 and asked all Councillors to cast their votes by Thursday, 19th February 2009 so that the resolution can be sent to the GNSO Council by Friday, 20th February 2009.

The discussion then focused on the possible requirement of an application fee for IDN ccTLDs.

The Chair said that there seems to be a lack of understanding on the ICANN board as to why IDN ccTLDs should be treated in a different way than gTLDs and said that as a consequence the Council might have to go back to the resolution passed in January 2008, which says a process should be started to define what a ccTLD and a gTLD is.

He explained that the concept of charging an application fee for a new TLD arises from the GNSO Policy Development Process on New gTLDs, where one of the recommendations say an application fee should be charged. He underlined that if the ICANN Board wants to apply this to ccTLDs as well, it would be a top-down imposed board decision instead of a bottom-up PDP. He expected the Board to publish something on this issue fairly soon..

The Chair further reminded the group that there will be a session with Peter Dengate-Thrush and Paul Twomey during the ccNSO meeting and suggested it should be used for asking questions on this topic, in order to ensure they understand what the feeling of the ccNSO is on the issue.

3) ccNSO Meetings Agenda

The Chair asked the Council whether there were any comments or questions on the ccNSO meetings agenda.

Erick Iriarte asked to highlight that there is a LACTLD workshop prior to the meeting which everyone is invited to attend.

It was suggested that Erick forwards the details to the ccNSO Secretariat, which will then distribute them on the ccNSO members email list.

Action 38-02

The ccNSO Secretariat to distribute information on the LACTLD meeting to the ccNSO members list.

Olivier Guillard said he will not be able to attend the Mexico meeting, but asked that a telephone line is set up for the IANA Working Group update session so that he can participate remotely.

Action 38-03

The Secretariat to set up a telephone line for the IANA Working Group update session on Tuesday 3rd March 2009.

The Chair highlighted that there are two GAC sessions scheduled – one is the regular ccNSO/GAC joint meeting, the second one is an open GAC/ICANN board meeting which has been scheduled in case there should be discussions on the implementation of application fees for ccTLDs. In such case the ccNSO and the GAC will put forward a joint position - which hopefully has been reached by then.

The session might be dropped, if application fees will not be an issue.

4) Working Group Update

4.1) ccNSO/GAC Working Group

The Chair informed the group that the ccNSO/GAC Working Group Chair Keith Davidson has contacted the Working Group members and the GAC Chair to discuss agenda items for the joint meeting with the GAC. Discussions on a possible reconstitution of the working group to include more members have also been initiated. Keith is now waiting for a reply from the GAC Chair regarding the agenda items.

4.2) IANA Working Group

Olivier Guillard said the IANA Working Group has been very quiet since the Paris meeting. In order to revive the group, a telephone conference will be set up before the Mexico meeting where the members will be reviewed and the current situation discussed. A physical meeting of the group will probably also be arranged in Mexico City. Olivier will not be able to attend the Mexico meeting in person, but will try to do the working group update over the telephone.

4.3) Participation Working Group

Lesley Cowley said that the final report recommendations will be presented in Mexico.

4.4) Tech Working Group

The Chair has contacted the Technical Working Group Chair Eberhard Lisse in order to discuss what he thinks the Technical Working Group should deal with, beyond organising the Tech Day.

The Working Group Chair had made clear that he thinks the only issue for the group is to organise the Tech Day.

Lesley Cowley said she had hoped that the Working Group could provide a broader platform than just organising the meetings, as a place for technical comments is needed. She wondered whether it would be an idea to merge the IANA Working Group with the Tech Working Group.

The Chair agreed and said he would speak to Eberhard Lisse in Mexico City.

Action 38- 04

The Chair to talk to Eberhard Lisse about the scope of the Tech Working Group during the Mexico meeting.

4.5) Strategic and Operational Planning Committee

Lesley Cowley informed the group that Byron Holland was elected chair for the Committee. He is currently working on drafting a charter which will be discussed in Mexico. A meeting will also be held where the group will think of ways of getting the community more engaged in the Strategic and Operational planning processes.

4.6) Geographic Regions Working Group

Bart Boswinkel said that the Working Group Chair David Archbold has been working on defining the scope of the working group and will then come up with a schedule on how to relate to geographic regions. The final version will be published before the Mexico meeting and will be up for approval during the Mexico meeting.

5) ccNSO Council Workshop Update

The Chair reminded the Council that this workshop will be happening on Sunday afternoon, 1 March 29, and is a follow-up from the Delhi workshop from last year to see what was agreed, what has been done, what has not and why.

6) GNSO Council Observer

The Chair informed the Council that the ccNSO Observer to the GNSO Council, Pierre Bonis, resigned from his position at Afnic and therefore also had to resign from his observer position. He reminded the Councillors that during the prior call for GNSO Council Observers, there was another candidate for the position – Alioune Badara Traore, .ml.

He asked the Councillors whether Alioune should simply be appointed to the position, or whether another call for volunteers should be launched. He also underlined that he did not know Alioune Badara Traore.

Gabriella Schitteck said that since Alioune is a funded traveller, he will be in Mexico where there will be a possibility to meet with him.

Patricio Poblete thought that another call should be made, as he pointed out that other people might be interested in the position now, whilst Alioune might not be interested any longer.

Action 38-05

The ccNSO Secretariat to set up a meeting between Alioune Badara Traore and the Chair in Mexico.

Action 38-06

The Secretariat to send out a call for volunteers for the GNSO Council Observer position to the ccNSO members email list.

Action 38-07

The Secretariat to send a note to Avri Doria that the GNSO Council Observer position will be dealt with at the Mexico meeting.

7) ccNSO Dinner

The Council was informed that there will be a ccNSO Dinner happening on Tuesday 3rd March 2009.

8) AOB

Olga Cavalli said that the GNSO currently is going through a restructuring process and that there are several possibilities for ccTLDs to participate in it. She asked whether the ccNSO Secretariat could assist in informing the ccNSO community about this.

It was suggested that Olga sends a note to the Secretariat, which will then be forwarded to the ccNSO list.

Action 38-08

The ccNSO Secretariat to forward Olga's note on the participation opportunities in the GNSO restructuring process to the ccNSO email list.

Rudi Vansnick highlighted that there will be an ALAC summit in Mexico and invited the ccNSO to participate in its sessions.

It was suggested that Rudi sends a note on which ALAC sessions will be of interest for the ccNSO to the ccNSO secretariat, which will then forward it to the ccNSO list.

Action 38-09

The ccNSO Secretariat to forward Rudi's note on ALAC sessions to the ccNSO email list.

Erick Iriarte said a soccer tournament will be organised in Mexico and that ccTLDs are expected to put up a team.

Erick was asked to send a note about this to the ccNSO email list.

The meeting then closed