

# **REPORT OF THE CCNSO MEETING**

## **WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND**

**27 AND 28 MARCH 2006**

### **Introduction**

The ccNSO is pleased to present its report for the meeting in Wellington, New Zealand on 27 and 28 March 2006.

Represented at the meeting were approximately 60 ccTLD managers and several dozen observers. All of those present express their appreciation for the work done in facilitating the meeting by the members of the local host organizing committee.

### **1. ACCOUNTABILITY FRAMEWORKS**

Dr Paul Twomey, CEO and President of ICANN, provided an update on Accountability Frameworks. Dr Twomey advised the ccNSO members that ICANN formalizing its relationship with ccTLD managers is nothing new, but the way to go about it has changed. ICANN has developed two options: an accountability framework and an exchange of letters, for ccTLD managers to consider as starting points to discussion. Both options contain elements identified in the ccNSO Accountability Frameworks Guidelines.

### **2. INTRODUCING THE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP APPROACH**

Giovanni Seppia, Regional Liaison, ICANN Global Partnerships provided information about the introduction of the new regional liaison network employed as part of Global partnerships within ICANN. Five ICANN staff have been employed to date to establish contacts and networks within the ICANN regions. Further staff appointments are expected in the near future.

### **3. ccPDP**

The ccPDP Issue Manager, Bart Boswinkel, advised the ccNSO members that on 28 February 2006, the ICANN Board considered the ccPDP Board Report and adopted 7 of the 8 recommendations. The Board is continuing their discussion on the one remaining recommendation. Bart also advised that no progress had been made with the GAC on progressing the issue dealing with national law which was raised as part of the ccPDP. A joint working group has been established but has not had the opportunity to meet.

### **4. VERISIGN AGREEMENT**

Bernie Turcotte, GM CIRA, provided some insight into the reasons behind the decision made by CIRA to send the open letter to the Board on 17 March 2006. He explained that CIRA still supports ICANN, but as any good friend does, is questioning its obligation to being accountable and transparent from CIRA. Discussion followed on the

transparency issue and ways in which perhaps the openness of board decisions could be improved, for example publishing of minutes of board discussions.

## **5. LEGAL ISSUES: CCTLD MANAGER LIABILITY AND NEGLIGENCE**

Craig Ng, from Maddocks Lawyers, Australia, gave a very informative presentation, from a common law perspective, on what may be considered liability and negligence by a ccTLD manager in the operation and management of their TLD.

## **6. IDNS**

Hiro Hotta, JPRS, provided an update on a number of discussions taking place in the ICANN arena on IDNs.

Bruce Tonkin, Chair of the GNSO, provided an overview of policy discussions currently taking place within the GNSO on IDN issues. The issues are very complex and it is recognized that there may also be some benefit in coordinating with the ccNSO on this matter as it is an issue which may impact on many ccTLD managers as well. Bruce suggested that there is a need to set up a joint GNSO/ccNSO working group to consider an issues report and develop a way forward.

## **7. IANA WORKING GROUP UPDATE AND PLAN FOR 2006**

Olivier Guillard, AFNIC, provided an update on the work being undertaken within the IANA Working Group. [A draft charter of the WG will shortly be submitted to the community for comment.](#)

Kim Davies, IANA, provided a detailed overview of work which was being undertaken by IANA and some of the challenges they face in carrying out their work on a daily basis. The presentation was well received and the ccNSO acknowledges the consistent performance of the IANA staff over the past six or so months.

## **8. REPORT FROM ccNSO APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS**

Peter Dengate Thrush and Demi Getschko provided members with an enlightening update on their Board experiences.

## **9. BUDGET UPDATE FROM ICANN STAFF**

Kurt Pritz, Vice President Operations, provided an overview of areas of operation and services provided by ICANN he considered ccTLD managers benefit from. Theresa Swinehart, GM Global Partnerships, provided some examples of where the staff of the global partnerships were working and assisting ccTLD managers, noting that many of the requests came from ccTLD managers not active in the ICANN arena.

**10. UPDATE ON .cn—CHINA**

Li Guanghao, Supervisor of International Administration Office, CNNIC, delivered a very informative presentation on activities and progress being made by CNNIC.

**11. INTERNATIONAL REGISTRARS SELLING CCTLDS NAMES**

Tommy Ho, register.com, and Thomas Moerz, InterNetX provided their individual perspectives on selling ccTLD domain names.

**12. NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The 2006 Nominating Committee Chair, Eugenio Triana, made a brief presentation to the meeting about this year's nominating committee process.

**13. INTERNET GOVERNANCE FORUM UPDATE**

Markus Kummer provided an update on the ongoing discussions in the internet governance forum. He outlined the process for taking the discussions forward and encouraged everyone to engage in the process.

**14. ICANN BUDGET WORKING GROUP**

Eva Frölich and Bart Vastenburg provided members with an update on the ccNSO Budget Working Group. They acknowledged that this has been a difficult process and suggested a way to progress dialogue within the community about the most appropriate way to move forward.

**15. ICANNWIKI**

Raymond King from ICANNWIKI provided a brief overview of ICANNWIKI.