ccNSO Communiqué – Brussels June 2010

The ccNSO is pleased to present its report for the meeting in Brussels, Belgium on the 22nd and 23rd June 2010. Approximately 70 ccTLDs were represented at the meeting, as well as many observers.

All those present express their appreciation for the work done in facilitating the meeting by the members of the local host organising committee.

The ICANN Operational plan and ccTLD financial contributions:

The ccNSO held a session with ICANN CFO Kevin Wilson on the ICANN Operational Plan FY2011. The session focused on what sort of details were required to understand the allocation mechanisms used and specifically, which costs are allocated to ccTLDs and ccNSO. During the session it was noted by the ccTLD community that some of the comments and questions submitted on the draft framework FY 2011 were not yet answered. The ccNSO Council submited comments and questions again as part of the public consultation process on the draft operational plan and budget for FY 2011.

With regard to the financial contributions of ccTLDs to ICANN's budget, the ccNSO Council resolved to set up a working group to review and discuss with the ccTLD community and ICANN the current model of financial contribution of ccTLDs to ICANN.

IANA session:

Kim Davies gave an update on changes in IANA. He also clarified that all requirements for the delegation of an (ASCII) ccTLD are applicable for the delegation of IDN ccTLD. This includes the documented support of the local Internet community for the ccTLD manager. Richard Lamb of ICANN provided an update on the generation of the key signing key as part of the operational roll out of DNSSEC . The ccTLD community present welcomed Elise Gerich, new VP IANA, and looks forward to a fruitful cooperation.

Joint GAC-ccTLD session:

The ccNSO and GAC joint session focused on the progress to date of the delegation, re-delegation and retirement working group. The GAC was also informed about the cross SO/AC security & stability working group initiative: individual members of the GAC expressed their willingness to participate in charter drafting and possible future working group.

At the end of the session Janis Karklins was thanked by the chair of the ccNSO on behalf of the ccNSO for his contribution and being instrumental in the immensely improved relation between the GAC and the ccNSO.

ccNSO review:

The ccNSO welcomed the publication of the report and recommendations by the independent reviewers of the ccNSO, ITEMS International. During the session the ccTLD managers present had an initial dialogue with the Board Working group and independent reviewers on the findings and recommendations. The ccNSO will request the Board WG to extend the public comment period until 15 September.

IDN ccPDP and application for country names in new gTLD process:

Substantial progress was made by the working group and the community by adoption of the IDNA BIS definition of IDN (TLD) as a starting point.

Country and Territory Names:

The ccNSO welcomes the changes in Draft Application Guidelines version 4 to exclude country and territory names from the first application round in the new gTLD process. At the same time it is noted that the exclusion is currently limited to the first round.

Delegation, Re-delegation and Retirement of ccTLDs:

During the meeting the ccTLD community engaged in an extensive discussion on the draft analysis report of the working group, in particular on the methodology used and cases identified. This discussions are part of the public comment period on the draft Analysis Report (see: http://www.icann.org/en/public-comment/#drd).

Wildcard study group:

The ccNSO ad-hoc wildcard study group presented its final report including some recommendations at a session during the ccNSO meeting and submitted it to the ccNSO council. The study group's main recommendation is that the ccNSO and broader community keeps engaged in a dialogue with ccTLDs involved in DNS synthesis about the use of wildcarding. The ccNSO council will further discuss the recommendations. The study group closed at the end of the Brussels meeting. The final report of the working group is available at: www.ccnso.icann.org.

Other events:

- Session with ccNSO appointed Board members and President & CEO of ICANN
- Session on strategic issues relevant to ccTLDs from a global perspective. This included a panel discussion involving ccTLDs, a gTLD registrar and gTLD registry.
- Tech Day
- Report from The Incident Response Working Group
- GNSO-ccNSO lunch
- Discussion with law enforcement agencies,
- Session with the Accountability and Transparency Review Team.