ccNSO Council Meeting

28 March 2006

Wellington, New Zealand

Chris Disspain (Chair)
Eva Frölich
Olivier Guillard
Paulos Nyirenda
Oscar Robles
Bart Vastenburg
Hiro Hotta
Ondrej Filip
Fernando Espana
Slobodan Markovic
Bernie Turcotte
Young Eum Lee
Patricio Poblete
Dotty Sparks de Blanc

Apologies
Charles Sha'ban
Victor Ciza
Mohamed El Bashir

The Chair welcomed members to the ccNSO Council meeting and to those viewing via the webcast. Council members introduced themselves.

1.   PDP—National law issue

The Council recalled that at the Vancouver meeting, during the joint ccNSO/GAC meeting, it was agreed that the ccNSO GAC Joint Working Group consider the issue excised from the ccPDP regarding national law. The Council requested that the Working Group commence work on this issue.

Whereas Oscar Robles-Garay was appointed as the Chair of the ccNSO GAC Joint Working Group and has more recently advised that he was stepping down from this position.

10.01 IT WAS RESOLVED that Bart Vastenburg be appointed as the Chair of the
        ccNSO GAC Joint Working Group.

Proposed by Bernie Turcotte
Seconded by Eva Frölich
Passed unanimously

2.   Budget working group

Following on from the presentation made by the Budget Working Group at the Wellington Members meeting, the working group was asked to prepare a survey for circulation to the ccNSO's members and other mailing lists regarding the issues raised during the working group presentation http://www.icann.org/presentations/eva-ccnso-wellington-28mar06.pdf . The aim is to get responses from the members as soon as possible to enable substantial discussion in Marrakech.

It was suggested that a minimum 21 day response time be adopted for people to respond to the survey. The Chair encouraged everyone to respond.

3.   New Councillors

The Chair advised that some councillors are stepping down at the end of this meeting. There is a transition clause in the ICANN bylaws for staggered terms during the first three years of the ccNSO.

In the Asia Pacific region, Young Eum Lee stepped down. Ms Lee was re-nominated unopposed and is returned for a three year period.

In the Africa region, Victor Ciza stepped down. Mr Ciza was re-nominated unopposed and is returned for a three year period.

In the European region, Olivier Guillard stepped down. Mr Guillard was re-nominated unopposed and is returned for a three year period.

In the Latin American Caribbean region, Patricio Poblete stepped down. Mr Poblete was re-nominated unopposed and is returned for a three year period.

North America
Fernando Espana stepped down and did not elect to re-nominate. Keith Drazek was the only nominee and has been elected for a three year period.

Whereas Fernando Espana's term expires at the end of this meeting.

10.02 IT WAS RESOLVED that Fernando Espana be thanked for his time and effort in is term as a ccNSO Councillor.

Passed by acclamation.

4.   IANA working group—interim chair and charter

Whereas Bernie Turcotte has stepped down from the position of Chair of the ccNSO IANA Working Group, it is necessary to appoint an interim Chair until the Marrakech meeting.

10.03 IT WAS RESOLVED that Olivier Guillard be appointed as interim Chair of the ccNSO IANA Working Group.

Proposed by Bernie Turcotte
Seconded by Ondrej Filip
Passed unanimously

The ccNSO IANA Working Group Charter has been sent to the list via email. It will be sent to the members to comment. The charter will also be posted to the web site.

Olivier Guillard advised that IANA is performing various technical checks before proceeding to ccTLD updates when asked by registries.
Those checks, which are currently being reviewed in the ccNSO IANA WG, will need to be known and taken into account by the ccNSO Practise Guidelines WG.

Whereas Bernie Turcotte was the inaugural Chair of the working group and has recently stepped down from this position.

10.04 IT WAS RESOLVED that Bernie be formally thanked for his considerable work in this area.

Proposed by Olivier Guillard
Seconded by Dotty Sparks de Blanc
Passed by acclamation

5.   Nominating committee

The Chair asked if clarification should be sought from the Nominating Committee regarding statements of interest received from members of constituencies. The Chair advised that Adam Peake who is the Associate Chair of the Nominating Committee advised him that if a person nominates for the Board through the Nominating Committee process and that person has previously been nominated for the Board through the ccNSO and not been elected, then the Nominating Committee would probably look at that and see that this is a second chance to get on the Board. If the person was in the ccTLD community and had not done that, then that would be viewed differently. In the case of the GNSO if someone has been around for a very long time and sought selection through the Nominating Committee they would ask why they hadn't applied through their internal process. The Chair advised that none of that is written down and questioned if we should ask that this be clarified formally.

Bart Vastenburg asked if this also applies to other constituencies?

The Chair advised that this is the case, however, it's not clarified and there is a concern that the Nominating Committee are making things up as they go along. Bart Vastenburg agreed that it would have to be clear.

Dotty Sparks de Blanc asked if it was a new Nominating Committee each round.

The Chair advised that it is a new chair each year, the previous chair serves as advisor to the chair, and members can serve on the Nominating Committee twice.

It was agreed that the Chair write to the Nominating Committee seeking advice on this issue. A draft would be sent to Council next week for consideration and approval.

6.   Verisign

The Chair recalled that following the Vancouver meeting, the ccNSO requested that ICANN staff provide a document which explains how the settlement proposal meets ICANN core values as stated in its Bylaws and benefits the Internet community in general. http://www.ccnso.icann.org/announcements/ccnso-resolution-08dec05.pdf

As no reply has been received, Council agreed to re-send the request, specifically to Peter Dengate-Thrush asking him to carry the issue forward.

7.   ccTLD practice guidelines

The Chair advised that this was something that was going to be discussed with members during the Wellington meeting, but unfortunately we ran out of time. At the meeting in Vancouver several requests were received for guidelines or advice for running a ccTLD. It is not a best practice guide because you cannot set a standard that ccTLDs may not be able to achieve. However, guidelines about what sort of things a ccTLD manager should do to make the operation as safe and secure as possible is something that could be developed. The Chair asked the Council if this is something we should be doing?

Olivier Guillard advised that he does not feel comfortable with recommending minimum standards because we don't know the constraints of every ccTLD.

The Chair advised that as it's a guideline being proposed, politically it's quite different.

Bart Vastenburg agreed it was good idea that the ccNSO meetings should focus on where registries can improve. He considered an exchange of operational best practices would be useful.

The Chair considered that this illustrates the difficulty of the word 'best practice'.

Eva Frölich supported the idea and considered that best practices/guidelines could be developed in the process.

Dotty Sparks de Blanc asked if it could be called operational procedures reference.

The Chair agreed that this may work.

Young Eum Lee considered that if we think of an exchange of best practices, why don't we have information sharing sessions during our meetings rather than coming up with a guideline.

Patricio Poblete considered before we can come up with best practices we have to collect the data and see what works best. We should collect case studies.

Dotty Sparks de Blanc felt it is important to have it in writing rather than part of the discussion in meeting because it provides a frame of reference to others.

Oscar Robles-Garay considered it complicated to come up with final drafting of guidelines and agreed with Young Eum Lee and Patricio Poblete's option is probably the best at the moment.

The Chair considered that a small working group on ccTLD manager should be established on this issue.

Slobodan Markovic sought clarification on whether it is supposed to cover only technical parts of the operation. [Yes]

Eva Frölich asked with respect to the perfect registry presentation, is that something that could be bought up as some best practices of how to meet that demand from the registrars side?

The Chair said no, that what the registrars were talking about was what would make their life easier with ccTLDs. Really it's for each individual ccTLD to deal with their own policy. However you could, if you wanted to, have a discussion about policy mechanisms and how you would set policy.

Bart Vastenburg asked how does that relate to previous attempts.

The Chair advised that a forum for information sharing is the best approach, not suggesting mandating any form of anything and we haven't been asked to look at policy issues.

Bart Vastenburg asked can we get completely clear on the working group and how long it will stay in existence.

Olivier Guillard advised that for the IANA working group technical checks is one of the minimum requirements. With regard to the setting up of the working group, is the idea to build a charter when the group is put together?

The Chair suggested that we agree to call for volunteers to the list to form the working group to discuss the provision of technical information sharing/gathering in the ccTLD community.

The Council agreed with this approach.

8.   IDNS—joint ccNSO/GNSO working group

The Chair advised that following presentations from Bruce Tonkin and Hiro Hotta at the members' meeting, members are comfortable with setting up joint group with three members from the ccNSO and three from the GNSO.

Hiro Hotta advised that his understanding is that the joint working group is chartered to come up with issue paper within a couple of weeks. The liaison with the ccTLD community may be a long way off because it is a very short timeframe and the mandate is to come up with issue report not recommendations.

Eva Frölich noted that she is very pleased that we are setting up with this working group and that it is a very important issue which takes up a lot of time.

Whereas Mohamed El Bashir, Hiro Hotta and Charles Sha'ban have previously been nominated to represent the ccNSO on IDN issues.

10.05 IT WAS RESOLVED that Mohamed El Bashir, Hiro Hotta and Charles Sha'ban be asked to be the ccNSO's three members on the joint working group.

Propsed by Dotty Sparks de Blanc
Seconded by Eva Frölich
Passed unanimously

9.   Internet governance forum

The Chair recalled that during Markus Kummer's presentation on the Internet Governance Forum at the ccNSO members meeting, he said he would enthusiastic about representation from the ccTLD community on the multi-stakeholder advisory group. The advisory group will be a 40 person group to tasked with developing an agenda. The advisory group will meet in Geneva on 19 May 2006, after the second planning meeting and it will be open to attend remotely as well. There is a process for nominating for people to be on this group.

The Chair asked if the ccNSO wants to nominate one or more people to be on this committee?

Olivier Guillard asked what the deadline for nominations is? [19 April 2006]

Bart Vastenburg felt it is crucial that someone from the cc community is there and be involved.

Oscar Robles asked why should we be there?

The Chair advised that if taken at face value that it is not looking at ICANN related issues, that it is more about spam, IDNs, cybercrime things like that, then for some ccTLDs it is not relevant to be there to be involved. But if you don't take it at face value, it is the case that a number of governments are still trying to drag ICANN stuff back into the internet government forum.

Bart Vastenburg noted that for the issues which are not ccTLD related it is good to explain the differences between TLD related issues and not. At the end of the day you will see internet governance issues coming back

The Chair read from website intgovtforum.org about the committee:

> *In light of the consultations on the convening of the IGF, held in Geneva on 16 - 17 February 2006, the Secretary-General will set up a multi-stakeholder Advisory Group to assist him in this task. The Group will consist of about forty members, representing governments, private sector and civil society and include members of the academic and technical communities. The members of the group will be chosen in their personal capacity. All stakeholders are invited to submit recommendations for members of the Advisory Group to the IGF secretariat by 18 April (igf@unog.ch). Relevant intergovernmental organizations are welcome to attend the meetings of the Advisory Group.*

He asked do we consider ourselves to be a stakeholder in this community. We don't know what's going to happen in Greece.

Paulos Nyirenda wanted to find out what constituency of the WSIS ccs would fit in since WSIS participation is normally divided into such items as government, civil society and private sector.

The Chair advised that the ccs would be in civil society. This is why setting this meeting up will be problematic because organisations cut across a number of spectrums.   He suggested that a note be sent out to the members list.

Whereas the Council agreed that there would be benefit in having ccTLDs represented on the advisory group.

10.06 IT WAS RESOLVED that the ccNSO should nominate representative/s to participate in the Internet Governance Forum via the multi-stakeholder advisory group, and that a request be sent to the members list seeking nominations.

Proposed by Bart Vastenburg
Seconded by Young Eum Lee
Passed unanimously

10.   Other business

a) Bart Vastenburg asked what happened on ccNSO Secretariat. The Chair advised that we have to prepare a paper on it and get it out to the community. We have a suggested budget and we need to know how to raise the money.

b) Young Eum Lee proposed that we thank Chris for the work he has done for putting all of this together.

10.07 IT WAS RESOLVED that the Chair be thanked for the work he has done in putting all of this together.

Passed by acclamation

The Chair encouraged everyone to attend the Internet Governance Workshop sessions being conducted tomorrow.

Meeting closed 4.43pm