Minutes ccNSO Council Meeting
Paris, 25th June 2008

Attendees

Nashwa Abdelbaki
Bart Boswinkel
Becky Burr
Chris Disspain
Keith Drazek
Mohamed El Bashir
Olivier Guillard
Don Hollander
Patrick Hosein
Hiro Hotta
Erick Iriarte
Young Eum Lee
Slobodan Markovic
Oscar Moreno
Michuki Mwange
Paulos Nyirenda
Patricio Poblete
Oscar Robles (telephone)
Gabriella Schittek
Dotty Sparks de Blanc

Apologies

Victor Ciza
Lesley Cowley

1) Review of Last Minutes and Actions

The Chair informed the Council that the minutes had not yet been completed, so the issue was adjourned to the following Council call.

2) IDNC Recommendations

2.1. Resolutions on the Fast-track

The Chair introduced the four resolutions on the IDNC Working Group fast-track recommendations to the Councillors. He then opened the floor for discussion.

Olivier Guillard asked the Chair to give an update on where the GAC stands on the issue.

The Chair replied that as far as he knows, the GAC seems to support the recommendation, but that he could not be absolutely certain until the GAC communique is ready.

Oscar Robles asked whether the ccNSO is entitled to make a request as outlined in Resolution 31-04 to the ICANN board.

The Chair clarified that the ccNSO can ask the board whatever they like, and then it is up to the board to decide whether they will acknowledge the request. He also added that the GAC also is likely to submit a similar request.

Resolution 31-01
Following the meeting of members today at which clear concensus was reached on the draft Final Report of the IDNC WG:

THE COUNCIL RESOLVES to thank the IDNC WG for its hard work in producing the Final Report.

The resolution was proposed by Olivier Guillard and seconded by Slobodan Markovic.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

Resolution 31-02
THE COUNCIL RESOLVES to welcome the report and endorse the recommendations contained there in.

The resolution was proposed by Mohamed El Bashir and seconded by Keith Drazek

The resolution was passed unanimously.

Resolution 31-03
THE COUNCIL RESOLVES to ask the IDNC WG to submit the report to the ICANN Board, with the endorsement of the recommendations by the ccNSO

The resolution was proposed by Patricio Poblete and seconded by Dotty Sparks de Blanc

The resolution was passed unanimously.

Resolution 31-04
THE COUNCIL RESOLVES to request the Board to instruct the ICANN staff to prepare an implementation plan based on the recommendations contained in the report.

The resolution was proposed by Nashwa Abdelbaki and seconded by Keith Drazek.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

2.2 Resolution on on the IDN ccPDP

The Chair read out the suggested resolution on the IDN ccPDP and then opened the floor for discussion.

Mohamed El Bashir asked whether the time frame for the posting of the report could be specified.

Bart Boswinkel replied that the ccPDP Issues Report is foreseen to be presented by the 15th September 2008.

It was suggested to add the wording *"by the 15th September 2008"* to the suggested resolution.

Resolution 31-05
THE COUNCIL RESOLVES to instruct the Issues Manager to finalise the IDN ccPDP draft as soon as possible so that it can be published for comment by the 15th September 2008.

The resolution was proposed by Young-Eum Lee and seconded by Dotty Sparks de Blanc.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

3) ccNSO Guidelines

The Chair read out the suggested resolution on the adoption of the proposed ccNSO guidelines and then he opened the floor for discussion.

Young Eum Lee asked whether the suggested guidelines also contain information on how to appoint liaisons to the various constituencies.

Bart Boswinkel confirmed that this was part of the guidelines.

Resolution 31-06
THE COUNCIL RESOLVES to thank the processes working group for its proposed guidelines and resolves to adopt the guidelines and instructs the secretariat to publish them on the ccNSO website.

The resolution was proposed by Young-Eum Lee and seconded by Patrick Hosein.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

4) Attack and Disaster Response Planning

The Chair read out the email which he had received from Steve Conte, where the ccNSO is asked to engage in a dialogue with ccTLDs on Disaster Response Planning.

He asked the Councillors for input.

Dotty Sparks de Blanc referred to the sentence on Regional Organisations in the email and pointed out that there is no Regional Organisation for North America, so that provisions should be made to engage the North American ccTLD operators in another Regional Organisation.

Don Hollander replied that the APTLD currently is deeply involved in security issues together with APNIC, including a project on Attach and Disaster Response Planning, and that everyone is invited to join.

Resolution 31-07
THE COUNCIL RESOLVES that it acknowledges receipt of the email from Steve Conte, ICANN Staff, regarding attack and disaster response planning. The Council believes that this is a useful initiative that should be pursued mainly in consultation with the regional organisations. The Council will provide assistance where necessary.

The resolution was proposed by Olivier Guillard and seconded by Nashwa Abdelbaki.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

5) ccNSO IANA Working Group Update

Olivier Guillard highlighted that there are currently three main topics considered within the ccNSO IANA Working Group: the new IANA software, signing the root and the Working Group workplan.

IANA software: Upon IANA demand, the ccNSO IANA WG proposed a testing approach last April and coordinated a testing initiative. All ccs were invited to participate. IANA dedicated resources to support the testing (bug tracker, mailing list etc.). The testers reported about bugs and provided their feebacks during the testing process. Due to the IANA process flow, including DNS technical checks implemented in the testbed, additional actions were required to fully test the software, which delayed the testing timeline. In the meantime, on the 12th June IANA announced the cessation of the public software testing. The IANA Working Group provided an interim report about it over the IANA public session: The tester's view is that the software does not seem to be ready for operations. The testers also asked for additional information on the added value of the software as the benefit of it was not clear to them. The whole process and information about the IANA Working Group testing approach is documented on the ccNSO web site.

Signing the root zone: The issue is still ongoing and is being considered by the Working Group. The draft workplan indicated that the Working Group would be able to deliver a reply to the ccNSO Council's question on root zone signing during the Paris meeting, but it turned out not being possible, as cc's are still being consulted. The RSSAC has also been approached and will provide formal input after July. Hopefully, the Working Group will have their input ready by Cairo.

IANA Working Group Workplan: A draft workplan has been prepared and submitted to the cc's, after consulting the ccNSO Council. It consists of two documents – one about the IANA context, introducing the ccNSO IANA Working Group activities, the other one lists a set of actions scheduled for 2009. The plan was presented at the public IANA session. Some input was received from the community and a new paper will be proposed shortly after the Paris meeting, including the received comments. If the Council agrees, the secretariat will post it on the website again for wider consultations. The plan needs to be approved at the Cairo meeting.

Patricio Poblete asked if Olivier could elaborate a bit more on the topic of the automated system, as he was worried that the cc community might approve something it doesn't know.

Olivier clarified that when IANA started to deploy its software, IANA said that it was designed with the goal to improve IANA's operations and perfromance and called for testers to check if the software was in order. When it was launched, the testers dispatched the work to test different areas. It was noticed that there were still some bugs in the software, and a bug-tracking process was established. However, the group has not been able to go through the whole testing, as it got delayed due to technical problems. Secondly, it seems that the process flow of IANA hasn't changed, as manual reviews still need to be performed internally and externally by VeriSign and the DoC, therefore it is not clear what benefits the software will bring.

Patricio Poblete asked whether the testers perhaps could come up with more definite recommendations on whether the software should be deployed, or not.

Olivier replied that this will not be possible without some more work on the issue.

Dotty Sparks de Blanc said that the impression she got after the VeriSign presentation on the previous day was that VeriSign thought that the ccNSO was too sloow in doing their testings and didn't wan't to wait.

Becky Burr expressed her concern that the manual process, especially the one by the DoC would not be removed out of the process and asked whether it could not be made priority.

Olivier replied that the deployment of the software wouldn't change anything with regard to the DoC.

Hiro Hotta said that after talking to the Japanese software testers, he knows that it still needs further testing and called for improving the testing plan so that the tests can be performed appropriately.

The Chair suggested that Olivier should send out a note to the Councill on the issue and that it would then be disussed during the next Council call and decided what next steps need to be taken.

Dotty Sparks de Blanc said that as the testers have been dismissed by IANA to continue the testings, a response now would be appropriate.

The Chair said that he will draft a letter which he will send to all Councillors. It will clearly state that the ccNSO is not happy about the interrupted testing. The issue would then be discussed in more detail at the next Council call.

Action 31-01
The Chair to draft a letter to IANA, stating the ccNSO is not happy that the testing of the new software has not been able to be completed. The letter is to be circulated on the ccNSO Council list.

6) Administrative Workshop Cairo

The Chair suggested that since the Participation Working Group has said they will come up with a solution on what is needed for the Admninistrative Workshop, the item should be moved to the next Council meeting.

7) McAfee Report

The Chair reminded the group that several ccTLDs had expressed their concern about the recently launched McAfee report, as the findings were perceived as untrue and damaging. He asked the Councillors to think of whether they feel the ccNSO should take any action on the issue and suggested to discuss it during the next Council call. One of the possibilities could be to set up a small working group which would define what the ccNSO should do about it.

Don Hollander informed that APTLD is addressing the issue and McAfee has been invited to participate in the next APTLD meeting to explain the details behind the report. He suggested that it could be useful if the ccNSO could invite APTLD to its administrative workshop in Cairo to have them explaining their ranking.

8) .dz ccNSO membership application

The Chair informed that Algeria (.dz) has submitted an application for a ccNSO membership. IANA has confirmed that the application is in order from their point of view.

Resolution 31-08
THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to approve .dz application for ccNSO membership.

The resolution was proposed by Nashwa Abdelbaki and seconded by Slobodan Markovic.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

9) AOB

9.1 ccNSO Dinner

Olivier Guillard suggested to pass a resolution for thanking all the sponsors for their support in organising the ccNSO dinner

Resolution 31-09
THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to thank .au, .mx, .nl, .nz, .tw, .uk, .us, college international/AFTLD for sponsoring the ccNSO dinner.

The resolution was proposed by Olivier Guillard and seconded by Nashwa Abdelbaki.

The resolution was passed by acclamation.

The Chair then suggested to thank Olivier Guillard for organising the dinner.

Resolution 31-10
THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to thank Olivier Guillard for his extraordinary job in organising the ccNSO dinner.

The resolution was passed by acclamation.

9.2 Domain Name Front Running

Slobodan Markovic reminded the Council that the issue of Front Running was mentioned by the ICANN Board earlier in the day and asked whether the ccNSO Council should take any action on it.

The Chair suggested first getting a briefing on the issue, and then putting it on the agenda. He suggested tasking the ccNSO Secretariat to write a briefing paper on the issue in time for the next Council call.

Action 31-02
The ccNSO Secretariat to write a briefing paper on Domain Name Front Running in time for the next ccNSO Council call.

9.3. ccTLD Community Email List

Mohamed El Bashir asked for an update on the ccTLD Community Email List.

Gabriella Schittek informed that the list now has nearly 100 subscribers and that it continues growing.

9.4 ccNSO –GAC Working Group

The Chair suggested that the ccNSO – GAC Working Group should become reconstituted, as new GAC members to the group are about to be appointed, including the Working Group Chair. He suggested that the membership from the ccNSO side should be expanded in order to bring more activity into the group. However, this would mean a change to the Working Group structure, which means that a resolution needs to be passed by the Council.

Action 31-03
The Secretariat to draft a resolution for a change to the ccNSO/GAC Working Group structure in time for the next Council call.

9.5 Replacement of member to ccNSO IANA Working Group

Olivier Guillard informed that Ali Drissa Badiel from Burkina-Faso is no more linked to the .bf registry, which means that someone else from the African region needs to take his place on the ccNSO IANA Working Group. A call for replacement will be launched soon.

The meeting then closed.