

ccNSO Council Telephone Conference

12 June 2012

Attendees:

Victor Abboud, .ec
Carolina Aguerre, LACTLD
Lesley Cowley, .uk
Keith Davidson, .nz
Fernando Espana, .us
Sokol Haxhiu, NomCom
Hiro Hotta, .jp
Vika Mpisane, .za
Paulos Nyirenda, .mw
Barrack Otieno, AFTLD
Ron Sherwood, ccNSO Liaison to the At-Large
Margarita Valdes, .cl
Peter Van Roste, CENTR
Hong Xue, NomCom
Jian Zhang, APTLD

ICANN Staff:

Bart Boswinkel
Kristina Nordström
Gabriella Schitteck

Apologies:

Byron Holland, .ca
Roelof Meijer, .nl
Cheryl Langdon-Orr, ALAC Liaison to the ccNSO
Dotty Sparks de Blanc, .vi

1 Minutes and Actions ccNSO Council Telephone Conference 8 May 2012

The Chair asked for comments or questions to the minutes and actions from the Council call on 8th May. No comments were noted and the minutes were approved.

Gabriella Schitteck ran through the action items from the previous meeting:

Action 73-01:

The Chair to circulate the letter from Elise Gerich asking for ccNSO input on the protection of two-letter country codes on the Council email list.

This action was completed.

Action 73-02:

Cheryl Langdon-Orr to share the recent developments of the ALAC New gTLDs Working Group on the ccNSO council email list.

This action was not completed but does not need to be carried forward.

Action 73-03:

The SOP Working Group to decide whether it would like to submit a request for extension of the public comment period on the ICANN 2014 budget or if the submission should be made by the ccNSO Council, and post the decision on the Council email list.

This action was completed.

Action 73-04:

Roelof Meijer to compile a list of topics for the Joint ccNSO-GNSO meeting in Prague and present it on the next Council call.

This action is still in progress.

Action 73-05:

Gabriella Schitteck to forward the suggested topics for cross-community discussion to Filiz Yilmaz.

This action was completed.

2 Updates

2.1 Chair

The Chair reported that the ccNSO had received an invitation from ICANN to appoint a representative for a Strategic Plan Advisory Group and that she would forward this invitation to the SOP Working Group for further advice.

Action 74-01:

The Chair to forward ICANN's invitation to select a representative for a Strategic Plan Advisory Group to the SOP Working Group.

The Chair explained that Becky Burr had taken a job at Neustar and that ICANN legal representative John Jeffrey had been asked to advise on whether this affects Becky's position as a NomCom Councillor.

The Chair further reported that she attended a call with the other SO/AC chairs and that she had raised the issue of the short time limits for public comment periods. The topic would most likely be raised again at the meeting with the CEO in Prague.

2.2 Vice-Chairs

Keith Davidson reported that he is working on the arrangement for the WCIT panel discussion at the ccNSO members meeting.

2.3 Councillors

The Chair thanked Paulos for his written update and congratulated him on being elected to the Board of Directors of AFRINIC.

The Chair noted that Roelof Meijer had sent a written report regarding ccNSO membership applications. Gabriella Schitteck added that the .bh application had recently been cleared by IANA and would be announced on the Council email list for approval.

Hong Xue reported that an Asia Pacific Internet Government forum would be held in Tokyo in July and invited everyone to participate. The Chair suggested that information about this meeting could be shared on the email lists.

Vika Mpisane reported that he attended the African preparatory meeting for the ITU WCIT-12 conference in Dubai in November.

2.4 Observers

Barrack Otieno reported that the annual AFTLD conference would this year be held in July and invited the Councillors to participate.

Carolina Aguerre reported that LACTLD has got a new Board, which Victor Abboud is a part of. The Chair congratulated Victor on his new position.

Peter Van Roste reported that CENTR had its first Jamboree where all the CENTR working groups came together.

Jian Zhang reported that APTLD would have its annual meeting prior to the ICANN Prague meeting and invited the Councillors to participate.

2.5 ccNSO Support Staff

Kristina Nordström reported that a networking event with the ICANN Board would take place on Monday evening in Prague and that room and time would be confirmed. Peter Van Roste noted that the event clashes with a similar CENTR event.

Kristina further reported that she is drafting a ccTLD Wiki Evaluation Report based on the survey replies and other related wiki activity to date. She noted that the draft would be circulated shortly so that the Council would be able to address the topic in Prague.

Bart Boswinkel noted that the Tech Working Group had prepared a report to the Council regarding the future direction of Tech Day and that the topic would be addressed in Prague.

Bart also noted that there are currently several public comment periods open that might be of interest for the Council.

3 Letter Elise Gerich

The Chair explained that the Council had received a letter from Elise Gerich at IANA regarding the Fast Track process and the possible protection of two-character ASCII strings and that a draft response had been circulated on the email list.

She asked the Councillors for comments to the draft. The Councillors agreed to amend the spelling of the acronym "ASCII" in the draft to be in capital letters. Otherwise it was approved.

4 Letter ccNSO Council to Board Public Participation Committee on Public Comment Process

The Chair explained that a letter to the Board Public Participation Committee had been drafted in order to raise awareness on the difficulties the ccNSO had experienced with submitting public comments within the short timelines.

She further asked the Councilors for comments or questions. No comments were noted and the letter was approved.

The Chair further explained that considering the extensive amount of public comment requests, the ccNSO must decide how to select which ones to focus on. In addition to Keith Davidson and Vika Mpisane being subscribed to the public comment alert email list she suggested that the Council should review its comment process to possibly make it more efficient.

She suggested that Keith and Vika could liaise with Bart Boswinkel to discuss how to best make the selection, for further discussion in Prague.

Action 74-02:

Keith Davidson, Vika Mpisane and Bart Boswinkel to discuss how to best select which public comment requests the ccNSO should respond to, for further discussion in Prague.

5 Working Group and Other Updates

5.1 Finance Working Group

Vika Mpisane reported that the Finance Working Group has been dormant waiting for information from the ICANN finance team but is expecting some information shortly and will meet face-to-face in Prague.

5.2 SOP Working Group

The Chair noted that Roelof Meijer could not be present on the call and that he had sent a written update to the Council email list.

5.3 Framework of Interpretation Working Group (Fol)

Keith Davidson reported that the Fol Working Group is struggling with the topic of Revocation and would most likely use the face-to-face meeting in Prague to discuss it further. He also noted that the topic of Significantly Interested Parties would be discussed at the joint meeting with the GAC.

5.4 Joint ccNSO/GNSO IDN Working Group (JIG)

Jian Zhang reported that the JIG Working Group had a conference call two weeks ago on which Dennis Jennings gave an update on the VIP project. She also noted that the JIG would meet in Prague on Monday.

5.5 Joint Security & Stability Working Group (DSSA)

Bart Boswinkel reported that the DSSA Working Group is preparing a progress report and that the members had been discussing the limits of the Working Group scope. He noted that Jörg Schweiger would provide an update on the progress to date at the ccNSO members meeting.

5.6 Study Group on Use of Names for Countries and Territories

Bart Boswinkel reported that the survey was slightly delayed but should be distributed shortly. He further reported that the group had been discussing the use of country names and that a progress report would be published shortly.

5.7 Meetings Programme Working Group

Vika Mpisane reported that the Prague agenda was published at the ccNSO website. Gabriella Schitteck added that the agenda is continuously being updated and encouraged the Councilors to visit it. The Chair noted that the early posting of the agenda for this meeting had been most helpful.

5.8 IDN Working Group 1

Bart Boswinkel reported that a draft of the overall policy including a change of procedure for the confusingly similarity issue had been distributed to the IDN PDP Working Group 1 and that the new proposal would be presented at the Prague meeting.

5.9 IDN Working Group 2

The Chair noted that Hiro Hotta had sent a written update to the Council email list.

5.10 Informal Study Group on Capacity Building

Fernando Espana reported that the Study Group had met on several occasions to discuss the questions raised by the Chair and that Gabriella Schitteck had drafted a report that would be further discussed on the next call.

5.11 Tech Working Group

This topic was addressed under agenda point 2.

5.12 Public Comment Requests

Vika Mpisane noted that many of the current requests for public comment are GNSO related. He highlighted one request regarding ICANN's role in Stability and Security issues and the Chair confirmed that this topic was been added to the ccNSO members meeting agenda with Patrick Jones as guest speaker.

Keith Davidson added that there is currently also a public comment request regarding the Board members conflict of interest issue. He offered to post a link to the request on the Council email list.

Action 74-03:

Keith Davidson to post a link to the public comment request regarding the Board members conflict of interest issue on the Council email list.

6 ICANN Board-ccNSO Meeting Topics

The Chair presented the suggested topics for the ccNSO meeting with the Board.

- ICANN Board's views on (and ICANN's strategy for) WCIT.
- IANA Contract
- The top priorities that the Board will give the new CEO for FY13
- FY13 Ops Plan and Budget
- New gTLD program: highlights of past months, trends, looking forward
- Proposed method of batching

The Chair noted that the Board had not yet responded with feedback to the suggestions and asked the Secretariat to send the Board a reminder about this.

Action 74-04:

The Secretariat to remind the Board of the suggested topic for the joint meeting with the ccNSO and ask for feedback.

7 GAC-ccNSO Meeting Topics

The Chair noted the suggested topics for the Joint ccNSO/GAC session:

- Progress of Framework of Interpretation Working Group (FoI WG) to date,
- Country names Study Group/UNECO survey, progress to date of study group
- ccNSO view Operational Plan and Budget

Peter Van Roste suggested that one of the topics could be addressed through a panel discussion as a way of encouraging dialogue. The Chair welcomed this and asked Peter to help her liaise with the GAC to make the arrangements.

Action 74-05:

The Chair and Peter Van Roste to liaise with the GAC on the possibility of having a panel discussion at the Joint ccNSO/GAC meeting.

8 ccNSO-GNSO Meeting Topics

The Chair reported that no suggested topics for the Joint ccNSO/GNSO Council meeting had yet been received from the GNSO and noted that Roelof Meijer and Juhani Juselius would update the Council further at the preparatory meeting in Prague.

9 Liaison Updates

9.1 ALAC liaison

The Chair thanked Ron Sherwood for his report and asked for comments or questions. No comments were noted.

9.2 GNSO liaison

No liaison was present on the call and no written update was provided.

10 Next ccNSO Council Meetings

The Chair noted the dates and times of upcoming Council meetings:

27 June 2012 Prague, 16.00 CET (14.00 UTC)

3 July 2012 11.30 UTC – Informal Council call

28 August 2012 12.00 UTC

25 September 2012 12.00 UTC

The Chair welcomed the Councillors to share any feedback on their experience of using Adobe Connect for Council calls.

11 AOB

No other business was noted.

The meeting closed.