

ccNSO Members Report
San Juan
25th, 26th and 27th June 2007

Introduction

The ccNSO is pleased to present its report for the meeting in San Juan, Puerto Rico on the 26th, 27th and 28th March 2007.

Approximately 50 ccTLDs were represented at the meeting, as well as a large number of observers.

All of those present express their appreciation for the work done in facilitating the meeting by the members of the local hosts organising committee.

1) Informal Briefing Session from ALAC to ccTLD Managers on cooperation

Representatives from the ALAC met with ccTLD managers in order to look at possible ways to establish a closer cooperation between the two constituencies.

Jaqueline Morris (ALAC chair) noted the need from an ALAC perspective to work closer together on particular areas of common interests, such as IDNs or Geographical Regions, and improve the mechanism of appointed liaisons to the ccNSO. If the two groups can cooperate, their combined voice would have a far more significant impact.

The ccTLDs noted the issue of closer cooperation between the groups. It will be discussed during the ccNSO meeting.

2) Joint GAC- ccNSO Briefing by SSAC

The SSAC organised a meeting with the GAC and the ccNSO to provide an overview of the Committee and its work, as well as information on Denial of Service attacks and DNSsec.

Steve Crocker (SSAC Chair) provided an overview of the SSAC and its roles and responsibilities. He further provided information on Denial of Service Attacks. He called on the community for a coordinated action in order to come up with a solution.

Russ Mundy (SSAC member) gave an overview of how DNSsec works and advised that a SSAC Working Group has been formed on the topic. He noted that most important for DNSsec is to integrate it with existing operations for the zone.

3) GAC-ccNSO meeting on IDNs

The joint GAC-ccNSO joint working group organized a meeting to exchange views on the joint Working Groups draft IDN issues paper

Tina Dam (ICANN) gave a presentation on the definitions of terms used when talking about IDNs.

Janis Karklins (GAC Chair) then ran through the changes to the draft paper as proposed by the GAC. A short discussion followed on the nature of the changes and the GAC was informed that the ccNSO would discuss them during the following day's IDN session.

4) IDN Workshop on IDN Issues Paper

IDN Issues Paper

The morning session of the second day was devoted to discussing the proposed changes by the GAC to the IDN Issues Paper. The members present endorsed the Issues paper as presented, and send it to the Council for approval as a ccNSO Issues paper.

Discussion session

Discussions were then held on possible answers to the outlined questions. On some of the issues raised there was a shared view among the participants on a possible answer, on others not. During this session participants representatives from the technical community discussed the technical aspects of some the issues raised, and future steps on the development of IDN ccTLDs were also considered.

Session on next steps

The following session was conducted under the assumption all technical problems would be resolved. *Patrick Fältström*, member of IDNA revision working group IETF, gave a high level overview of issues still pending and waiting to be resolved.

Don Hollander, APTLD manager, presented a position paper of the APTLD. Members of the APTLD urge ICANN to rapidly implement a limited introduction of top level ccTLD IDNs and propose a mechanism to achieve that objective. At the same time relevant policies should be developed to deal with the full introduction a ccTLD IDNs. The position of the APTLD ccTLD managers gained the full support of the members of CENTR . In AFTLD and LACTLD the position paper is still being discussed. The ccTLD managers present supported the position. The APTLD position paper will be posted on the lists to seek further endorsement.

It was underlined that the paper should not to be seen as a final solution, but only as a first step in order to relieve the most acute needs for IDN ccTLDs.

Joint ccNSO / GAC Meeting

At the regular joint session of the ccNSO and the GAC, *David Archbold*, chair of the WG on the Regions, presented the latest draft of the Regions Working Group paper, which is now the subject of final public consultation. The main focus is on self-selection and representational issues.

Once the comment period ends, a report will be prepared for the Council and if adopted it will be sent to the ICANN board to be taken into consideration during the upcoming regions review process.

Chris Disspain then flagged the issue of wildcards, which are being used under some ccTLDs, for example in .cm. The aim was to notify the GAC that the ccNSO is aware of the issue and will consider it in the near future.

Oscar Moreno and *Karlene Francis* gave case studies of the Puerto Rican and Jamaican ccTLDs.

Jacob Malthouse (ICANN Regional Liaison) gave an overview of some of the issues he has come across which inhibit participation of the Caribbean communities in the ICANN environment. *Chris Disspain* clarified that the ccNSO is aware of the issues and that a session on the following day would be devoted to discuss this issue.

ICANN Update

Vint Cerf (chair of the ICANN Board) and *Paul Twomey* (President and CEO of ICANN), discussed several topics with the ccTLD managers present. Topics included IDNs, Wildcards, DNSsec, Accountability and Transparency. The participants at the meeting were urged to stand together and be cohesive in the message delivered at the next IGF meeting in Brazil.

IANA Update

Kim Davies, names liaison IANA, updated the meeting on IANA's work during the last months. IANA asked for a change of procedures to start testing IDNs in the root. The root zone automation tool is nearly finished and testing will start soon. ccTLDs interested in participating are to contact Kim at kim.davies@icann.org. The aim is to have the tool implemented within the next two months. Further, IANA is ready to deploy DNSSec should they be asked, and is intending to have .arpa signed by the upcoming IETF meeting in July. Finally, the meeting was informed about the possible introduction of Service Level Agreements in order to benchmark IANA performance.

Registry Failover Project

Patrick Jones, ICANN registry relation manager, gave an overview of the actions taken since the Lisbon meeting. On 1 June 2007 a report was published on issues relating to the failure of a registry failure (www.icann.org). Patrick also invited ccTLD managers to participate in a Joint Advisory Group, which is a standing committee to provide advice to ICANN in the event of registry failure. CENTR already had nominated Roelof Meijer, from the .nl registry. Other volunteers (one from each Region) can contact the ccNSO secretariat or Patrick Jones directly.

Anti-phishing

Rod Rasmussen, from the anti-phishing coalition gave an overview of the organization and an overview of the problem of anti-phishing and initiatives undertaken to address the problem. These initiatives range from participating in the whois working group to ensure data remains available to fight phishing, to processes to mitigate phishing sites. As a follow up he will be invited again for a discussion at the next ICANN meeting in Los Angeles.

Regions WG Report

David Archbold, chair of the WG on ICANN regions, gave an overview of version 2 of the Regions report, and the next steps. The current report contains two recommendations: provide input to the ICANN regions review, and a procedure for self-selection for ccNSO members affected by the "citizenship" criterion. After public consultation (20 June – 9 July), final report will be discussed with ccNSO Council and then submitted to ICANN Board.

Secure DNS Concerns at RIPE

Jim Reid, Representative of the RIPE community, explained background and intention of the letter of the RIPE community to the ICANN Board to expedite the signing of the root.

Participation in ccNSO

Lesley Cowley, director of Nominet, introduced the topic. There are now over 240 cc's of which only 58 are members. This is a concern for a number of reasons. To understand some of the issues involved, *Jacob Malthouse* and *Save Vocea*, (ICANN regional participation managers) illustrated the situation for the Caribbean and Pacific region. Based on the discussion four areas for further discussion and action were identified: Communication, participation, entry barriers, and action models (mentoring programme etc.) The ccTLD managers present deferred the issue to the ccNSO Council for further action.

Discussion on ALAC Meeting session

Siavash Shahshahani, ALAC liaison to ccNSO, summarised the meeting of Monday. It was agreed that when the Regions Report is sent to the board, it will be sent to the ALAC with a request for feedback.

ccNSO Website

Gabriella Schitteck, ccNSO Secretariat, explained the major changes to the ccNSO website. *Bart Boswinkel*, ccNSO Policy Advisor, announced the next phase for improvement of the ccNSO website. ccTLD managers are requested to set up user group. He also announced the intention to set up of a new, chartered list for exchange of information among ccTLD managers and designated observers.