Minutes Council Call
21 April 2008

Attendees

Bart Boswinkel
Chris Disspain
Lesley Cowley
Olivier Guillard
Don Hollander
Hiro Hotta
Patrick Hosein
Young-Eum Lee
Slobodan Markovic
Patricio Poblete
Gabriella Schittek
Dotty Sparks de Blanc
Peter Van Roste

Apologies

Paulos Nyirenda

1) Review of Minutes and Actions

No comments to the minutes were noted.

Gabriella Schittek ran through the list of actions. No comments were noted.

2) Update on Admin Workshop in Paris

The Chair reminded the participants that it was decided during the last Council call that the Participation Working Group was to decide in what format the Admin Workshop was going to be held.

Lesley Cowley said she had discussed the issue with Don Hollander during the AFTLD meeting and had some email exchange with Peter Van Roste on the subject.
Her feeling was that there was a general support for such a session; however, there were different opinions on how it should be organised. This was the point discussions were at at the moment. She continued by noting that the Paris meeting is quickly approaching and that there might be too little time left to set up a meeting then. However, Don Hollander had suggested using Paris to set up a kind of Steering Group which would sort out the agenda for future meetings. The ccNSO Secretariat would then be asked to sort out the logistics for the agenda.

Peter Van Roste confirmed that this is where the issue is at the moment but added that he will have to discuss it with the CENTR board in order to find out the CENTR position.

The Chair said that he acknowledges there is not much time left,and if some kind of admin session did end up being organised it would be challenging holding it on the Tuesday or Wednesday. As the IDN session would be held on Monday morning, he

thought that Monday afternoon would be most suitable, depending on what Eberhard Lisse would be planning for the Tech day.
He wondered whether the Participation Working Group could work on the issue during the next two weeks.

Lesley confirmed that the group would try to come up with some sort of suggestions for the Paris meeting within the coming weeks. Should the result be that no meeting should be organised in Paris, the issue would still be discussed during the Paris meeting.

Bart asked to be included in the discussions of this as well; Lesley agreed to do so.

Action 28-01
The Participation Working Group to come up with suggestions for the format of the Admin Workshop at the Paris meeting.

3) Working Group Update:

GAC Liaison Working Group – The Chair confirmed that he is still working on finding out who is to replace Martin Boyle as the GAC representative on the working group.

IANA Working Group – *Olivier Guillard* informed the meeting that the working group had held a conference call where the new IANA administrative interface as well as DNSSEC at the root level was discussed. The discussions focused on how the root zone keys should be introduced to the root zone and how they should be collected. The DNSSEC paper is still being drafted. A few stakeholders were contacted in order to gain input to the paper.

The working group has further been testing the new IANA interface for administrative changes in the IANA database. Currently, the testing concentrated on changes to the admin contact information. Around ten bugs or unexpected software behaviour has been reported so far.

A list of topics for the IANA Working Group Workplan is circulating on the email list and the suggested topics are now being prioritised. Olivier highlighted that the work on the working group is mainly performed on a voluntary basis, which means that the proposed workplan will not include deadlines, but will only clarify priorities. He noted that the format of the paper to present the IANA Working Group workplan to the community was not yet defined, any suggestions are welcome.

Lesley Cowley suggested producing a draft time scale, so that people know when they might be expected to contribute.

IDN Working Group – the Chair suggested that this group should be closed, as the work was now undertaken by the IDNC Working Group.

IDNC Working Group – the Chair said that the group had a very useful meeting in Dubai. He asked Bart to send out the notes from the meeting to the ccNSO Council

Action 28-02
Bart Boswinkel to send out the Dubai meeting notes to the ccNSO Council.

The Chair continued saying there had been basic consensus on a significant amount of issues. One problematic area was the issue about the language committee and he felt this issue could not easily be overcome. The Chair was also optimistic that the group could come up with a solution acceptable to the majority of the GAC and that consensus would be reached on a set of recommendations for the Paris meeting.

One of the biggest "stumbling blocks" is whether the ICANN board will want formal agreements or any type of contractual relationships between the ccTLD managers and ICANN. He underlined that this issue is not to be dealt with by the Working Group, but that one should be aware of it. Another issue is how much the ccTLDs should pay to get an IDN ccTLD.

Young-Eum Lee suggested that a plan, outlining what might be expected to be included in the agreement should be published.

The Chair explained that during the Dubai meeting a question was asked whether the IDN ccTLD agreement would force the ascii ccTLD to sign an Accountability Framework to get the IDN delegation. The Chair had then asked Paul Twomey, who was in the room, to get ICANN to publish some kind of document outlining what would be essentially covered in the IDN ccTLD, in order to avoid misunderstandings. Dr Twomey had agreed on doing so. The Chair promised to follow this up with Paul Twomey, so that it happens in a reasonable time before Paris.

Action 28-03
The Chair to remind Paul Twomey to publish a guideline on what the IDN ccTLD agreement will cover.

Olivier Guillard asked whether the IDN agreement would be written in Unicode or in the xn - - format.

The Chair said he did not know, but would expect it to be written in both.

He then encouraged everyone to read the methodology paper, as it captures everything that can be thought of in respect to IDN ccTLDs. If anyone has any serious objections, they should let the Chair know. The draft final report will be published two weeks before the Paris meeting.

Participation Working Group – Lesley Cowley informed that the participation leaflet has been finalised and the ccNSO Secretariat is now taking action to have it printed and translated in time for the Paris meeting.

The participation survey had received 45 replies when closing. The replies were quite well distributed, except Latin America. Oscar Robles is therefore chasing up countries from the region to gain more answers. Lesley noted that many replies were also received from many non-members, and only 42% of the respondents indicated they attend all meetings. Interestingly, many of the answers on how the ccNSO better can serve the community indicated that it's already by much of what the ccNSO currently is doing.

Hilde and Oscar will do some further analysis to the survey and will present it in Paris.

Olivier asked what the group was doing to the paper on the general improvement of communications – which had been one of the projects of the working group.

Lesley replied that the group had been awaiting the survey results before taking any action on that.

Processes Working Group – Dotty noted that the working group is keeping up well with the guidelines and is hoping to have a set of documents approved by the next council conference call.

Tech Working Group The Chair informed that Eberhard Lisse is working on an agenda.

4) AOB

Gabi reminded the councillors to reply to the Phishing survey. She was asked to resend the survey to the council list.

Action 28-04
The ccNSO Secretariat to send out the Phishing survey to the ccNSO Council list.

Bart wondered whether the ccNSO should arrange a set of conference calls between ccNSO members/non-members and Doug Brent, to talk about the Operational ICANN budget for 2009. The budget will be posted on the 17th May, so any calls should be arranged before then. He referred to the proposed budget, which was posted by the Delhi meeting.

The chair asked Bart to send out the document to the council list and suggested creating a working group or committee to deal with the issue, as he thought it would be hard to deal with the issue as a full council.

Action 28-05
Bart Boswinkel to send out proposed budget to the Council email list.

Lesley Cowley thought it would be better to try to get the membership involved in the process. She pointed out that conference calls on the budget had been arranged in the past between Kurt Pritz and anyone interested.

The Chair suggested that the Chair, Bart and Gabi should have a separate telephone call on the issue to find a solution.

Action 28-06
The Chair, Bart Boswinkel and Gabriella Schittek to define how to coordinate ccNSO input to ICANN budget.

The meeting then closed.