ccNSO Council Telephone Conference

28 August 2012

Attendees:

Victor Abboud, .ec
Carolina Aguerre, LACTLD
Keith Davidson, .nz
Sokol Haxhiu, NomCom appointee
Hiro Hotta, .jp
Han Chuan Lee, ccNSO Liaison to the GNSO
Young-Eum Lee, .kr
Roelof Meijer, .nl
Paulos Nyirenda, .mw
Souleymane Oumtanaga, .ci
Ron Sherwood, ccNSO Liaison to the ALAC
Peter Van Roste, CENTR
Hong Xue, NomCom appointee

ICANN Staff:

Bart Boswinkel
Kristina Nordström
Gabriella Schittek

Apologies:

Lesley Cowley, .uk
Byron Holland, .ca
Vika Mpisane, .za
Barrak Otieno, AfTLD

1 Apologies

Keith Davidson noted that Lesley Cowley had been unable to join the call and therefore had asked him to stand in as chair of the meeting. Further apologies were noted from Byron Holland, Vika Mpisane and Barrack Otieno.

It was also noted that since not all geographic regions were represented at the meeting, all formal decisions must be made either on the email list or at the next meeting.
2 Minutes and Actions

The Chair asked for comments to the minutes and actions from the Council meeting in Prague. No comments were noted and the minutes were approved.

Gabriella Schittek ran through the actions from the previous Council meeting:

Action 75-01:
The Secretariat to remind ICANN Staff to provide the SOP Working Group with the information needed to select a candidate for the Strategic Plan Advisory Group. 
This action was completed but no response was noted from ICANN staff.

Action 75-02:
The Secretariat to send out a call for volunteers for the Study Group on Capacity Building, seeking especially people with knowledge of prioritization of workload. 
This action was completed.

Action 75-03:
The Secretariat to send out a call for volunteers for a statement drafting team in order to submit a ccNSO statement on the SSAC Report. 
This action was completed.

Action 75-04:
The Secretariat to send out an invitation to ccTLD community members present in Prague to participate in the SSRT statement drafting team. 
This action is still in progress.

Action 75-05:
Keith Davidson to provide a summary and highlights of the Panel Discussion session before the next regular ccNSO Council call. 
This action was completed.

The Chair asked whether the plans to have a ccNSO/GAC panel discussion in Toronto had been taken forward. Peter Van Roste reported that some initial discussions with the GAC chair Heather Dryden had taken place and that he would follow up on the topic.

Action 76-01:
Peter Van Roste to follow up on the plans to have the ccNSO/GAC panel discussion at the Toronto meeting.

3 Updates

3.1 Chair Update

Since Lesley Cowley was not present at the meeting, no update was provided by the ccNSO Chair.

3.2 Vice-chairs

No updates were provided by the Vice-Chairs.
3.3 Councillors

Roelof Meijer noted that no new ccNSO application had been received since June.

Paulos Nyirenda reported that he had recently attended AfTLD’s Policy and Annual General Meeting in Zambia.

3.4 Secretariat

Gabriella Schittek informed the Councillors that the ccNSO Members Meeting agenda will probably look a little different for the Toronto meeting due to some necessary changes.

Bart Boswinkel noted that journalist Kieren McCarthy had misrepresented the ccNSO in his overview of the SO/AC improvement implementations. McCarthy had claimed that the ccNSO only implemented one of the review recommendations while in fact, all but one have been implemented to date.

3.5 Regional Organisations

Peter Van Roste reported that CENTR is currently preparing for its General Assembly in October and that some of the preparation work is focused on WCIT.

The Chair reported that APTLD would have its next meeting in Taiwan in November.

Carolina Agguere reported that LACTLD has lately been busy with different surveys and that two different technical workshops would be held in September and October, one in English and one in Spanish.

4 Timeline ccNSO Council Elections

Gabriella Schittek presented the timeline for the upcoming ccNSO Council elections, nomination period starting on the 10th of September. She noted that she would post the timeline on the Council email list for approval.

Action 76-02:
Gabriella Schittek to post the timeline for the upcoming Council elections on the Council email list for approval.

5 Approval of New Capacity Study Group Members

Gabriella Schittek explained that Victor Abboud, Paulos Nyirenda and Souleymane Oumtanaga had all volunteered as members of the Capacity Study Group. The Chair noted that since not enough Councillors were present at the meeting, approval of the new members would have to be made on the email list. He asked Gabriella Schittek to announce it.

Action 76-03:
Gabriella Schittek to announce the new Capacity Study Group volunteers on the Council email list for approval.
6 Future of ccNSO Dinners

Gabriella Schittek explained that since the number of attendees at the ccNSO dinners have increased dramatically, the logistical burden on the Secretariat has become very high. She further explained several other complications connected to the dinner arrangement, which had resulted in a report to the Council suggesting that the dinner should be replaced with a ccTLD cocktail reception.

The Councillors discussed possible ways to keep the dinner with other arrangements. It was agreed that it should be further discussed on the list and that if no solution could be found to address the current issues the cocktail option might be a good alternative.

*Action 76-04:* Gabriella Schittek to introduce a discussion on alternatives to the ccNSO dinners on the Council email list.

7 SSR Statement Progress

Bart Boswinkel reported that following one of the action items from the previous meeting, an SSR Statement Drafting Team had been formed in order to respond to the ICANN SSR RT Final Report. The members in the drafting team consist of Becky Burr, Patricio Poblete, Paul Szyndle, Vika Mpisane and Jörg Schweiger.

However, since the team was formed later than originally planned, there would not be enough time for a full ccNSO statement process. Therefore, in order to make the deadline, it had been decided that the submission should be made in form of a ccNSO Council statement, which would mean a shorter process.

Roelof Meijer agreed with the draft and suggested that a comment should be added noting that the Council does not find ICANN’s report to be clear and sufficient. It was agreed that the Draft ccNSO Council Statement should be re-circulated on the list for final comments.

*Action 76-05:* Bart Boswinkel to re-circulate the Draft ccNSO Council SSR Statement on the Council email list for final comments to be made within the next 24 hours.

8 Proposed Change ccNSO Statement Guideline

Bart Boswinkel noted that Vika Mpisane and Keith Davidson are currently responsible for keeping track of public comment periods that could be of interest to the ccNSO. He further explained that the task to initiate ccNSO Statements had been added to their responsibility and that the ccNSO Statement Guidelines would be updated accordingly.

It was agreed that the amended Guidelines would be circulated on the email list for approval by the Councillors.
**Action 76-06:**
Bart Boswinkel to circulate the amended ccNSO Statement Guidelines on the Council email list for approval.

**9 Council Input Request - Bertrand de la Chapelle on Impact New gTLD on GNSO structure**

Bart Boswinkel explained that Bertrand de la Chapelle had requested the SO’s and AC’s to provide a list of potential issues in relation to the New gTLD Process. He further noted that he and Lesley Cowley and had come up with a draft response.

It was agreed that the response to Bertrand should be approved by the Councillors on the email list.

**Action 76-07:**
Bart Boswinkel to circulate the ccNSO response to Bertrand de la Chapelle on New gTLD impact on the Council email list for approval.

**10 Working Group Updates**

**10.1 Finance Working Group**

Since Byron Holland was not present at the call, nothing was reported on the Finance Working Group.

**10.2 SOP Working Group**

Roelof Meijer reported that he had attended a brainstorming meeting regarding ccTLD financial contributions with Xavier Calvez, Lesley Cowley, Byron Holland and Bart Boswinkel. Besides this not much activity had taken place in regard to the SOP Working Group.

**10.3 Framework of Interpretation Working Group**

The Chair noted that the Framework of Interpretation Working Group continues to meet on a bi-weekly basis. The group is currently debating definitions in the RFC5091 document, such as misbehavior of a ccTLD, revocation and un-delegation. He further noted that the group should be able to finish most of its work by the Toronto meeting.

**10.4 Joint ccNSO/GNSO IDN Working Group (JIG)**

Bart Boswinkel reported that the JIG Working Group had reduced its meeting frequency and is currently looking at different ways of dealing with relevant topics.

**10.5 Joint Security & Stability Working Group (DSSA)**

Bart Boswinkel reported that the DSSA Working Group recently published its Phase 1 Report for public comments and that the group is currently reviewing possible overlaps and gaps in different organisations dealing with DNS security and stability. He noted that the group is also considering ways to move forward post the Toronto meeting.
10.6 Meetings Programme Working Group

Gabriella Schittek reported that the Meetings Program Working Group is currently planning the topics for the Panel Discussion on Tuesday in Toronto and that the agenda would be posted as soon as possible.

10.7 IDN PDP Working Group 1

Bart Boswinkel reported that the IDN PDP Working Group 1 would shortly publish its draft final report for public comments.

10.8 IDN PDP Working Group 2

Hiro Hotta reported that the group had reached consensus on the one vote per territory issue and that its report would be published together with the IDN PDP Working Group 1 report. He noted that the group would recommend this topic to be revisited on a couple of year’s time.

10.9 Study Group on Use of Names for Countries and Territories

Young-Eum Lee reported that there had not been much activity in the Study Group since the Prague meeting but that the group had started looking at New gTLD applications.

Other Updates:

10.10 ICANN Outreach Programme

Sokol Haxhiu reported that the ICANN Outreach program is looking to find on roles and responsibilities and expectations regarding increasing participation. He noted that the group is still in the initial phase looking at the existing outreach programs in the different communities.

Sokol further reported that the Travel Funding Committee is working to improve its process and is currently reviewing the ccNSO Travel Funding Guidelines.

Gabriella Schittek added that some Councillors who have a right to funding sometimes chose to pass but that a suggestion is under consideration to ask these Councillors to forward the funding to another member of their staff. This way new people would be introduced to the ccNSO.

10.11 Academy Working Group on the Pilot Leadership Project

Hong Xue reported that the ICANN Pilot Leadership Project taking place in Toronto only has seats for chairs of the respective SO/AC and stakeholder groups, and that the Academy Working Group had strongly recommended the project to be changed into a more bottom-up focused project.
11 Liaison Updates

11.1 At-Large Liaison

Gabriella Schittek noted that Ron Sherwood had sent a report to the Council in July, informing the Council that the next At-Large meeting would take place later this week and that a report would follow.

11.2 GNSO Liaison

Han Chuan Lee reminded the Councillors about the written report he sent to the Council email list.

12 Date of Next Meeting

The Chair noted that the next Council Call would take place on the 25th of September.

13 AOB

No other business were noted.

The meeting closed.