

## ccNSO Council Meeting in Dakar

### Attendees:

Victor Abboud, .ec  
Becky Burr, NomCom  
Lesley Cowley, uk  
Fernando Espana, .us  
Byron Holland, .ca  
Hiro Hotta, .jp  
Juhani Juselius, .fi  
Young-Eum Lee, .kr  
Roelof Meijer, .nl  
Vika Mpisane, .za  
Paulos Nyirenda, .mw  
Souleymane Oumtanaga, .ci  
Patricio Poblete, .cl (via telephone)  
Dotty Sparks de Blanc, .vi

### Observers/Liaisons:

Cheryl Langdon-Orr, ALAC  
Peter Van Roste, CENTR

### ICANN Staff:

Bart Boswinkel  
Kristina Nordström  
Gabiella Schitteck

### Apologies:

Keith Davidson, .nz  
Han Chuan Lee, ccNSO liaison to the GNSO  
Sokol Haxhiu, NomCom  
Ron Sherwood, ccNSO liaison to the ALAC

## 1. Minutes and Action Points ccNSO Council Conference Call 4 October 2011

The Chair asked the Councillors for comments to the minutes from the Council meeting on 4 October 2011. No comments were noted and the Minutes were approved.

The Chair asked Gabiella to run through the action items from the previous meeting.

#### *Action 67-01:*

Peter Van Roste to find out when the IANA contract expires and share the information on the Council email list.

This action was completed.

#### *Action 67-02:*

Gabriella Schitteck to contact Sokol Haxhiu for the latest update of the activities of the PPC Focus Group.

This action was completed.

*Action 67-03:*

Bart Boswinkel to summarise the discussion on post Board membership in a document and distribute it on the Council email list in order for the Council to decide whether or not it should be publically shared.

This action is still in progress.

*Action 67-04:*

The Chair to send a list of suggested topics for the ccNSO-ICANN Board meeting to the email list.

This action was completed.

*Action 67-05:*

Han Chuan Lee to distribute the Charter of the GNSO Consumer Trust Working Group on the Council email list.

This action was completed.

## **2. Updates from Chair, Vice-Chair and Councillors**

The Chair reported on her recent ccNSO related activities:

- Participating in the IGF meeting in Nairobi.
- Giving a ccNSO update at the CENTR meeting.
- Having a face-to-face meeting with Bart Boswinkel.
- Sending two letters to ICANN Chair Steve Crocker:
  1. A request for an ICANN Board liaison to the Fol Working Group.
  2. A request for the Board to reconsider the resolution on sponsorship agreement.
- Meeting with new ICANN CFO together with the Chairs of the SOP and Finance Working Groups.
- Participating in SO/AC meeting with Rod Beckstrom.
- Having a preparatory Council meeting in Dakar.

The Chair noted two suggestions as an outcome of conversations with ccTLD managers at the Dakar meeting:

- To collate and present summary information on ccTLD work on security and stability and internet governance. She noted that this topic would be on the Council agenda for the next call.
- To, as a topic for the next panel discussion in Costa Rica, discuss the changing landscape of internet governance.

She welcomed any further topic suggestions for upcoming panel discussions.

Hiro Hotta reported on his activity as Chair for the IDN PDP Working Group 2, and his presentation on the ccNSO to the APRALO at the Dakar meeting.

Byron Holland reported on his activity in the IGF meeting in Nairobi, as well as his activities as Chair of the Finance Working Group and meetings with the new ICANN CFO.

Various Councillors reported on their recent ccNSO related activities.

### **3. Selection of ICANN Board Member Seat nr 12**

The Chair explained that Michael Silber was nominated and seconded as a candidate to serve on the ICANN Board of Directors for a term for 3 years, starting at the end of the ICANN meeting in June 2012, and that Mike had accepted his nominations. No other candidates were nominated.

She further noted that a Questions and Answers session was held with Mike at the ccNSO Members Meeting and asked the Councillors for further questions or comments.

Roelof Meijer noted that it would be preferable to have two candidates in the future but noted that he supports the resolution.

Young-Eum Lee highlighted the fact that a Board members is not chosen to represent the interests of the specific group by which he was selected, but rather to honour the responsibilities of the Board in general, and noted that this could be a topic for discussion in the future.

Becky Burr expressed her appreciation over Mike's dedication to follow the work on the ccTLD arena.

#### *Resolution 68-01:*

THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to select Michael Silber as the ccNSO appointed Board member for seat nr 12, in accordance with the ccNSO guidelines for the selection of ccNSO selected Board members and Article IX of the ICANN Bylaws.

The ccNSO Council requested its Chair to inform the secretary of the Board accordingly.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

#### *Action 68-01:*

The Chair to inform the secretary of the ICANN Board that Mike Silber was elected as the ccNSO appointed Board member for Seat nr 12.

### **4. Council Elections**

Gabriella Schitteck reported that the election in the African region had ended and that Vika Mpisane was re-elected for another 3-year period on the ccNSO Council. With this outcome the end results of the Council election period is following:

African Region: Vika Mpisane, .za  
Asia-pacific Region: Young-Eum Lee, .kr  
European Region: Juhani Juselius, .fi  
Latin American Region: Margarita Valdes, .cl  
North American Region: Byron Holland, .ca

Gabriella further noted that a nomination/election report would be published shortly.

The Chair thanked Gabriella for running the election process and the elected Councillor were congratulated by acclamation.

## 5. ccNSO Membership

### 5.1 .bf Membership

Roelof Meijer explained that the ccNSO received a membership application from .bf, Burkina Faso and that no objections to the membership were received on the Council email list.

The Chair welcomed .bf as a new member of the ccNSO.

### 5.2 Outreach Letter

The Chair explained that according to ccNSO improvement recommendations the ccNSO should reach out through the GAC to government related ccTLD for inclusion in activities of the ccNSO. She noted that a draft invitation letter was sent to the Council email list and asked for comments.

No comments were noted and the letter was adopted.

## 6. Resolutions on Confusingly Similarity

Bart Boswinkel read the explanatory background to the proposed resolution on Confusingly Similarity:

At its meeting in San Francisco the ccNSO Council adopted a resolution to request a sub-group of IDN ccPDP WG1 to develop, as soon as possible, guidelines (within the framework of the existing rules for the Fast Track) to improve the predictability of the evaluation process relating to string confusion as defined in the IDNC WG Final Report and the Final Implementation Plan as adopted by the ICANN Board in November 2009.

The sub-working group focused on various issues, and has not yet concluded its work, in particularly on improving the predictability of the overall string evaluation process.

Taking into account the experimental nature of the IDN ccTLD Fast Track process and the overarching requirement to preserve the security and stability of the DNS, the risk of string confusion with any of two letter [a-z] codes (for existing and future ccTLD's) is reduced as much as possible. Therefore an IDN ccTLD string that either does not meet the technical criteria as listed in the Implementation Plan or is confusingly similar with any combination of two letter [a-z] is not valid under the IDN ccTLD Fast Track Process.

However, in some cases, the requested IDN ccTLD string is a meaningful representation of the name of the territory and is **only** confusingly similar with the two-letter [a-z] country code that is associated with the same territory.

And, if the proposed IDN ccTLD manager is and remains the manager of both the IDN ccTLD and the two-letter country code TLD, additional measures can mitigate the risk of user confusion.

*Resolution 68-02:*

THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to adopt following proposals:

Taking into account the experimental nature of the IDN ccTLD Fast Track process, in particular the experiences gained with the confusingly similarity evaluation as foreseen in the Implementation Plan, the ccNSO Council requests the ICANN Board of Directors to instruct staff to amend the relevant sections of IDN ccTLD Implementation Plan so that:

1. Where the DNS Stability Panel finds that a requested IDN ccTLD string is ONLY confusingly similar with the two –letter ASCII ccTLD that refers to the same territory this should be noted in its findings and reported.
2. If it is documented that:
  1. The intended manager for the requested IDN ccTLD and the manager for the two-letter ASCII ccTLD are one and the same entity; and
  2. The applicant shall in future request the delegation for the IDN ccTLD string; and
  3. The applicant, and if necessary the relevant public authority, accept and document that the IDN ccTLD and ccTLD are and remain to be operated by one and the same manager, and specific and pre-arranged other conditions with the goal to mitigate the risk of user confusion as of the moment the IDN ccTLD becomes operational;

Then the requested IDN ccTLD string is deemed to be valid under the IDN ccTLD Fast Track Process.

If either the requester, intended manager or the relevant public authority do not accept the pre-arranged conditions or at a later stage in the Fast Track process refutes the acceptance, the IDN ccTLD is deemed to be invalidated and subsequently the Termination Process according to IDN ccTLD Fast Track Process will be initiated.

Young-Eum Lee commended the Working Group for reaching a sensible solution to this complex issue.

Patricio Poblete asked for a clarification to the wording “later in the Fast Track process”. Bart replied that this is referring to the string-request stage as well as the delegation stage.

The resolution was passed unanimously, however Patricio Poblete who participated in the meeting via telephone was temporarily disconnected from the call at the point of the vote.

## **7. ccNSO Statement on Geographic Regions Draft Report**

The Chair reminded the Councillors about the presentation on the Geographic Regions Working group Final Report given to the Council by David Archbold, and noted that the draft recommendations would impact the ccNSO.

*Resolution 68-03:*

THE COUNCIL RESOLVED adopt following proposals:

- a. To launch the ccNSO process to develop and submit a ccNSO statement on the draft proposal of the Geographic Regions Working Group.
- b. To appoint Becky Burr, ccNSO Councillor appointed Councillor, as chair and as its members:
  - Kathryn Reynolds, .ca
  - Stephan Deerhake, .as
  - Mathieu Weill, .fr
  - Demi Getsko, .br and
  - Paulos Nyirenda .mw

The resolution was passed unanimously.

## **8. Response to Nominating Committee Request for Input**

The Chair reminded the Councillors about the upcoming formal request for input on the Nominating Committee (NomCom) appointed ICANN Board directors and the list of questions for the selection of the ICANN Board NomCom appointee.

She further explained that the ccNSO will need to submit its views no later than by the end of November and asked the Councillors for comments.

Roelof Meijer asked how the input would be provided to the Nominating Committee. The Chair suggested that any comments on the Council list to the formal request should be collated into a joint document.

*Resolution 68-04:*

THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to request its Secretariat to circulate the formal invitation for input from the Nominating Committee as soon as it is received. Based on the invitation the Council and ccTLD community members will provide input, collate this input and after adoption by the Council distribute it to the Nominating Committee.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

*Action 68-02:*

The Secretariat to circulate the formal invitation for input from the Nominating Committee on NomCom appointed ICANN Board Director to the Council email list as soon as it is received, and ask the Councillors for input.

The Chair further noted that the Council will also be requested to provide input to the

required skill set and other requirements for the NomCom appointee to the ccNSO Council.

*Resolution 68-05:*

THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to request the Secretariat to circulate the an invitation to the council and ccTLD community members to provide input on the skill set and other requirements for the NomCom appointee to the ccNSO Council, collate this input, for adoption by the Council and provide the NomCom the information.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

*Action 68-03:*

The Secretariat to circulate the formal invitation for input from the Nominating Committee on the skill set for the NomCom appointee to the ccNSO Council to the Council email list as soon as it is received, ask the Councillors for input and collate the information.

## **9. Review of ccNSO / GNSO Council Meeting**

The Chair noted that two items were highlighted at the joint ccNSO/GNSO Council meeting:

a. The GNSO Working Group to establish consumer metrics is open for participants from other SOs and ACs.

*Resolution 68-06:*

THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to request its Secretariat to send out a note to the ccTLD community regarding the GNSO Working Group on consumer metrics, including the background material, and announce the possibility to participate as a member or a liaison.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

b. A suggestion was developed to improve the coordination for the Joint ccNSO/GNSO Council meetings by appointing Juhani Juselius and Roelof Meijer to coordinate future meetings between the GNSO and ccNSO Councils and inform the GNSO Council accordingly.

Dotty Sparks de Blanc noted that a joint effort would be needed amongst the Councillors to reach a productive result in the joint Council meetings.

*Resolution 68-07:*

THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to appoint Juhani Juselius and Roelof Meijer to coordinate future meetings between the GNSO and ccNSO Councils and to inform the GNSO Council accordingly.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

## **10. Working Group Updates**

### 10.1 Finance Working Group

Byron Holland noted that an update of the work of this group was presented the day before at the ccNSO Members Meeting. He added that the group would wait for the previously requested information from the new ICANN CFO before taking any major new steps.

### 10.2 SOP Working Group

Roelof Meijer noted that the SOP and Finance Working Group Working Groups had a session on Sunday with the with Kurt Pritz and Carol Cornell as guests presenting the Draft Strategic Plan 2012-2015. He further noted that the Draft Strategic Plan is currently open for comments and that the SOP Working Group would submit its comments before the 11<sup>th</sup> of November.

### 10.3 Framework of Interpretation Working Group

Becky Burr reported that the Framework of Interpretation Working Group had a meeting on Sunday and gave an update at the ccNSO Members Meeting. She reminded the Council that the Interim Report on Consent is published and open for comments.

### 10.4 IDN PDP Working Group 1

Bart Boswinkel noted that the IDN PDP Working Group 1 had lately been focused mainly on the Confusingly Similarity issue which resulted in the resolution under agenda item 6.

### 10.5 IDN PDP Working Group 2

Hiro Hotta reported that the IDN PDP Working Group 2 had been working on inclusion of IDN ccTLDs and that a report for public comments were posted shortly before Dakar and will remain open until mid December. He further noted that the Working Group would meet face-to-face the following day.

### 10.6 Incident Repository Implementation Working Group

Bart Boswinkel noted that the group would meet face-to-face the following day.

### 10.7 Joint ccNSO/GNSO IDN Working Group (JIG)

Jian Zhang reported that the Joint ccNSO/GNSO IDN Working Group is hoping to, after adoption by both Councils, submit its response to the ICANN Board on its resolution on Single Character IDNs.

She further noted that the group would shortly publish a first draft report on universal acceptance of IDN TLDs and that the group continues to investigate the issue of variants.

### 10.8 Joint Security & Stability Working Group (DSSA)

Bart Boswinkel noted that the Joint Security & Stability Working Group would meet face



to-face the following day.

#### 10.9 Study Group on Use of Names for Countries and Territories

Becky Burr reported that the Study Group developed a draft typology that was presented to UNESCO and that the group would meet the following day to discuss this topic further.

#### 10.10 GAC-ccNSO Liaison

The Chair noted that until the GAC-ccNSO Liaison Working Group can resume its activity she would take on the role to liaise with the GAC Chair regarding any relevant matters.

#### 10.11 PPC Focus Group update

The Chair noted that Sokol Haxhiu was a member of the Focus Group but that the group has concluded its work.

### **11. Liaison Updates**

#### 11.1 ALAC liaison

Kristina Nordström forwarded a message from Ron Sherwood saying that a written report would be distributed on the email list shortly.

The Chair noted that Ron had not been well and that the Council wishes him a speedy recovery.

#### 11.2 GNSO liaison

Since no GNSO liaison was present at the meeting no update was received.

### **12. AOB**

Roelof Meijer referred to agenda point 8 where the Council is requested to give input to the skill set for ICANN directors and asked the Councillors whether the Council should provide input to the skill set for the new ICANN CEO.

The Chair suggested that any input should be posted on the Council email list and collated by the Secretariat for further distribution.

#### *Resolution 68-08:*

THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to provide input on the skill set and other requirements for the new ICANN CEO on the Council email list and requested its Secretariat to collate the information for further distribution.

#### *Action 68-04:*

The Secretariat to collate any input posted on the Council email list on the skill set and other requirements for the new ICANN CEO for further distribution.

### **13. Welcome**

The ccNSO Council welcomed Hong Xue as the new NomCom appointed ccNSO Council member.

### **14. Thank Yous**

The Chair noted that Jian Zhang would step down as a Councillor at the end of the meeting and asked the Council to pass a resolution on thanking her for her work during her time on the Council.

#### *Resolution 68-09:*

THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to thanks Jian Zhang as NomCom appointed ccNSO Councillor since June 2008, for her outstanding contributions and active participation in the work of the ccNSO as ccNSO Councillor, as well its hopes that Jian will remain actively involved in the work of the ccNSO and its Council as an APTLD observer to the ccNSO Council and as the ccNSO appointed member on the Nominating Committee.

The resolution was passed by acclamation.

Jian Zhang thanked the Council and noted her intention to remain involved in the ccNSO and Council work.

The Chair further asked the Councillors to pass a resolution on thanking the lunch- and dinner sponsors, the Senegalese local host and the ccNSO Secretariat.

#### *Resolution 68-10:*

THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to thank the sponsors for the ccNSO lunches and ccNSO dinner, the Senegalese local host for its great hospitality, help and support to organise the ccNSO meetings in Senegal, and the ccNSO Secretariat for its help to organise the ccNSO meetings.

The resolution was passed by acclamation.

The meeting closed.