

# ccNSO Council Telephone Conference

19 March 2015

## Attendees:

### **AF**

Abibu Ntahigiye, .tz  
Souleymane Oumtanaga, .ci

### **AP**

Keith Davidson, .nz  
Hiro Hotta, .jp  
Young-Eum Lee, .kr

### **EU**

Lesley Cowley  
Katrina Sasaki, .lv

### **LAC**

Margarita Valdes, .cl

### **NA**

Becky Burr, .us  
Byron Holland, .ca  
Dotty Sparks de Blanc, .vi

### **NomCom**

Ching Chiao  
Jordi Iparraguirre

### **Observers/Liaisons**

Maureen Hilyard, ALAC Observer to the ccNSO  
Ron Sherwood, ccNSO Observer to the ALAC

### **Regional Organisations**

Carolina Aguerre, LACTLD  
Barrack Otieno, AfTLD

### **ICANN Staff**

Bart Boswinkel  
Kristina Nordström  
Gabiella Schitteck

## **1 Apologies**

Apologies for the meeting were noted from Peter Van Roste, Leonid Todorov, Celia Lerman Friedman, Nigel Roberts, Thomas Rickert, Lise Fuhr, Giovanni Seppia and Mathieu Weill.

## **2 Minutes and Actions**

The Chair asked for comment or questions to the minutes from the Council meeting on 11 February. No comments were noted and the minutes were approved.

Kristina Nordstrom noted that all action items from the previous meeting had been completed.

It was noted that the letter from the ccNSO and Framework of Interpretation Working Group chairs to Steve Crocker had been circulated on the email list and posted on the ccNSO website.

## **3 Internet Governance**

### **3.1 Cross-Community Working Group Internet Governance Update**

### **3.2 New Co-Chair**

The Chair noted that the ccNSO appointed co-chair of the CCWG IG, Jordan Carter, had indicated that he would need to step down from this role due to other engagements. He further noted that a new candidate would be presented to the Council for a vote on the Council email list.

### **3.3 Proposed Interpretation of “observers”**

The Chair noted that there is an ongoing discussion within the Cross-Community Working Group on Internet Governance on how to define the term ‘observers’.

Lesley Cowley asked whether the discussion is in regard to working groups only or also to the observers of the Councils.

Bart Boswinkel noted that this matter refers to Article 9 in the ICANN bylaws and that the issue had emerged within the large cross-community working groups. He note that the CWG had agreed on the term ‘participants’ instead of ‘observers’.

Becky Burr noted that the definition of ‘participants’ had worked well for the CWG, noting that whilst the participants, as opposed to the members, do not have voting right, they still take an active part in the discussions.

## **4 IANA Stewardship Transition Process**

### **4.1 Update ICG**

Keith Davidson reported that the ICG now has an independent website and noted that he would forward the link to the Council.

He also noted that the ICG group would meet face-to-face in Istanbul and that the challenging timeline had been currently an issue for the group; some members tended to focus on a timely delivery of the group's findings whilst others stressed the importance of a thorough process.

### **4.2 Update CWG Stewardship**

The Chair noted that Lise Fuhr who is the ccNSO co-chair of the CWG was at the CENTR meeting and therefore unable to give a verbal update. He noted that the CWG would meet face-to-face in Istanbul and that the group had legal guidance to answer some of the questions that had come up during its works.

Bart Boswinkel noted that Lise had sent a written update of the work of the CWG and that it had been circulated on the Council email list.

## **5 Enhancement ICANN's Accountability Process**

Becky Burr reported that the Accountability group would meet face-to-face in Istanbul and that the work had been divided between three groups, one of which she is leading. She noted that the group will likely have something to present in April.

## **6 Council Discussion on Consultation of Community and Decision-Making For discussion**

The Chair explained that this agenda item was included in order to help the Council find the best way of decision-making for the ccNSO in the ongoing IANA stewardship transition and accountability processes.

Young-Eum Lee noted the importance of engaging community in the decision-making.

The Chair noted that the ccTLD community is currently divided on which path to take to move forward on the IANA stewardship transition, and that the Council has a responsibility to continuously and thoroughly communicate the status of the discussion to the people who are less involved.

Lesley Cowley expressed concern over the challenging timeline. She also raised the question about how the ccNSO would choose to move forward if the community would still be as divided in its views by the Buenos Aires meeting. She noted that moving forward with a certain path based a slight majority rather than consensus might have problematic consequences.

Keith Davidson agreed that the ccNSO should strive toward a strong consensus rather than settle for just a small majority. He also noted that his experience of lack of consensus was often tied to a general lack of information.

Becky Burr noted the importance of having a good system in place for communicating the current status in order for less time to be spent on the basics, especially for face-to-face meetings. Young-Eum agreed and suggested a short video could be presented in the beginning of the meeting as a way to provide a comprehensive summary of the developments.

The Chair noted that he would communicate to the co-chairs of the different groups that the ccNSO would need the opportunity of in-depth discussions face-to-face Buenos Aires in order to come up with a path forward, even though may not meet timeline.

*Action 104-01:*

The Chair to communicate to the co-chairs of the CWG and CCWG that the ccNSO will need to give room for in depth-discussion in Buenos Aires before being able to make a consensus based decision on a way forward on these matters.

**7 Participation ccNSO in Working Group to Develop Recommendations on New gTLD Auction Proceeds**

The Chair explained that ccNSO had been invited to participate in either a Cross-Community Working Group or a GNSO Working Group to develop recommendations how to proceed with the new gTLD auction proceeds. He noted that some ccTLDs would have experience of handling excess funds but that the ccNSO currently has other focuses and that there may not be capacity at this point to participate in this initiative.

Becky Burr and Ching Chao noted that the experience of the ccTLD community in this case could bring something valuable to the discussion.

Lesley Cowley noted that if the ccNSO should not participate in this initiative it should be clear whether the decision has been made based on the scope of the initiative or the current capacity issue.

The Chair welcomed the comments and suggested that the resolution be redrafted to accommodate them, for approval on the Council email list. He noted that it would include the conclusion that the ccNSO would at this time not participate as a group but would nevertheless encourage individual ccTLDs with experience in this area to participate. He would also send a note to the GNSO chair letting him know about the expertise that could be found in the ccTLD community should he wish to explore it.

*Action 104-02:*

The Chair to send a note to the GNSO chair explaining the ccNSO decision not to participate in a GNSO Working Group on Auction Proceeds, however noting that there could be individual expertise to seek in the ccTLD community.

## **8 Council Updates**

### **8.1 Chair Update**

The Chair reported on his participation in the SOAC chairs call and the writing of the letter to Steve Crocker regarding the Council support of the Framework of Interpretation Working Group recommendations.

### **8.2 Vice-Chair Update**

Keith Davidson noted that his involvement in the ccNSO had lately been focused on the Framework of Interpretation Working Group.

Gabriella Schitteck noted that the update from Katrina Sasaki was posted in the Adobe room chat pod.

### **8.3 Councillors Update**

No updates were noted.

### **8.4 Regional Organisations Update**

Carolina Aguerre noted that LACTLD is continuously involved in ICANN work around several projects concerning ccTLDs in the region.

### **8.5 Staff Update**

No updates were noted.

## **9 Liaison Updates**

The Chair thanked the liaisons for the written updates that had been provided for the ALAC and the GNSO.

## **10 ccNSO Annual Work Plan**

Bart Boswinkel reported that he had updated the ccNSO Work Plan to include work of the CWG and CCWG as well as information on the result of the IDN ccPDP and the Fol Working Group recommendations.

The Chair asked the Council to pass a resolution to adopt the annual Work Plan.

### ***Resolution 104-02:***

THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to adopt the annual Work Plan and schedule and to request its Secretariat to update the Work Plan monthly and in accordance with the ccNSO Guideline to maintain, update and review the ccNSO Work Plan.

The resolution was passes unanimously.

## **11 Date of Next Meetings**

The Chair reminded the Councillors of the upcoming Council meetings:

23 April 2015 12.00 UTC

21 May 2015 12.00 UTC

24 June 2015 15.00 Local Time

## **12 AOB**

The Chair mentioned a complaint that had come to the ccNSO regarding an email sent to the community email list by Eberhard Lisse, nominating Milton Mueller to the Ethos Award as a part of a dispute. He noted that a discussion had taken place to decide whether or not the harmony of the community email list had been breached, in which case a person could be warned or excluded from the list. He noted that the conclusion had been that the harmony had not been breached in such a way that any action would be necessary.

The meeting closed.