ccNSO Meeting Report

Cartagena 10 December

Strategic Planning Process

The council expressed its serious concern in a letter to the Board that the Strategic Planning Process has been compromised and contradicts previous comments made by ICANN’s Chair and CEO on the desirability of community participation in this planning process. To alleviate the situation ICANN is requested to establish an organised process that it can commit to and to increase the number of days provided for public comment to 60.

Creation of Study Group on use of a country and territory name as TLD string

Currently the ccNSO is running a PDP on IDN’s. The scope of that PDP is limited to meaningful representations of names of territories on the ISO 3166-1 list that contain at least one (1) non ASCII character. The ccTLD community is aware that after the first round of new gTLD applications the names of territories could be applied for as a new gTLD if no additional steps are taken. The ccNSO Council has established an ad-hoc study group to provide the ccNSO council, the ccTLD community and other stakeholders with a comprehensive overview of the issues and recommend a course of action if it thinks it is appropriate.

Adoption of joint DNS Security and Stability Analysis WG

At is meeting the ccNSO adopted the charter of the DSSA WG and will send out a call for volunteers after the meeting in Cartagena has closed.

Appointment of chairs of the ccNSO’s SOPWG and Finance WG

The ccNSO Council appointed Roelof Meijer, CEO of SIDN the .NL manager, as chair of the Strategic and Operational Planning Working Group. Byron Holland, CEO of CIRA, the .CA manager, was appointed as chair of the Finance WG.

Extension of public comment periods Fast Track review process and the draft Final New gTLD Applicant Guidebook.

The ccTLD managers discussed elements of the new gTLD application guidebook and the Fast Track review process at their meeting in and participated in cross-constituency discussions and public sessions.
Given the timing of these deliberations and the significance of this potentially being the final consultation on the framework for the new gTLDs process, and high interest and involvement in the fast track process, the ccNSO believes it would be appropriate to extend the public comment period beyond the current deadlines. The ccNSO Council has submitted extension requests.

**Incident response planning working group**

The WG has submitted its final report, which includes the details for a ccTLD community incident response repository with contact details, use cases, and associated material. The WG has also identified topics before a system can be implemented. These topics include for example whether to make or buy, level of maintenance and availability and funding. These topics and next steps will be considered at a next Council meeting. The working group has now been closed.

**RAA Panel discussion**

At the ccNSO meeting a panel discussion was held on some aspects of the RAA proposed amendments. The panellist included 3 members of ICANN accredited registrars and a ccTLD manager. Topics covered were the different (legal) solutions in the ccTLD and gTLD space.

**Meeting with members of the ICANN Board and CEO**

The ccNSO met with the ccNSO appointed Board members Peter Dengate Thrush and Mike Silber and ICANN's CEO Rod Beckstrom. The topics for discussion included the strategic planning process, staff retention and in particular senior staff retention, and draft Final new gTLD applicant Guidebook, ICANN’s view on the outcome of the ITU Plenipot and on the future of the IGF.

**Other sessions**

- Update on the IANA Function by ICANN staff.
- IDN ccTLD session which included an update on the IDN ccPDP by the two working groups, experiences of the Russian IDN ccTLD manager which became recently operational and the Fast Track review process.
- Explanation and discussion on the recommendation of the ccNSO DRDWG.
- Exchange of information on security incidents and how they have been addressed and an overview of ICANN's current SSR Plan.
- Update by the Regional Organisations.
- GAC-ccNSO session. The ccNSO and GAC exchanged views and informed each other on the recommendations so far by the DRD WG, the use of geographical names in the new gTLD process and the current status of the IDN ccPDP.
- ccNSO review. Presentation and discussion of the draft recommendations of the Board working group
- ccTLD update. Representatives of the .DK (Denmark), .FR (France), .CZ
(Czech Republic) and .DE (Germany) registries gave an update on recent developments

**Thank you and congratulations**

Stephane van Gelder has been appointed as new chair of the GNSO. The ccNSO extends its warm congratulations to Stephane and looks forward to a fruitful cooperation. The ccNSO Council thanks Chuck Gomez for his extraordinary efforts and leadership and his work to improve the relations between the GNSO and ccNSO.

Olivier Crepin-Leblond has been appointed as new chair of the ALAC. The ccNSO Council extends its warm congratulations to Olivier and looks forward to a fruitful cooperation. The ccNSO Council thanks Cheryl Langdon-Or for her extraordinary efforts and leadership and his work to improve the relations between the ALAC and ccNSO.

At the end of this meeting Sokol Haxhiu will be taking his seat on the Council as NomCom appointee. At the same time Nashwa Abdelbaki will be leaving the Council and the council thanks her wholeheartedly for her contributions to ccNSO and wishes her all the best for the future.

The ccNSO expresses its great appreciation for the Colombian hosts and ICANN staff for their great hospitality and hard work to turn the Cartagena into a wonderful and successful meeting.