Attendees:

**AF**
Abibu Ntahigiye, .tz

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

**EU**
Lesley Cowley
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

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

**Regional Organisations**
Carolina Aguerre, LACTLD
Barrack Otieno, AfTLD
Peter Van Roste, CENTR

**ICANN Staff**
Bart Boswinkel
Kimberly Carlson
Kristina Nordström
Gabriella Schittek
1 Apologies

Apologies were noted from Margarita Valdes.

The Chair welcomed Kim Carlson as a new part-time staff member for the ccNSO.

2 Minutes and Actions

The Chair asked for comments to the minutes, no comments were noted and they were approved.

Kristina Nordström ran through the previous action items:

*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.
Completed

*Action 106-02:*
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.
Completed

*Action 106-03:*
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.
Completed

3 Cross-Community Working Group on Internet Governance

The Chair reminded the Council that Young-Eum Lee had been appointed to replace Jordan Carter as ccNSO co-chair of the CCWG IG.

Young-Eum reported that the CCWG IG had been discussing Intenet Governance session taking place outside of ICANN. She also noted that the group had two sessions planned for Buenos Aires and were discussing what topics to raise. One topic would be whether or not to support the NetMundial document, and the group had decided that it would need to go back to the SOs and ACs for mandate. She finally noted that there would be a session at the WCIT forum moderated by ICANN, in which some CCWG IG members would participate.

4 Update Stewardship Transition and Accountability Processes

The Chair reported on the latest events around the IANA stewardship transition and accountability including the letter from Larry Strickling to the CWG and ICG and the dates of public comment periods. He also noted that the ccNSO had sent a letter to the CCWG clarifying what was meant by “broad support”.

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4.1 Update ICG

Keith Davidson reported that the ICG group had met the day before and discussed the Letter from Larry Strickling and also whether or not to wait for the CWG proposal before moving forward with its work. He also noted that the ICG had made a pre-assessment of the CWG proposal to make sure it is within the scope of the mission.

4.2 Update CWG Stewardship

The Chair noted that a written update had been sent to the Council email list by the ccNSO CWG co-chair Lise Fuhr. He further noted that the comment period for the CWG 2nd draft proposal had ended yesterday and reminded the Councillors of the informal ccNSO Council call that would take place next week in order to talk about the decision making process within the ccNSO.

Peter Van Roste noted that CENTR members had started asking practical questions related to the IANA Stewardship Transition, and that it would be useful to meet with a representative from IANA in Buenos Aires who could answer some of these questions.

Carolina Aguerre reported that LACTLD had decided to make a joint submission to the proposal.

4.2 Update CCWG Accountability

Mathieu Weill noted that the clarification note from the ccNSO had been appreciated. He further noted that public comments to the CCWG work would be open until 3 June and that he was hoping for input from ccTLDs.

He also reported that the CCWG would meet the Friday before the Buenos Aires meeting and that there would be a second round for public comments on outstanding issues in July.

4.3 Decision-making process on CWG and CW proposals

The Chair noted again that the Council would have a call on this specific topic the following week. He pointed out that one of the important questions to answer would be how to engage non-ccNSO members of ccTLD community in the decision making process, and asked the Councillors to consider this issue in preparation for the call.

5 Framework of Interpretation and Additional Policy Work

5.1 Framework of Interpretation Update and Additional ccNSO-Related Policy Work

The Chair reported that the Board had received the Framework of Interpretation Working Group Recommendations and that they would take them under consideration going forward. He noted that Chris Disspain and Mike Silber would help to introduce the finings to the Board and that this would be discussed in Buenos Aires. He also asked Keith Davidson to further explain the drafted letter to the CWG and CCWG co-chairs regarding the FoI recommendation.
Keith noted that Becky Burr and himself would most likely be asked to work with IANA on the implementation of the FoI recommendations. He also noted that some points had been highlighted as out of scope for the group, such as retirement and the appeals-mechanism for delegations and redelegations. He noted that these topics would require a PDP and could not be solved as part of the IANA Stewardship Transition, but that mentioning of the need for new ccNSO policy would be preferred.

Lesley Cowley asked about the wording in the letter to the CWG and CCWG groups and noted that “in the near future” may not be a realistic expectation considering that policy development processes take time. The Council discussed a way to re-phrase in order to point out the high priority without rushing the process. It was agreed that Bart Boswinkel and Keith Davidson would fine-tune the wording of the letter based on the discussion at this meeting, after adoption of the resolution.

The Chair offered to send a note to the CWG and CCWG groups to clarify the ccNSO preferences in regard to ccTLD-related matters in the stewardship transfer.

The Council was asked to pass a resolution to adopt the drafted letter.

**Resolution 107-01:**
The ccNSO Council request its chair to send a letter to the chairs of the CWG – Stewardship and CCWG Accountability, which addresses the following points:

- The CGW-Stewardship and CCWG-Accountability are requested to note and advise in their final reports those issues that are specifically pertaining to ccTLD policies, which will need resolution or clarification after the IANA transition.

- The CWG-Stewardship and CCWG Accountability are not expected to resolve these and other policy issues, which are within the policy remit of the ccNSO.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

**Action 107-01:**
Keith Davidson and Bart Boswinkel to fine-tune the wording of the letter to the chairs of the CWG Stewardship and CCWG Accountability clarifying the ccNSO requests for these groups regarding related ccTLD policy issues, as agreed by the Council.

**Action 107-02:**
The Chair to send the letter to the chairs of the CWG Stewardship and CCWG Accountability clarifying the ccNSO requests for these groups regarding related ccTLD policy issues.

6 **Subscription NomCom Appointees and Other non-ccTLD Associated Councilors to ccNSO Members Email-List.**

The Chair explained that Nigel Roberts had asked a question whether non-ccTLD affiliated Council members do not have access to the ccTLD community and members lists. He noted that to give approve access a Council decision is needed.
Peter Van Roste asked how often discussion occurred on one of the lists where the Council email list is not copied. Gabriella Schittek confirmed that this does not happen very often.

**Resolution 107-02:**
In accordance with the Guideline for ccNSO General meetings section 10, the ccNSO Council approves subscription of NomCom appointees and other Councilors not subscribed to the ccNSO members email list, for the duration of their on the ccNSO Council.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

**7 Council Updates**

7.1 Chair Update

The Chair reported that he his ccNSO-related work had consisted of the letter to the CWG/CCWG clarifying the term “broad support”, the conversations with CWG/CCWG co-chairs about the difficulties to meet the expectations on the ccNSO to come to a decision in Buenos Aires regarding the proposals. He also mentioned a note that was sent to Steve Crocker regarding the FoI Working Group recommendations.

7.2 Vice-Chair Update

No further updates were noted from the vice-chairs.

7.3 Councilors Update

No Council updated were noted.

7.4 Regional Organisations Update

Peter Van Roste reported that CENTR had submitted comments to the CWG and would do the same for the CCWG. He also reported on the outcomes of the latest CENTR Board meeting discussions on the future of Internet governance.

7.5 Staff Updates

Kristina Nordstrom reported that the ccTLD cocktail in Buenos Aires had been in jeopardy due to lack of sponsors but that the issue now had been resolved.

**8 Working Group Updates**

8.1 SOP Working Group Update

Bart Boswinkel reported that the SOP Working Group had submitted its comments to the FY16 Ops-plan and Budget. He also noted that members of the group had a call with the ICANN finance department to further explain the comments, and that this would be discussed in Buenos Aires.
8.2 SECIR Working Group Update

Gabriella Schittek reported that the ccTLD-OPS email list is up and running and that the group and secretariat is in the process of subscribing ccTLDs to the list.

8.3 Rules and Guidelines Review Committee Update

Katrina Sataki reported that the group is in the process of reviewing the ccNSO guidelines and that a proposal on how to re-write them to make them more comprehensive would be presented. She also noted that the group would update the community on the work in Buenos Aires.

8.4 Cross-Community Working Group Updates

- Use of Country and Territory Names as TLDs
  
  Working on assessment on two-letter codes. History of Country names be included, how two-letter codes have been assigned in the past.

- Principles and Framework for Cross-Community Working Groups
  
  Bart Boswinkel reported that this Working Group had been dormant lately due to other time consuming activities but that it would pick up it's work shortly.

8.5 Meetings Program Working Group Update

Katrina Sataki reported that a draft agenda for the ccNSO members meeting had been published and that the group would continue to fine-tune it.

9 Liaison Updates

The Chair asked for comments or questions to the ALAC and GNSO liaison updates. No comments were noted.

10 ccNSO Work Plan

The Chair asked for comments or questions to the ccNSO Work Plan. No comments were noted.

11 Date of Next Meetings

The Chair reminded the Councillors of the upcoming Council meetings.

28 May 2015: Informal meeting, 12:00 UTC
24 June 2015: Face-to face meeting, Buenos Aires
20 August 2015, 12:00 UTC
12 AOB

No other business was noted.

The meeting closed.