ccNSO Council Call Minutes
15th October 2008

Attendees

Nashwa Abdelbaki
Bart Boswinkel
Becky Burr
Chris Disspain
Keith Drazek
Ondrej Filip
Erick Iriarte Ahon
Slobodan Markovic
Oscar Moreno
Paulos Nyirenda
Oscar Robles
Gabriella Schittek
Dotty Sparks de Blanc
Peter Van Roste

Apologies

Lesley Cowley
Patrick Hosein
Hiro Hotta
Young-Eum Lee
Patricio Poblete

1) Confirmation of Approval of Minutes and Actions from Council Call 16th September

The Chair opened the meeting and asked for comments on the minutes from the 16th September. No comments were noted.

He then ran through the action points from the previous meeting.

Referring to action 33-02 ("*The Chair to discuss the number of Working Group members in the GAC-ccNSO Working Group*"), the GAC has identified their working group members; however, final confirmation is still needed. Hilde Thunem has requested to nominate a "backup" person. The Working Group is to discuss whether this is a good initiative for all Working Group members.

Referring to action 33-07 *("The Chair to find out what the reply from MacAfee was regarding participation at the next ccNSO meeting."),* no reply received to email to MacAffee.

Referring to action 33-09 *("The Chair to draft a letter to the ICANN Board on what the ccNSO thinks the role of the NomCom should be."),* the Chair said he will have a draft letter ready within a few days for the Council to approve. He has also spoken to Jian Zhang (.cn) and explained the situation. It was agreed that she will be copied into any correspondence to the board regarding this.

2) USG Call for Comments on Signing Root Zone

The Chair said he had put the item on the agenda in order to draw attention to the fact that ICANN has put in a suggestion on how the root should be signed, as has VeriSign. The US government has now opened a call for comments, which is closing in November and the Chair said that it would be good if comments could be put in.

Becky Burr said she was extremely concerned about the timing of the call for comments, which she felt was most inappropriate, as it is happening around elections and holidays. She also thought it is creating a bad dynamic, as ICANN is in the middle of discussions on creating an institutional confidence in the organisation and wondered whether the USG had chosen the timing on purpose in order to create pressure.

The Chair agreed that the timing is bad but clarified that it was partly tied to the "Kaminsky vulnerability" which was discovered a few months ago. As it is clear that DNSSEC can solve the problem to a certain degree, there was a greater push from the community to have the root signed – and this speeded up the process to submit a proposal. The Chair also noted that the USG is tying the signing of the root zone to the current IANA contract.

The Chair underlined that although he agrees the timing is badly chosen, his biggest concern, personally, is VeriSign's proposal, as he felt it would be inappropriate having a for-profit company signing the root zone.

Keith Drazek noted that there will be a session on DNS Vulnerability in Cairo and he suggested giving the cc's some time to comment and ask questions during this session.

Bart Boswinkel suggested that Kim Davies should be asked to deliver a timeline so that people understand the time the process will take, following the DoC procedures.

Action 34-01
The Secretariat to ask Kim Davies to present a timeline during his presentation on DNS Vulnerability in Cairo.

3) Update on Reconstitution of ccNSO-GAC Working Group

The topic was dealt with under "Update of Actions" (Action 33-02).

4) Update on Travel Funding Process

Dotty Sparks de Blanc gave an overview on the proposed Travel Funding Process which the Processes Working Group had developed.

She explained that the group had tried to develop a simple method which would require as little decisions and involvement as possible. The basic idea is that one Councillor from each region gets funding for each meeting. The rest of the funding is shared by a group listed under the "other" category, which might be speakers, Working Group Chairs or members, etc. Funding that Councillors do not want to accept, will go to the "other" pot.

The Chair said that the Councillors need some extra time to consider the proposal and asked to have it sent once again to the Council list. The Council would then take a final decision on the recommendations in Cairo.

Action 34-02
The Secretariat to resend the suggested travel support paper to the Council email list for input.

5) Working Group Update

IANA Working Group

As the Working Group Chair did not attend the call, no report was received.

Participation Working Group

Oscar Robles updated that the final report of the Participation Working Group Survey has been published.

Processes Working Group

In addition to what was mentioned under the "Update on Travel Funding process"; *Bart Boswinkel* said that the group still needs to deal with the interaction with ICANN on the Strategic & Operational Planning processes as well as develop a system for appointments to the NomCom.

Tech Working Group

The Chair informed that Eberhard Lisse is busy getting ready for the Cairo meeting. He also asked Nashwa Abdelbaki to contact Eberhard regarding a presentation from the local host.

6) Cairo Meetings Agenda

- Council Workshop

The Chair confirmed that the Workshop for Councillors will take place on Sunday afternoon and will be led by Patrick Sharry. The goals which were established during the previous workshop in New Delhi will be reviewed.

Dotty Sparks de Blanc asked whether the goals could be sent to the Councillors as a reminder prior to the meeting.

Action 34-03
The Secretariat to send the goals established at the Council Workshop in New Delhi to the Council list prior to the Council workshop.

- Members meeting

No comments were noted.

- Council meeting

No comments were noted.

- Meetings with other SOs

No comments were noted.

7) Council Elections Update

Each region, except the European, has nominated and seconded prospective Councillors within the nomination period.

For the Asia-Pacific region, three candidates are nominated, which means that elections will be necessary.

For the European region, Juhani Juselius, .fi, was nominated and seconded but after the nomination period ended. The Council therefore needed to decide on whether to accept the nomination.

As there was no quorum on the call, the Chair suggested that the issue should be put forward to the Council list, formally requesting the approval of Juhani's nomination.

Action 34-04
The Secretariat to forward the nomination of Juhani Juselius to the ccNSO Council email list for the Councillors' approval.

The Chair further noted that based on the lack of response from the European region the ccNSO may have an issue getting its members engaged.. He suggested that this should be dealt with during the Council Workshop as well.

Peter Van Roste said he had talked to CENTR members who also are ccNSO members about the elections and the general feeling was that they were not sure they would be able to cope with the workload such an engagement would mean. This should also be discussed in the Council workshop.

8) NomCom Letter

This issue was dealt with under "Update of Actions" (Action 33-09).

9) Minor Change to Application Process

Gabriella Schittek asked the Council to approve ending the acceptance of fax applications to the ccNSO. The underlying reason is problems with the archiving of such applications. However, she also noted that fax applications are not very common anyway and she felt that applicants generally are skilled enough to fill in the web application form.

As there was no quorum for taking any decisions during the call, the Chair asked the Secretariat to send out a note on this to the Council list, where the council would decide.

Action 34-05
The ccNSO Secretariat to send out a summary of the request on ending fax applications to the ccNSO Council list where it will be subject to voting.

10) AOB

No other topics were discussed.

The Chair then closed the meeting.