GAC / ccNSO Liaison Group Report

To ccNSO members at ICANN Seoul

There is no joint meeting in Seoul, but I am hopeful we will be able to arrange a meeting of this group during ICANN Seoul, and that some members of the group will also be able to meet with GAC representatives during the meeting.

I have a recommendation for the ccNSO members that the ccTLD members of the liaison group be increased to 2 members per region, as follows:

- Asia Pacific - Keith Davidson(.nz) and Gihan Dias (.lk)

- Europe - Annebeth Lange (.no) and Martin Boyle (.uk)

- North America - Keith Drazek (.us) and Byron Holland (.ca)

- South America - Oscar Robles-Garay (.mx) and Patricio Poblete (.ch)

- Africa - Paulos Nyirenda (.mw) and Vika Mpisane (.za)

My reason for seeking this increase in membership is to enable this group to proceed with its work with sufficient representation, as we have struggled significantly to have adequate representation at each ICANN meeting, due to the non attendance and general busy-ness of some of the group. I have asked the potential new members of their willingness to serve on this group, and have deliberately sought individuals who are frequent ICANN meeting attendees and are well known particularly in their regions.

The current items we have on our agenda to discuss with the GAC include:

- Ongoing liaison on IDN's for ccTLD's   (Priority 1)

- Protection of geographic names in new gTLD's

- Ongoing ICANN regions (low priority for the GAC)

- ccNSO Delegations / Re-delegations Working Group

- We are hopeful of the possibility of a joint GAC / ccNSO lunch and meeting at the next ICANN meeting

If any ccNSO members have any suggestions relating to topics they would like raised with the GAC for inclusion in future joint GAC ccNSO meetings, please either let me know, or raise the issue with one of your regional representatives on this group.

Keith Davidson
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