

ccNSO Council Telephone Conference
15 September 2009

Attendees:

Mohamed El Bashir, .sd
Bart Boswinkel, ICANN
Lesley Cowley, .uk
Steve Crocker SSAC
Chris Disspain, .au (Chair)
Ondrej Filip, cz
Byron Holland, .ca (vice Chair)
Hiro Hotta, .jp
Han Chuan Lee, ccNSO Observer to the GNSO
Young Eum Lee, .kr (vice Chair)
Oscar Moreno, .pr
Kristina Nordström, ICANN
Paulos Nyirenda, .mw
Patricio Poblete, .cl
Oscar Robles, .mx
Gabriella Schitteck, ICANN
Ron Sherwood, ccNSO Observer to the ALAC
Dotty Sparks de Blanc, .vi
Peter Van Roste, CENTR
Rudi Vansnick, ALAC Observer to the ccNSO
Jian Zhang, NomCom appointee

Apologies:

Olga Cavalli, GNSO Observer to the ccNSO
Patrick Hosein, .tt
Juhani Juselius, .fi
Vika Mpisane, .za
Erick Iriarte, LACTLD

1 Confirmation of Approval of Minutes and Actions from Council call 24th August 2009:

The Chair welcomed Steve Crocker to the call and informed the group that Steve was invited to talk about Wildcards.

Gabriella Schitteck ran through the outstanding actions from 24 August:

Action 43-01:

The Chair to send out a note to the group regarding an update from the GAC Liaison Working Group. The Chair said that he would follow up on this action and send out a note with the details shortly.

Action 43-07:

Becky Burr to send out a note to the Secretariat and Chair about the review and registry/registrar issues for further distribution. Since *Becky Burr* was not on the call the Chair said that he would follow up on the item by contacting *Becky*.

Action 44-01:

The Chair to follow up on action Item 43-01; The Chair to send out a note to the group regarding an update from the GAC Liaison Working Group.

Action 44-02:

The Chair to follow up on Action Item 43-07; *Becky Burr* to send out a note to the Secretariat and Chair about the review and registry/registrar issues for further distribution.

2. Wildcards

The Chair reported that the Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC) has sent out a note saying that wildcards should be prohibited. The ICANN board passed a resolution in Sydney that requested the ccNSO to come up with suggestions of how to prevent wildcarding in ccTLDs. The Chair explained that there are several ccTLDs that use wildcarding on their Top Levels. He then gave the floor to *Steve Crocker* to receive further background information on the issue.

Steve Crocker confirmed the note sent by the SSAC and stated that even though ccTLDs are not under any direct, contractual or formal control by ICANN, there is a strong wish to find a way to deal with this problem. He referred to 2003 when the Site Finder services were released by VeriSign and redirection through wildcards was introduced in common domains. SSAC's reaction to this was substantial and transcripts from meetings held on this subject are still available online along with presentations. A report was published in 2004 and shortly after as a response VeriSign published their own report defending their actions.

Steve explained that redirection at the registry level changes what the user gets back when trying to locate a website, the common situation being that the user types the wrong address to the site. He also made clear that in local and small environments where the users are known and the aim is clear, wildcards could be useful. However, in larger settings it becomes more problematic.

The Chair asked whether the wildcarding definition includes the browser delivering something else than a 404-message when typing the wrong address. *Steve* confirmed this and explained the difference between browser- and registry wildcarding; a browser that gives back a different response knows that the user was trying to connect to a website while a registry that gives back an alternate response does not know whether it was due to a web lookup or to another protocol. *Steve* also reported that some registries have claimed that there are ways to gather this information for the registries, however, the SSAC does not agree with the methods.

Byron Holland asked whether there is a distinction between the terms *Wildcards* and *DNS injections*. *Steve* replied that the SSAC rather uses the term *Synthesis*, which refers to sites created for redirection purposes. One way to synthesize a response is to

put an asterisk into the description of the root zone, which results in wildcarding. He further explained that another way is to have active software that generates a response on the spot, which is more common. *Byron* also asked whether there is a common reason for ccTLDs to use wildcarding. The Chair appreciated the question but established that nobody could give an answer to it at the time.

Paulos Nyirenda asked whether the registries are making money from wildcarding. The Chair replied that it is hard to say since it may differ between different ccTLDs.

Lesley Cowley asked what the ICANN Board would like the ccNSO to do in this concern and if they for example would like to see a global binding policy or a statement of good practice. *Steve* replied that the Board did not go into details during the passing of the resolution and that the ccNSO is free to state how they would like to handle the issue and what they think should be done.

Peter Van Roste asked how many of the ccTLDs using wildcards are members of the ccNSO.

Bart Boswinkel was asked by the Chair to contact Kim Davies for an up to date list of ccTLDs that currently wildcard.

Action 44-03:

Bart Boswinkel to ask Kim Davies for an update on which countries are currently using wildcarding.

Byron asked what the options are for the ccNSO to prevent countries from using wildcarding or in general acting in a way that the ccNSO does not agree with. The Chair replied that there is nothing the ccNSO can do to force behaviour since the Policy Developing Processes are not binding to individual ccTLDs.

3. IDN ccTLD Fast Track Update

The Chair reported that the Board recently had a retreat in Los Angeles where they considered the IDN ccTLD Draft Implementation Plan. It is stated in the documents that a financial contribution is expected but not mandatory. The Chair informed the group that more information will be available once the documents are released.

Peter Van Roste asked if the support of the local internet community is taken into account in the possible scenario where ccTLDs refuse to sign an agreement related to an IDN application. The Chair replied that it is taken into account, since the current IANA guidelines are a part of the document.

Dotty Sparks de Blanc asked when the Fast Track might be set into actual practice. The Chair replied that the first delegations probably will take place in the first quarter of the next year.

4 Review of Recommendations from the Participation Working Group's Final Report:

Gabriella Schitteck reported that the Participation Working Group made their Final Report

in February 2009 and that a review of what has been done so far is appropriate. It was decided that rather than going through the list during the call to get an update on the current situation, Gabriella would send out a note to the Council with comments to the Action Items.

Action 44-04:

Gabriella Schittek to send a note to the Council with comments to the Final Report from the Participation Working Group in order for the Council to know which items still need to be dealt with.

Lesley Cowley noted that most of the Secretariat Actions have been dealt with and that the purpose of the Participation Working Group's Final Report is to bring advise to the Council rather than having an ongoing Working Group.

The Chair pointed out the importance of a follow-up and suggested that the Council reserve some time for the matter in Kenya to ask the ccTLD members for input.

Bart Boswinkel suggested that the Council also reviews it's own Action Items either on the next call or in Seoul and then consult the ccNSO members about it in Kenya. The Chair agreed.

The Report is available at <http://ccnso.icann.org/workinggroups/ccnso-participationwg-final-report-feb09.pdf>

5.1 Delegation and Redelelegation Working Group

The Chair reported that the Delegation and Redelelegation group had its first telephone conference and that Keith Davidson was selected to chair the group. The Chair further reported that he and Bart Boswinkel together with Keith, will work on an Issues Paper to be presented in Seoul with the chance to get feedback from ccNSO members.

5.2 Strategic and Operational Planning Working Group Update

Byron Holland presented the new volunteers to the Strategic and Operational Planning Working Group (SOP WG):

Sabine Dolderer, .de
Roelof Meijer, .nl
Eswari Sharma, .np
Leonid Todorov, .ru

The Chair asked the Council to pass a resolution to approve the new SOP Working Group volunteers as new members.

The Resolution was proposed by Byron Holland.
The Resolution was seconded by Lesley Cowley.

Resolution 44-01

THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to approve the new Strategic and Operational Planning Working Group members as presented by Byron Holland.

The Resolution was passed unanimously.

The Chair asked the Secretariat to inform the SOP Working Group about the approval of the new members.

Action 44-05:

The Secretariat to inform the Strategic and Operational Planning Working Group about the new members.

Byron further reported that the SOP Working Group is developing a survey for the purpose of getting input and feedback from the ccTLD Community about what should be the key areas for the Working Group. The group will also have an update session in Seoul.

5.3 ccNSO-GAC Liaison Working Group

The Chair informed the group that it has been difficult to find people from the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) who are willing to participate in the Joint Working Group, and also for the GAC to find time for joint meetings between the GAC and the ccNSO. However, *the Chair* noted that once the Fast Track is launched, there will probably be more time for meetings.

5.4 Technical Working Group

Bart Boswinkel reported that Eberhard Lisse currently is working on the final draft of the Working Group Charter together with a small group of people. The Charter will be ready for approval in time for the Seoul meeting. After the approval of the Charter a call for volunteers will be sent out.

5.5) Meeting Programme Working Group

Ondrej Filip informed the Council that the Meeting Programme Working Group did not have a new meeting since the last Council Call and therefore does not have much to report other than that the Working Group is currently finalising the Seoul agenda. The next Call of the Working Group will take place on 29 September. *Gabriella Schitteck* pointed out that there have been some minor changes to the agenda, which she has informed the Council about via email.

Lesley Cowley referred to the ICANN Board update session on the Seoul agenda and asked if the Council should prepare itself by forming a small committee in order to figure out the most important questions and issues for the update session. *The Chair* agreed and asked Gabriella Schitteck to send out a call for volunteers to the Council in order to form the committee.

Action 44-06:

Gabriella Schitteck to make a call for volunteers on the Council list for a Committee for the preparation of ICANN Board update sessions on the ccNSO agenda.

5.6 Working Group Update - Joint ccNSO/GNSO IDN Working Group

The Chair explained that the Joint ccNSO/GNSO Working Group was formed during a joint meeting in Sydney where it was suggested that since there is a number of issues in respect to IDNs that concerns both the ccNSO and the GNSO a joint Working Group would be useful. *Bart Boswinkel* reported that there has been a call for volunteers and presented the list of people who are interested in participating in the Working Group:

Erick Iriarte Ahon, (LACTLD, observer)
Fahd Batayneh, .jo
Chamara Disanayake, .lk
Andrei Kolesnikov, .ru
Han Chuan Lee, .sg
Yeo Yee Ling, .my
Doron Shikmoni, .il
Jian Zhang, .cn

Bart noted that since the GNSO already have appointed five members, the ccNSO needs to do the same. The Chair suggested that since there is an overbalance of volunteers from the Asia-Pacific Region the list of volunteers should be reviewed and approved through the Council mailing list.

Action 44-07:

The Council to review the list of volunteers for the Joint ccNSO/GNSO Working Group in order to approve new members.

Bart also noted that there is an ICANN IDN expert group that at some extent might be looking at the same issues as the Joint ccNSO/GNSO Working Group and said that he will look into it and will forward the information to the Council and the Working Group.

Action 44-08:

Bart Boswinkel to compare the tasks for the Joint ccNSO/GNSO Working Group and the ICANN IDN expert group and to inform the Council and Working Group about the result.

Han Chuan Lee asked whether the ccNSO Chair and vice Chair will be counted as two of the ccNSO members for this working group and pointed out that this is the case for the GNSO. *The Chair* replied that this is not the case for the ccNSO and recommended that the GNSO too, like the ccNSO, appoint five members in addition to the Chair and vice Chair.

5.7 Geographic Regions Working Group

Bart Boswinkel reported that the comment period has been closed and that the goal is to hopefully present a Paper by the Soul meeting.

5.8 Ad-hoc Working Group for Incident Response

Bart Boswinkel informed the group that there has been a call for volunteers for the Incident Response Working group and presented the list of volunteers:

Fahd Batayneh, .jo

Stephen Deerhake, .as
Keith Drazek, .us
Luis Diego Espinoza, .cr
Ondrej Filip, .cz
Ben Fuller, .na
Otmar Lendl, CERT .at
Janantha Marasinghe, CERT .lk
Yasuhiro Orange Morishitam .jp
Nigel Roberts, .gg
Jose Romero, .pe
Hugo Salgado, .cl
Katrina Sasaki, .lv
Eswari Sharma, .np
Jörg Schweiger, .de
Rudi Vansnick ALAC

The Chair asked the Council to pass a resolution to approve the Incident Response Working Group volunteers as new members.

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

Resolution 44-02

THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to approve the new Incident Response Working Group members as presented by Bart Boswinkel and to approve Rudi Vansnick as an observer.

The Resolution was passed unanimously.

The Chair asked the Secretariat to inform the IR Working Group about the approval of new members.

Action 44-09:

The Secretariat to inform the Incident Response Working Group about the new members.

6 Liaison Update

6.1 Update from ALAC Liaison

Ron Sherwood reported that most of the email traffic the past few weeks has been about organising meetings in Seoul and that the meetings are planned to be open so that the customers of the registrars can participate. *Ron* referred to some links that Patrick Van de Walle sent out that shows the importance of open meetings. *Ron* further reported that At Large participated in a GNSO decision to form a charting team in order to develop a series of Registrant's Rights Documents, which Alan Greenberg would like to see apply to all ccTLDs.

Lesley Cowley expressed her concern to what she saw as either an attempt to form common rules for the GNSO and the ccNSO, or a lack of understanding about the protection of ccTLDs. *Ron* referred to a response from the registrars saying that they

might apply a standard of Registrant's Rights, but that the ccTLD sets it's own rules.

Ron further referred to a previous report of the ALAC regarding gTLDs and the development of a draft application guidebook. He informed the group that ALAC got a response from Rod Beckstrom, which he will distribute to the group as a reference document.

6.2 Update from GNSO Liaison

Han Chuan Lee reported that the GNSO has appointed five members to the Joint ccNSO/GNSO IDN Working Group and other than the Chair and vice Chair there are members from the Nominating Committee along with ICANN support staff.

Han Chuan further reported that there will be a bicameral council seated at the Council meeting on 28 October In Seoul. The purpose of the bicameral council is to maximize the continuity in the transition between the old and new council, which will sit side by side at the meeting. He also stated that this is the first time this kind of arrangement takes place.

7. AOB

Gabriella Schitteck reported that the DNSSEC Survey - which received a total of 65 replies - now is closed. *Gabriella* thanked all Councillors for their participation in the survey.

She also informed the group that a general summary will be available shortly.

The Chair closed the meeting.