The ccNSO Council held a Workshop in Nairobi, discussing past and upcoming issues of relevance for the ccNSO.

The improvement plan, which was discussed at the previous Council Workshop in Mexico 2009 (see http://ccnso.icann.org/workinggroups/council-report-01mar09.pdf), was reviewed in order to identify what goals had been achieved since, and which ones still needed to be worked on. It was felt that although several issues had progressed, there were still some areas open for improvement. These included Council succession planning as well as getting ccTLD registries more actively involved in the work of the ccNSO.

It was also considered whether the current model, with Working Groups and PDPs being the main tools for work progress, is sustainable. It was decided to devote some time on this topic at the upcoming ccNSO meeting in Brussels, where the attendees will be asked to share their thoughts on this matter. The participants will also be asked to elaborate on the reasons for attending ccNSO meetings.

The Council further reviewed how the workload currently is divided within the ccNSO, examining what functions the Chair is filling, as well as the Councillors, Secretariat and ccNSO Members. It recognised that efforts need to be done to ensure that a solid succession plan is put in place.

The Council also decided to develop a Mission Statement for the ccNSO.

A follow-up Council workshop will be held in Brussels where more discussions will be held around these issues.