ccNSO Council Telephone Conference
23 April 2015

Attendees:

AF
Abibu Ntahigiye, .tz
Souleymane Oumtanaga, .ci

AP
Keith Davidson, .nz
Hiro Hotta, .jp

EU
Katrina Sataki, .lv

LAC
Victor Abboud, .ec
Demi Getschko, .br

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

NomCom
Ching Chiao
Jordi Iparraguirre
Celia Lerman-Friedman

Observers/Liaisons
Maureen Hilyard, ALAC Observer to the ccNSO
Patrick Myles, ccNSO Observer to the GNSO
Ron Sherwood, ccNSO Observer to the ALAC

Regional Organisations
Leonid Todorov, APTLD
Barrack Otieno, AfTLD
Peter Van Roste, CENTR

ICANN Staff
Bart Boswinkel
Kristina Nordström
Gabriella Schittek

1 Apologies

Apologies for this meeting were noted from Carolina Aguerre, Lesley Cowley, Nigel Roberts and Margarita Valdes.

2 Minutes and Actions

The Chair noted that the CWG had provided an informal update and that the recording of that should be available.

Kristina Nordstrom ran through the action items from the previous meeting:

Action 104-01:
The Chair to communicate to the co-chairs of the CWG and CCWG the 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.
This action was completed.

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.
This action is still in progress.

The Chair also noted that the Framework of Interpretation recommendations had been sent to the ICANN Board and that receipt had been acknowledged by the Chair of the Board. The next step would be to wait for ICANN to implement the recommendations.

3 Internet Governance

3.1 Appointment new co-chair

The Chair reported that the ccNSO Council had previously appointed Jordan Carter, .nz, as the ccNSO appointed co-chair of the CCWG Internet Governance, but that Jordan had indicated that he would need to step down due to commitments with the CCWG Accountability. The Chair further noted that Young-Eum Lee had volunteered to take on the role as chair instead of Jordan.

Resolution 106-01:
The ccNSO Council appoints Young Eum Lee (.kr) as the ccNSO appointed co-chair of the CCWG IG. The secretariat is requested to inform the other co-chairs and the membership of the CCWG IG accordingly.

The resolution was approved unanimously.

Action 106-01:
The Secretariat to inform the co-chairs and the membership of the of the CCWG Internet Governance about Young-Eum Lee's appointment as ccNSO co-chair.

3.2 No-objection proposed interpretation of charter re: "observers"

The Chair explained that the CCWG Internet Governence had discussed how to complete its transition to the formally chartered CCWG as envisioned by the chartering organizations and that the main issue that needs to be addressed is how to define the status of observers. The Chair asked the Council to pass a resolution to decide to not object to the agreed definition of the observers.

Resolution 106-02:
THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to expresses its non-objection to interpret the section on observers in the CCWG IG charter to mean: *"In addition, the CCWG-IG will be open to any interested person as a participant. Participants may be from a chartering organization, from a stakeholder group not represented in the CCWG-IG, or may be self-appointed. Participants will be able to actively participate in and attend all CCWG-IG meetings, work groups and sub-work groups. However, should there be a need for a consensus call or decision, such consensus call or decision will be limited to CCWG-IG members appointed by the chartering organizations."*

The resolution was approved unanimously.

4 Discussion on Format of Decision-Making Process on CWG and CW Proposals

4.1 Question on clarification of letter send to co-chairs CWG – Stewardship and CCWG-Accountability

The Chair explained that a letter had been sent by the ccNSO to the CCWG and CWG co-chairs, noting that the ccNSO would need the Buenos Aires meeting to be able to make an informed decision on the support of the CWG and CCWG proposals. The letter also noted the importance of broad support within the communities for the decisions made, in particular the ccTLD members, and Mathieu Weill had asked the Council to clarify whether that statement mean that the ccNSO is looking for unanimity or rather consensus.

The Council discussed the differences between unanimity and consensus and several Councillors expressed that it would most likely not be possibly to reach unanimity on these matters within the broader ccTLD community, or in this case even amongst the ccTLD representatives within the working group itself.

The Council agreed that the CCWG group should be able to move forward even if there is not full unanimity amongst the ccTLD representatives within the group.

Keith Davidsson suggested that the need for unanimity or consensus in a group could be more clearly stated in working group charters in the future, to give the members a clear mandate.

Katrina Sataki confirmed that plenty of time would be allocated to discuss these matters at the ccNSO members meeting in Buenos Aires.

4.2 Outreach and Engagement

The Council discussed different ways to reach out to the community and make people aware of the process Keith suggested it might be necessary to call the ccTLDs who are not active and speak to them. Peter Van Roste suggested a way that this outreach could be conducted, involving the Regional Organisations. Further suggestions involved sending letters by post requiring a signature, so that it would be possible to track who received it and who didn't.

The Chair noted that work is in progress to receive comments from all ccNSO working groups in order to get an idea of where the community is on the ongoing processes. He also noted that the next Council meeting is schedule on a date that makes it difficult for the Councillors to read the public comments submitted to the CWG 2nd draft proposal, and suggested that the call should be deferred a few days. Bart Boswinkel suggested that instead of deferring the Council call another more informal call could be added devoted to that specific topic. It was agreed that the Secretariat would send out a Doodle poll to find an alternative date for the Council to meet.

Action 106-02:
The Secretariat to send a Doodle poll to the Council in order to either defer the next Council call to or add another call devoted to the CWG 2nd draft proposal public comments.

The Chair asked the Councillors whether they would consider a conditional approval of the CCWG final report a possibility, noting that the report would come out in early August 2015, after the Buenos Aires meetingthat, and it would be difficult for the big group to discuss it at that point. It was decided that the Council would come back to this matter on its next call.

5 Council Updates

5.1   Chair Update

The Chair reported that an informal Council Call had been held were the ccNSO co-chairs of the CWG and CCWG had provided updates, and noted that a robust and helpful discussion had taken place.

5.2   Vice-Chair Update

No updates were noted.

5.3   Councilors Update

No updates were noted.

5.4   Regional Organizations Update

Barrack Otiena updated the Council on some of the upcoming events in the African region.

5.5   Staff Update

Bart Boswinkel reported that the Board had requested a new format of interacting with the community, which is to defer any general questions regarding the bigger topics such as the IANA Stewardship Transition to the Public Forum.

Peter Van Roste expressed concern regarding the change, noting that the interactions with the Board on topical matters have been very valuable, and that this change may limit the possibility of discussing important matters with the Board from a ccTLD perspective. Keith Davidson agreed that the current format is very good and should preferably be kept, but noted a willingness to try the new format.

The Chair offered to send a note to the Board reflecting the concerns and note that the ccNSO would be willing to try the format for a meeting or two, and then come back with feedback.

Action 106-03:
The Chair to send a note to the ICANN Board declaring that the ccNSO would be willing to try the new format of interaction between the Board and the ccTLD community, but also reserves its right to come back to the Board with an evaluation of the change.

6 Working Group Updates

6.1   SOP Working Group

Peter Van Roste reported that the SOP had submitted its comments to the ICANN FY16 Operating Plan and Budget. He noted that the sub-groups had worked hard on the submission, but also that some members had issues with overload due to their engagement in other groups.

6.2   SECIR Working Group

Gabriella Schittek reported that the TLD-OPS email list now has120 subscribers in total and that the work is moving forward.

6.3   Rules & Guidelines Review Committee

Katrina Sataki reported that the Rules & Guidelines Review Committee had started started its work and would meet again the following Monday. She noted that the group had started reading the existing rules and guidelines to determine what would need to be modified, and also that a discussion regarding the form of the rules and guidelines would take place.

6.4   Cross-Community Working Group on Use of Country and Territory Names

Bart Boswinkel reported that the UCTN group has intensified its work and is now meeting bi-weekly. He also noted that the group is currently focusing its discussing on two-letter strings.

6.5   Program Working Group

Katrina Sataki reported that the Programme Working Group is currently working on the

draft agenda for the ccNSO Members Meeting in Buenos Aires. She noted that exceptionally few requests had been made from community members to give presentations in Buenos Aires.

7 Liaison Updates

The Chair thanked the GNSO and ALAC liaisons for their written updates.

8 Workplan

Bart Boswinkel noted that he had started working on an annual ccNSO Workplan and that the monthly update was included in the preparation material.

9 Date of Next Meetings

The Chair reminded the Council of the upcoming meetings.

21 May 2015, noon UTC
24 June 2015, face-to face BA
20 August 2015, noon UTC

10 AOB

No other business was noted.

The meeting closed.