ccNSO Council Call
02.10.2007

Attendees:

Becky Burr
Lesley Cowley, .uk
Victor Ciza, .bi
Chris Disspain, .au
Mohammed El Bashir, .sd
Ondrej Filip, .cz
Olivier Guillard, .fr
Hiro Hotta, .jp
Paulos Nyirenda, .mw
Patricio Poblete, .cl
Oscar Robles, .mx
Charles Shaban
Dotty Sparks de Blanc, .vi

Observers:

Bart Boswinkel, ICANN Staff
Siavash Shahshahani, ALAC liaison
Gabriella Schittek, ccNSO Secretariat
Margarita Valdes Cortes, LACTLD

1. Initiation of ccPDP

The Chair presented the three first proposed resolutions that would lead to the initiation of a ccPDP and invited those present to discussions and comments.

No discussion occurred.

16-01 IT WAS RESOLVED that in accordance with Annex B section 1 of the ICANN Bylaws the ccNSO Council requests an Issue Report be prepared:

1. To establish if Article IX of the ICANN by laws applies to IDN ccTLDs associated with the ISO 3166-1 two letter codes, and if it does not then to establish if Article IX should apply.

2. To establish whether the ccNSO should launch a PDP to develop the policy for the selection and delegation of IDN ccTLDs associated with the ISO 3166-1 two-letter codes. In preparing the Issue Report the Issue Manager should advise on any other policy matters or by law changes that will need to be considered as a consequence of applying the bylaws to IDN ccTLDs and developing the IDN ccTLD policy.

In preparing the Issue Report, and, in proposing a time line for conducting each stage of the ccPDP, the Issue Manager should take into consideration the joint ccNSO GAC Issues Paper, the technical limitations and requirements, and any other matters that the Issues Manager considers to be of relevance.

16-02 IT WAS RESOLVED that in accordance with Annex B section 2 of the ICANN Bylaws the ccNSO Council appoints Bart Boswinkel as Issues Manager.

16-03 IT WAS RESOLVED to form a Council sub-committee to act as a steering group for the PDP, and to liaise with and assist the Issue Manager on behalf of the Council. The sub-committee will have 6 members being 1 Councillor from each geographic region and the Chair of the ccNSO Council. The Issue Manager will issue a call for volunteers shortly.

2. Discussion on IDNC Track and Letter

2.1 Letter

The letter which is planned to be sent to every ccTLD manager in order to find out whether there is a pressing need in the community for an IDN fast-track approach.

Comments on the last version were submitted by *Patricio Poblete* and *Siavash Shahshahani*, regarding the references to ICP-1 and the GAC principles.

The Chair explained that the reason for putting them in the letter was to create a set of boundaries that make it usable as guidelines. He suggested rephrasing the sentence leading up to the references ("/…/ and is generally accepted that any implementation would have to be in compliance with"), using the word "may" (/…/ may be in compliance with").

Patricio, however, maintained the opinion that the mention of the references is problematic and preferred the letter not to go into details.

Siavash agreed and also suggested eliminating question four from the questionnaire.

Oscar Robles suggested striking all references in order to keep the survey very simple.

It was finally agreed that all references would be taken out of the letter and put into a background section. A reference to the background section would then be given. Question four would also be eliminated, as per Siavash's suggestion.

The Chair promised to have the redraft ready the following day for the Councillors to have one final look. If no objections are received within the set deadline, the letter will be treated as accepted.

Olivier Guillard asked whether the evaluation of the survey would consider the numbers of ccTLDs, or the population behind the ccTLDs.

The Chair explained that in his personal view, the population is of less importance, whilst the numbers of ccTLDs that explain a pressing need will be more essential. However, he suggested waiting with any assessment, seeing what the results of the survey would be.

16-04 IT WAS RESOLVED that the ccNSO Council endorses the fact finding mission of the Chair of the ccNSO to see whether pressing need for the introduction of a limited number of IDN ccTLD in a short time frame. To this end the Chair will send the annexed letter to ccTLD managers.

2.2 Fast Track

The Chair then explained that in parallel to the Council's request for an Issue Report as a first step in launching a ccPDP on the introduction of IDN ccTLDs, the ccNSO Council will also explore the possibility of a short track/interim approach. The suggested resolution would enable the Chair and Bart Boswinkel to commence work on a fast track document.

The Council was asked for comments and questions on the proposed resolution.

Lesley Cowley stated she had a comment on the IDNC-track paper itself. Councillors were asked to submit their comments on the document by email. It was agreed that some more work needs to be done to it before it would be sent out.

16-05 IT WAS RESOLVED that the ccNSO Council requests the preparation of a draft report setting out:
a) A description of the scope of a fast track/interim approach and how it interfaces with the IDN ccPDP;
b) A clear description of a suggested process for the development of mechanisms for the introduction of a limited set of IDN ccTLDs. This process should allow for a phased approach, in order to enable full discussion of the issues with the ccNSO membership, other ccTLD managers, the GAC and other relevant stakeholders at face-to face meetings, and, a determining role of the ccNSO membership and the GAC on the outcome of the process.
c) A time line for the proposed process. The draft report has to be available on 15 October, for discussion by the ccNSO Council on (17 or 18 October) and to be published on 22 October, to allow for full discussion of the short track/interim approach at ccNSO meeting in LA.

3. Adoption Final Regions Report

3.1 Adoption of the Final WG Report on ICANN's Geographic Regions & Request Council Chair to submit the Report to the ICANN Board

The Chair introduced the next agenda item, reminding the group that the goal is to have the Final Regions Report endorsed and to instruct the Chair to send it to the ICANN Board.

Lesley Cowley pointed out that the Council resolution should highlight the one and only recommendation that is made to the ICANN board in the report – the creation of a community-wide Working Group to study and review the issues related to the definition of the ICANN Geographic Regions - which is described on page 18 of the Geographic Regions Report.

The Secretariat was instructed to implement the wording into the resolution.

16-06 IT WAS RESOLVED that the ccNSO Council adopts the Final Report by the ccNSO Regions Working Group For Submission to the ICANN Board dated 24 September 2007, as a ccNSO Board submission paper
www.ccnso.icann.org/workinggroups/ccnso-final-report-regions-wg-240907.pdf

In adopting the report, the ccNSO Council recommends the ICANN Board to appoint a community-wide Working Group to further study and review the issues related to the definition of the ICANN Geographic Regions, to consult with all stakeholders and submit proposals to the Board to resolve the issues relating to the current definition of the ICANN Geographic Regions.

Olivier Guillard abstained from the resolution.

16-07 IT WAS RESOLVED to request to Chair of the ccNSO to submit the Final report to the ICANN Board and the recommendation of the ccNSO.

Olivier Guillard was not in favour of the resolution to submit the report to the ICANN Board.

3.2 Adopt a Mechanism for Self-selection as Proposed by the Working Group and Request Implementation

The Chair explained that there was a second resolution to be discussed, requesting the implementation of a mechanism for self-selection, as proposed in the Regions Working Group Report.

However, he suggested discussing this recommendation at the Council meeting in Los Angeles, as he felt that Councillors would need to re-read the report in detail and then have face-to-face discussions on adopting a mechanism for self-selection.

3.3 Thank the Regions Working Group and in Particular its' Chair, David Archbold

16-08 IT WAS RESOLVED to close the working Group on ICANN Geographic Regions , and to thank its members for all their hard work leadership in dealing with the complex set of issues relating to the ICANN Geographic Regions. The Council wants to thank in particular the chair of the working group, David Archbold.

4. Working Group Participation Charter

Lesley Cowley explained that the Participation Working Group's Charter was developed basing on the discussions held in Puerto Rico. It has been approved by nearly all Working Group members.

The Chair asked for comments or question. No comments were noted.

16-09 IT WAS RESOLVED that the ccNSO Council approves the charter for the ccNSO Participation Working Group as submitted.
http://www.ccnso.icann.org/workinggroups/ccnso-participation-wg-charter.pdf

5. Charter Mailing List

The Chair then asked for comments or questions on the proposed Charter of the ccTLD Community Mailing list. He reminded the group that the intention was to set up an authoritative mailing list for the ccTLD community.

Olivier asked whether the list of subscribers will be published to everybody and whether the email archives would be open for everyone, or just to the subscribers.

It was recognised that these two issues had not been dealt with properly in the Charter and Bart agreed to correct this.

The Chair then noted that he is endeavouring to use ccnso.org as a host address for the mailing list. It was expected that this will be done in time for the Los Angeles meeting.

6. ccNSO Application Form

Gabriella Schittek updated that the proposed simplified ccNSO Application form currently is being checked by ICANN's lawyers, but that no major change is envisaged.

16-10 IT WAS RESOLVED that the ccNSO Council adopts the Application Form for the ccNSO as proposed www.ccnso.icann.org/applications/application.pdf, and designates this form to be the ccNSO membership Application Form in accordance with Article IX section 4.2 of the ICANN by laws, as of 8 October 2007.

7. Upcoming Elections

7.1 Filling Bernie Turcotte's position

Gabi explained that the nomination email for the North American Region to fill Bernie Turcotte's position had been sent a week earlier. The nomination period ends on the 9th October. No nomination had been received so far.

7.2 Upcoming ccNSO Council Nominations 2008

The chair noted that following seats become vacant in 2008: Mohammed El Bashir (Africa), Hiro Hotta (Asia-Pacific), Ondrej Filip (Europe), Eduardo Santoyo (Latin America), Dotty Sparks de Blanc (North America).

After the Los Angeles meeting an election process will be sent out in order to prepare for the upcoming nominations.

8. Sunsets for ccTLDs

The Chair informed that despite a possible timing challenge, the topic of retirement of ccTLDs will be on the agenda at the Los Angeles meeting. This is mainly because of Peter Dengate-Thrush's email to the Council on the topic. He noted that the issue has started to become more obvious for people and that the ccNSO should at least discuss it, even if not much can be done about it.

9. AOB

Gabi reminded the Councillors to reply to the ongoing DNSSEC survey. The deadline is 12th October 2007. A brief report on the outcome will be given at the Los Angeles meeting.

The Chair then closed the meeting.