Attendees:

Nashwa Abdelbaki, NomCom appointee
Becky Burr, NomCom appointee
Lesley Cowley, .uk
Chris Disspain, .au (Chair)
Byron Holland, .ca
Patrick Hosein, .tt
Hiro Hotta, .jp
Ondrej Filip, .cz
Juhani Juselius, .fi
Young-Eum Lee, .kr
Oscar Moreno, .pr
Paulos Nyirenda, .mw
Vika Mpisane, .za
Patricio Poblete, .cl
Oscar Robles, .mx (telephone)
Dotty Sparks de Blanc, .vi
Jian Zhang, NomCom appointee

Bart Boswinkel, ICANN
Erick Iriarte, LACTLD
Han Chuan Lee, ccNSO Liaison to the GNSO
Kristina Nordström, ICANN (telephone)
Gabriella Schittek, ICANN
Ron Sherwood, ccNSO Liaison to the ALAC
Peter Van Roste, CENTR
Rudi Vansnick, ALAC Liaison to the ccNSO

1. Approval of Minutes and Actions from Council call 13 October 2009

The Chair noted that since the last Council meeting was held recently, approving Minutes and Action Items should wait until the next meeting, as well as reviewing any outstanding Action Items.

2. Wildcards

The Chair noted that some ccTLDs use Wildcards and therefore suggested that a Study Group should be formed in order to gather as much information as possible about the different views on the topic. He further suggested that Young-Eum Lee should lead the Study Group.

*Patricio Poblete* asked about the difference between a Working Group and a Study Group. The Chair explained that a regular Working Group follows the ICANN bylaws
while a Study Group is a more informal group with the goal of gathering information without any obligations to give frequent reports.

Lesley Cowley asked whether the ccNSO is expected to provide the ICANN Board with a response on the Wildcard issues at the next ICANN Meeting in Nairobi. She also pointed out that a possible policy on the prohibition of Wildcards must be preceded by a Policy Development Process. The Chair confirmed this.

It was agreed that Bart Boswinkel would compose a draft presenting the tasks of the Study Group, followed by a call for volunteers.

Action 46-01: Bart Boswinkel to compose a draft, presenting the tasks of the ccNSO Wildcard Study Group.

Action 46-02: Young-Eum Lee to call for volunteers for the ccNSO Wildcard Study Group.

Ondrej Filip noted that Young-Eum Lee represents Korea, which is one of the countries using Wildcards. Patricio suggested that there should be a co-Chair for the Study Group. The Chair agreed and asked Ondrej to take on the role as co-Chair. Ondrej accepted.

3. Update on Delegation, Redeclegation and Retirement Working Group

The Chair informed the group that the Delegation, Redeclegation and Retirement Working Group (DRD WG) Charter is being amended so that the time schedule suits the proposed working method. Bart Boswinkel explained that the updated version of the Charter will be sent to the Council for approval shortly.

4. Survey of the Strategic and Operational Planning Working Group

The Chair noted that the Strategic and Operational Planning (SOP) Survey will be published on the ccNSO website and that a report will be sent to the ICANN Board.

Lesley Cowley suggested that the report to the Board should be limited to one or two pages in order to make it more accessible. She also noted that the Council needs to contrive further consultation on strategic planning by the next ICANN meeting.

The Chair asked Bart Boswinkel to draft a summary of the Strategic and Operational Planning Survey and to send it to the Council for approval in order to distribute it to the Board.

Action 46-03: Bart Boswinkel to draft a summary of the Strategic and Operational Planning Survey and to send it to the Council for approval.

The Council congratulated the SOP Working Group members for the extensive work that was put into the SOP Survey. The group was thanked by acclamation.
Byron Holland explained that the SOP Working Group will send material to the ccTLD community and ask for feedback. There will be a 30-day comment period between December and January. Lesley suggested that some sort of lead document would be useful for the ccTLD community when submitting comments. Byron agreed.

5. Geographic Names in the New gTLD Process

The Chair reported that the Ad-hoc Working Group dealing with geographic names in new gTLDs is being re-established. The group will prepare a letter to the ICANN Board and make a submission to the public comment process. The Working Group members are Becky Burr (NomCom appointee), Annebeth Lange (.no), Hilde Thunem (.no), Martin Boyle (.uk) and Peter Van Roste (CENTR).

6. Adoption of Updated Charter of the Technical Working Group

The Chair reported that the new Technical Working Group Charter is ready and was sent to the Council. He explained that the updated version includes the IANA-Liaison work.

The Chair explained that an amended version of the Tech Day Charter was used for the new Technical Working Group and that Tech Day will be one task among others for the new Working Group. Peter Van Roste pointed out that the work “lurkers” in the Charter was not an appropriate wording. It was suggested that the word “lurkers” in the Charter is replaced with “observers”.

**Action 46-04**

*The ccNSO Secretariat* to replace the word “lurkers” with “observers” where appropriate in the Technical Working Group charter.

The Chair noted that the next step for the Technical Working Group is to call for new members. Once this has been done, the Charter can be approved.

7. Adoption of Amended Charter of Incident Response Working Group

The Chair reported that the Incident Response Working Group Charter was amended to include cooperation with ICANN. It also suggests that Norm Ritchie (.ca) should Chair the Working Group and that a co-Chair should be appointed by the group.

The Chair asked the Council to pass a resolution in order to approve the amended Incident Response Working Group Charter.

The resolution was proposed by Dotty Sparks de Blanc.
The resolution was seconded by Ondrej Filip.

**Resolution 46-01:**

*THE COUNCIL RESOLVED* to approve the updated Incident Response Working Group Charter.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

8. Adoption of Amended Charter Joint GNSO- ccNSO IDN Working Group
The Chair explained that since there are still IDN issues left that are of common interest to both the GNSO and ccNSO, the Joint GNSO-ccNSO IDN Working Group should continue until the IDN ccTLD Policy Development Process produces a recommendation, or until the new gTLD Implementation Plan is adopted.

The Resolution was proposed by Hiro Hotta.
The Resolution was seconded by Byron Holland.

**Resolution 46-02:**
THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to approve the continuance of the Joint GNSO-ccNSO IDN Working Group until the IDN ccTLD Policy Development Process produces a recommendation or until the new gTLD Implementation Plan is adopted.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

**9. Request from .sg ccTLD to Conduct Survey Among ccTLD Managers on GAC Cooperation and Competition with Other TLDs.**

The Chair reported that the ccNSO received a request from .sg (Singapore) to forward a survey to the ccTLD community about GAC cooperation and competition with other TLDs. Han Chuan Lee (.sg) clarified that the survey was not developed by .sg, but was initiated by an academic professor for research purposes.

Peter Van Roste pointed out that the questions in the survey are very similar to the questions in a recent APTLD Survey, currently used in a joint Regional Organisation’s survey. Lesley Cowley noted that too many surveys could cause a survey-fatigue in the ccTLD community.

The Chair suggested that the professor who drafted the survey should contact the Regional Organisations instead.

**Action 46-05:**
The Chair and Bart Boswinkel to send a reply to the professor suggesting he contact the Regional Organisations.

**10. Liaison Updates**

**10.1. At-Large Liaison**

Ron Sherwood referred the Council to his written update on recent At-Large events and asked for questions. No questions were noted.

**10.2 GNSO Liaison**

Han Chuan Lee stated that he will send out a written update shortly. He also informed the Council that the GNSO Council now has a new Chair; Chuck Gomes, as well as two new vice Chairs; Olga Cavalli and Stéphane Van Gelder. He suggested that the Council sends a congratulation note to the new GNSO Chair and vice Chairs.

**Action 46-06:**
The Chair to send a congratulation note to the new GNSO Chair and vice Chairs on behalf of the ccNSO Council.

11. AOB

*Patricio Poblete* asked whether the Council plans to work on a written report about the Seoul meeting to be presented to the ICANN Board on the upcoming Friday. The Chair confirmed and noted that Bart Boswinkel will send a report out shortly for comments.

*Action: 46-07:*  
*Bart Boswinkel* to compose a Council’s report about the Seoul meeting and send it to the Council members for comments.

*Lesley Cowley* suggested that the Council should formally welcome the ccTLDs that had joined the ccNSO recently. This suggestion was supported by the Council members.

.al (Albania), .cc (Cocos and Keeling Islands), .tz (Tanzania) and .eu (European Union) were welcomed to the ccNSO by the Council.

The meeting then closed.