ccNSO Council Telephone Conference
1 March 2011

Attendees:

Olga Cavalli, GNSO liaison to the ccNSO
Lesley Cowley, .uk
Chris Disspain, .au
Fernando Espana, .us
Ondrej Filip, .cz
Byron Holland, .ca
Patrick Hosein, .tt
Erick Iriarte Ahon, LACTLD
Cheryl Langdon-Orr, At-Large liaison to the ccNSO
Han Chuan Lee, ccNSO liaison to the GNSO
Paulos Nyirenda, .mw
Patricio Poblete, .cl
Ron Sherwood, ccNSO liaison to the At-Large
Dotty Sparks de Blanc, .vi
Jian Zhang, NomCom

Jörg Schweiger, .de (guest)

Staff:

Bart Boswinkel
Kristina Nordström
Gabriella Schittek

Apologies:

Sokol Haxhiu, NomCom
Hiro Hotta, .jp
Juhani Juselius, .fi

1. Confirmation of Approval of Minutes and Actions 25 January 2011

The Chair noted that the Council Minutes from 25 January were distributed on the email list and could be approved.

Gabriella Schittek reported that there was one outstanding action item from the previous meeting:

Action 59-02:
The Chair and Vice chairs to – after consulting with the GNSO – select a suitable number of volunteers for the DSSA Working Group and present them on the Council email list for approval.
The Chair noted that this topic would be dealt with during the meeting.

2. Follow-up Incident Response Working Group

Bart Boswinkel explained to the Council that the Incident Response Working Group presented its Final Report to the ccTLD community and Council in Cartagena and that the Chair of the group – Jörg Schweiger – was present on the call to answer questions.

The Chair noted that the proposed way forward was for the ccNSO to form a new working group that should focus on the funding, implementation and maintenance of a Contact Repository for ccTLDs. Bart was asked to draft a charter for such a group.

Action 60-01:
Bart Boswinkel to draft a charter for a follow-up working group to the Incident Response Working Group, which should focus on the funding, implementation and maintenance of a Contact Repository for ccTLDs.

Lesley Cowley asked Jörg what the Incident Response Working Group has done to involve the ccTLD community in its work. *Jörg* replied that the community members were initially invited to participate in the group and that the ongoing work has been presented at ICANN meetings.

3. Appointment of New ccNSO Chair

The Chair noted that the Council unanimously supports Lesley Cowley as new Chair of the ccNSO and that the transition will take place at the San Francisco meeting.

4. Membership Applications

The Chair reported that the ccNSO received two new membership applications from .cd and .ua, and asked the Councillors for comments. No comments or objections were noted and the Chair said that he would send out a welcome note to the new members.

Action 60-02:
The Chair to send out a note to welcome the new ccNSO members; .cd and .ua.

5. UNESCO Survey

The Chair reminded the Council about the UNESCO Survey that Janis Karklins previously asked the ccNSO to send out to a list of countries.

It was agreed that the ccNSO and the Regional Organisations should jointly send out the survey and provide UNESCO with contact details for both the ccNSO and the ROs.

Bart was asked to contact the Regional Organisations to make the necessary arrangements.

Action 60-03:
Bart Boswinkel to contact the Regional Organisations in order to jointly send out the UNESCO survey to the listed countries and to provide UNESCO with contact details for the ccNSO and the ROs.

6. Process of Working Group Candidates

Gabriella Schittek reminded the Council that a person who volunteers for a working group after the official call for volunteers currently needs to be approved by the Council before joining the group.

The Chair noted that a few suggestions on how to improve the process was circulated on the list and suggested that the topic should be revisited in San Francisco.

7. Appointment of Volunteers Territory Names Study Group

The Councillors agreed to approve following volunteers for the Territory Names Working Group:

Martin Boyle, .uk
Henry Chan, .hk
Ian Chiang, .tw
Keith Davidson, .nz
Sokol Haxhiu, NomCom
Hiro Hotta, .jp
Erick Iriarte, LACTLD (observer)
Annebeth Lange, .no
Jon Lawrence, .au
Young-Eum Lee, .kr
Leo Maluwa, .mw
Kathryn Reynolds, .ca
Nigel Roberts, .gg
Grigory Saghyan, .am
Maarten Simon, .nl
Ron Sherwood, .vi
Tan Yaling, .cn

Cheryl Langdon-Orr reported that the ALAC will appoint 5 members for the Study Group and the Chair noted that the GNSO has been asked to select 6 candidates.

Bart Boswinkel added that the group is also waiting for members from the GAC and noted that the Study Group will have its first meeting in San Francisco.

8. Briefing Delegation & Redelegation Working Group

The Chair reported that the Delegation and Redelegation Working Group published its Final Report and that the next step is to launch a Framework and Implementation Working Group to follow up on the DRD Working Group recommendations.

The Chair further reported that the U.S. government has issued an NOI on the IANA contract and that Paul Szyndler from auDA was working on a draft ccNSO response to those questions. The topic will be revisited in San Francisco.

9. Working Group Updates

9.1 Joint DNS Security and Stability Analysis Working Group

The Chair reported that the GNSO is still in the process of selecting the GNSO members of the DSSA Working group and would be advising him of the number of GNSO members shortly. Following which, the ccNSO would be in a position to finalise ccNSO members of the DSSA Working Group and, as previously agreed, the Chair and Vice-Chairs would make a recommendation to the Council in due course. The Chair suggested that this could be dealt with in San Francisco, and this was agreed.

9.2 IDN PDP Working Group 1

The Chair reported that the IDN PDP Working Group 1 is finishing its work but is halted by the variant issue. The ICANN Board recently launched a project on this topic and the IDN PDP Working Group members are now considering placing the Working Group 1 in hibernation until the issue has been resolved.

9.3 IDN PDP Working Group 2

Bart Boswinkel reported that the IDN PDP Working Group 2 is continuing its review of the ccNSO Rules and Guidelines and shortly will conclude its recommendations on the inclusion of IDN ccTLDs.

9.4 Joint ccNSO/GNSO IDN Working Group

Jian Zhang reported that the JIG Working Group is currently finalising the Final Report on Single Character IDNs, which will be submitted to the Councils for consideration. After the San Francisco meeting the group will publish an initial report on the variant issue and ask for public comments.

9.5 SOP Working Group

Bart Boswinkel reported that the SOP Working Group has submitted comments to the ICANN Strategic Plan and that it will start a review of the comment posting process in San Francisco.

9.6 Finance Working Group

Byron Holland reported that the Finance Working Group has been gathering background material regarding ccNSO related finance issues and asked the Secretariat to have it published on the ccNSO website.

Action 60-04:
The Secretariat to post the Finance Working Group background material on the ccNSO Website.

Byron further encouraged the Councillors to share any further information that could be relevant to the Finance Working Group. He reported that the Working Group will have a joint meeting with the SOP Working Group in San Francisco.

The Chair reported that he recently met with ICANN CEO Akram Atallah to talk about the communication between ICANN and the ccNSO and suggested that it might be a good idea for the Finance Working Group to meet with Akram in San Francisco. *Byron* agreed and said that he would contact the Chair in order to find the optimal time for such a meeting.

Action 60-05:
Chair and *Byron Holland* to discuss a time for a meeting in San Francisco between the Finance Working Group and ICANN COO, Akram Atallah.

10. ICANN Board Resolution on Consumer Choice, Competition and Innovation

The Chair reported that the ICANN Board has presented a Resolution on Consumer Choice, Competition and Innovation and asked the Councillors for comments.

Han Chuan Lee reported that the GNSO Council considers the given time for submission of comments too short and plans to send a letter to the Board, asking for more time.

Cheryl Langdon-Orr confirmed that due to lack of time before the San Francisco meeting the ALAC plans to have a forum in June to deal with the Board Resolution, in which the ccTLDs are welcome to participate. She suggested that the ALAC, GNSO and ccNSO should send a joint letter to the Board announcing the upcoming forum.

11. Closed Section to ccNSO Website

Gabriella Schittek reminded the Council that it needs to make a decision on whether or not the ccNSO website should include a closed section.

Lesley Cowley pointed out that a closed section might conflict with the ccNSO policy of transparency.

The Chair noted that there has been little interest for a closed section so far and suggested that the subject should be discussed during the Council Workshop in San Francisco.

12. Liaison Updates

12.1 At-Large Liaison

Ron Sherwood reminded the Councillors of the series of reports that were sent to the email list during the past month. The Chair thanked Ron for the frequent updates to the Council.

12.2 GNSO Liaison

Han Chuan Lee noted that he had nothing to add to his report under agenda point 10.

13. AOB

The Chair gave a brief update on the ICANN Board/GAC meeting in Brussels.

The meeting closed.