ccNSO Council Telephone Conference
14 February 2012

Attendees:

Victor Abboud, .ec
Carolina Aguerre, LACTLD
Lesley Cowley, .uk
Keith Davidson, .nz
Fernando Espana, .us
Sokol Haxhiu, NomCom
Byron Holland, .ca (Vice Chair)
Hiro Hotta, .jp (Vice Chair)
Cheryl Langdon-Orr, ALAC Liaison to the ccNSO
Han Chuan Lee, ccNSO Liaison to the GNSO
Young-Eum Lee, .kr
Vika Mpisane, .za
Paulos Nyirenda, .mx
Souleymane Oumtanaga, .ci
Patricio Poblete, .cl
Ron Sherwood, ccNSO Liaison to the ALAC
Dotty Sparks de Blanc, .vi
Peter Van Roste, CENTR
Hong Xue, NomCom
Jian Zhang, APTLD

ICANN Staff**:**

Bart Boswinkel
Kristina Nordström
Gabriella Schittek

Apologies:

Juhani Juselius, .fi
Roelof Meijer, .nl

1 Apologies

The Chair noted that apologies were received for the meeting from Juhani Juselius and Roelof Meijer.

2 Confirmation of Approval of Minutes and Actions Council Call 20 December 2011

The Chair asked for comments or questions to the minutes and actions from the call on 20 December 2011. No comments were noted and the minutes were approved.

Gabriella Schittek ran through the action items from the previous Council call:

Action 69-02:
The Secretariat to ask the Tech Day chair Eberhard Lisse to provide the Council with a briefing paper regarding the future direction of Tech Day.
Bart Boswinkel explained that this action was completed and that Eberhard Lisse was invited to join the Council meeting in Costa Rica for further discussion.

Action 69-04:
The Secretariat to post the collated comments on conflict of interest policies for ccTLDs on the email list for further distribution to ICANN, and post them on the ccNSO website.
This action was completed.

Action 70-01:
The secretariat to adjust the ccNSO website to enable easier access to information on local ccTLD activities as proposed and to schedule a review for the Council call six months after implementation.
Gabriella Schittek reported that this action was pending and would be discussed under agenda point 8.

Action 70-02:
The secretariat to request the ccTLD community members to provide overviews and material on local activities for posting on the ccNSO website.
Gabriella Schittek reported that this action was pending and would be discussed under agenda point 8.

Action 70-03:
The Chair, Bart Boswinkel, Byron Holland, Young-Eum Lee, Roelof Meijer and Jian Zhang to draft a letter to the Board based on the proposed JIG letter, reflecting the discussion within the ccNSO Council.
This action was completed.

Action 70-04:
The Chair to urge the SSAC Chair Patrik Fältström to as soon as possible submit his final feedback to the proposed JIG Working Group letter to the ICANN Board.
This action was completed.

Action 70-05:
The secretariat to distribute the ccNSO Finance Working Group Survey to the ccTLD community.
This action was completed.

Action 70-06:
Gabriella Schittek to make the arrangements for Carolina Aguerre to join the Meetings Programme Working Group.
This action was completed.

Action 70-07:
The secretariat to as soon as possible compile the suggested criteria for the NomCom appointment of ICANN Board members and post it on the email list for further distribution to the NomCom.
The secretariat reported that this action was still pending.

Action 70-08:

The secretariat reported that this action was still pending.

Bart Boswinkel reported that this action was completed and that the subject would be further discussed under agenda point 6.

This action was completed.

3 Updates

3.1 Chair

The Chair briefed the Council on her recent ccNSO-related activities:

-   Listening to the recording of the ICANN Outreach conference call.
-   Conference call with SO/AC chairs to plan the Costa Rica meeting with Rod Beckstrom.
-   Correspondence with Councillors who have missed several calls in a row to inform them of future call dates.
-   Discussions regarding the idea to display ccTLD activities on the ccNSO website.
-   Discussions with Chris Disspain regarding internet governance development.
-   Correspondence with the GNSO regarding the JIG letter.
-   Discussion with the SO/AC chairs regarding the ALAC suggestion to have a session about SOPA during the Costa Rica meeting.
-   Providing input to the ICANN meetings committee regarding ICANN meeting sessions and activities.
-   Drafting a letter to invite GAC members who run ccTLDs to engage themselves in the work of the ccNSO.

3.2 Vice-Chairs

Byron Holland reported that his activities had mostly been related to the Finance Working Group and that those topics would be discussed under agenda point 6.

3.3 Councillors

Vika Mpisane reported on his involvement in the Meetings Programme Working Group and noted that those topics would be addressed under agenda point 6.

3.4 ccNSO Support Staff

Bart Boswinkel reported that the Geographic Regions Working Group has published a summary for public comment period and offered to forward a link to the document to the Council and ccTLD community.

Action 71-01:
Bart Boswinkel to forward a link to the Council and ccTLD community to the Geographic Regions Working Group summary.

Gabriella Schittek reported that the ccNSO received a membership application from .pf and that it would be processed according to the usual application procedure.

4 ICANN Outreach Framework

The Chair explained that the ICANN Outreach Framework was developed as a tool for making spending decisions, as well as for inventorying, adjusting and increasing ICANN participation within the communities.

Bart Boswinkel further explained that the ICANN budget includes a section about requests for additional funding and that the new framework would help processing these requests.

Hiro Hotta noted that in the outreach work to increase ICANN participation it is important to present the topics at an end-user lever as well to evoke interest.

The Council noted the developments of the ICANN Outreach Framework and will await further information on the participation inventory and its results.

5 JIG Letter on the Introduction of Single Character IDN TLDs

The Chair noted that two draft letters had been circulated on the Council email list, one from the ccNSO Council to the ICANN Chair and the second a joint letter from the ccNSO and the GNSO. She thanked the sub-group that drafted the letter from the ccNSO Council and asked for comments.

Bart Boswinkel explained that the sections marked in yellow indicated amendments to the drafts due to new developments.

It was agreed to send the ccNSO Council letter and noted that the Council is awaiting approval by the GNSO on the draft joint letter.

Bart offered to forward the Council decision amended letters to the GNSO chair and support staff.

Action 71-02:
Bart Boswinkel to forward the Council decision and amended JIG letters to GNSO chair and support staff.

6 Working Group and Other Updates

6.1 Finance Working Group

Byron Holland reported that the Finance Working Group survey had received 55 responses and that the result could be considered statistically significant and representative of ccTLDs. He noted that an analysis of the replies would be distributed before Costa Rica.

6.2 SOP Working Group

The Chair noted that a written update on the SOP Working Group by Roelof Meijer had been circulated on the email list. She further noted that the draft comments to the ICANN FY 13 Operational Framework would be sent to the community for feedback in order to be submitted to ICANN on 20 February.

The Chair encouraged the Councillors to provide input to the SOP comments on the ICANN Operational Framework.

6.3 Framework of Interpretation Working Group (FoI)

Keith Davidson reported that the FoI Working Group had invited the GAC to comment on the Consent Report and had received a thorough response, which had been discussed by the FoI members. He noted that the group had been very pleased by this high level of engagement from the GAC on this topic.

6.4 Joint ccNSO/GNSO IDN Working Group (JIG)

Bart Boswinkel explained that the JIG Working Group wishes to increase the number of active members to their biweekly discussions, partly to increase the level of legitimacy. Thus, a call for additional volunteers to the group from the ccTLD and gTLD community was suggested. The Council agreed to this.

Action 71-03:
The secretariat to send out a call for additional volunteers for the JIG Working Group within the ccTLD community.

Jian Zhang added that the JIG Working Group is waiting for the final report of the ICANN VIP group and that there will be a public JIG session in Costa Rica.

6.5 Joint DNS Security & Stability Working Group (DSSA)

Bart Boswinkel reported that the DSSA Working Group continues the discussion on threats to the DNS and that the group would provide and update to the communities as well as have a face-to-face Working Group meeting in Costa Rica.

6.6 Study Group on Use of Names for Countries and Territories

Young-Eum Lee reported that the Study Group is working on developing a scope of the typology in cooperation with UNESCO and that the group is planning to present a draft report at the Prague meeting.

6.7 Meetings Programme Working Group

Vika Mpisane reported that the Meeting Programme is finalising the agenda for the ccNSO members meeting in Costa Rica and noted a few updates:

- The Meetings Programme Working Group had requested that the ccNSO-GAC meeting agenda for Costa Rica should be available in good time before the meeting.

- The Regional Organisations update would be shortened to 15 minutes and provided by the manager of the region where the ICANN meeting is being held. In Costa Rica that would be Carolina Aguerre for LACTLD.

The Chair asked for comments to the update and to the draft agenda.

Peter Van Roste raised a concern about the new update process for the Regional Organisations and noted that the community might lose valuable input and information. The Chair agreed and added the concern that to only have one RO presentation might give the erroneous impression that the ccNSO was not fully supportive of the ROs. It was agreed to ask the Meeting Programme Working Group to consider these points in their planning.

7 ccNSO Meeting Costa Rica

7.1 ccNSO-GNSO Council Lunch Meeting Agenda

The Chair presented the suggest items for the Joint ccNSO/GNSO Lunch in Costa Rica:

- From the GNSO Council: Cross TLD registration scam and domain kiting following the SSAC response from the GNSO;

- Input provided by the SOP Working Group, ccTLD community and GNSO on ICANN's Operational Plan Framework and Budget input;

- How to improve the working relationships between the ccNSO and GNSO.

The Chair further referred to the update by Han Chuan Lee and suggested that the cross-community working group processes should also be added as a topic for the lunch.

7.2 ccNSO-ICANN Board Meeting Agenda

The Chair presented the suggested items for the ccNSO-ICANN Board meeting in Costa Rica:

- Results of the ccNSO Finance Working Group Survey

- Progress of Framework of Interpretation (FoI) Working Group, in particular the Final Report on Consent and the next steps after submission to the Board.

- Progress of CEO search

The Chair noted that Roelof Meijer had suggested adding 'the New gTLD Program' as an additional item for the meeting with the Board.

Bart offered to send out a request to the ccTLD community and Council for additional topics.

Action 71-04:
The secretariat to send a note to the ccTLD community asking for topics for the ccNSO-Board meeting in Costa Rica.

7.3 ccNSO-GAC Meeting Agenda

The Chair presented the suggested items for the ccNSO-GAC Meeting in Costa Rica.

- Framework of Interpretation (FoI) Working Group Final Report on Consent, seeking support from the GAC;

- Framework of Interpretation (FoI) Working Group Interim report on Significantly Interested Parties, seeking input from the GAC;

- ccNSO Finance Working Group survey;

- Progress of the Study Group on Use of Names for Countries and Territories, including the UNESCO survey.

The Chair noted that Roelof Meijer had suggested adding 'GAC-ccNSO priorities for the coming year' as an item. She further noted the Council letter to government-operated ccTLDs would also be added as a discussion point.

The Chair asked Bart Boswinkel to send out a request to the ccTLD community and Council for additional topics.

Action 71-05:
The secretariat to send a note to the ccTLD community asking for topics for the ccNSO-GAC meeting in Costa Rica.

8 ccNSO Website

8.1 ccTLD Activities Schedule

Gabriella Schittek reported that the secretariat is planning for the ccTLD activity schedule to be added to the ccNSO website subsequent to the Costa Rica meeting. She explained that the community would be informed about the new feature during the the ccNSO members meeting. She also noted that the resources page on the ccNSO website would be redesigned to look more appealing.

8.2 Closed Wiki Space

Kristina Nordström reported that there still is very little activity on the ccTLD community wiki space and that the secretariat would start building a ccTLD address book at the wiki as a way to attract users. She noted that initially, the Councillors would receive a request to provide their contact details before the request is forwarded to the rest of the community.

Action 71-06:
Kristina Nordström to send a note the Councillors and ccTLD community members with a request to provide their contact details in order to start building a ccTLD address book at the ccTLD community wiki.

9 Chair and Vice-chair Election

Bart Boswinkel explained that the Chair and Vice-chairs need to be nominated and seconded for re-election in Costa Rica. He suggested that in order to save time the preparations could be made before the meeting. This was agreed and Bart offered to send out further information about the election on the email list.

Action 71-07:
Bart Boswinkel to send out further information about the Chair and Vice-Chair elections on the Council email list.

Young-Eum Lee asked whether it would be possible to change the term for the ccNSO Chair and Vice-chairs to more than one year at the time.

Bart noted that the Chair and Vice-Chairs must be Councillors, which is why longer terms could be complicated.

The Chair noted that the length of term is mandated by the Bylaws and suggested that the topic should be put on the agenda for the Council Workshop in Costa Rica.

10 Liaison Updates

10.1 ALAC Liaison

The Chair thanked Ron Sherwood for his written report on ALAC activities and noted that the ALAC had been very productive. No comments or questions were noted.

10.2 GNSO Liaison

The Chair thanked Han Chuan Lee for the written report on GNSO activities. Han Chuan highlighted the GNSO request to the ICANN Board to redraft the WHOIS Policy and noted that the ccNSO might wish to submit feedback to this process.

11 Date of Next Three ccNSO Council Meetings

The Chair noted the upcoming three ccNSO Council meetings:

Costa Rica meeting - Wednesday, 14 March 2012, 16.00 CST (22.00 UTC)
Conference call - Tuesday, 17 April 2012, 12.00 UTC
Conference call - Tuesday, 8 May 2012, 12.00 UTC

12 AOB

The Chair reported that the Council had received a request from ICANN Chair Steve Crocker to suggest topics for the public forum session in Costa Rica. She asked Bart Boswinkel to forward this request to the ccTLD community.

Action 71-08:
The secretariat to send a note to the ccTLD community asking for topics for the Public Forum session in Costa Rica.

The meeting closed.