ccNSO Council Telephone Conference
4 October 2011

Attendees:

Victor Abboud, .ec
Lesley Cowley, uk
Fernando Espana, .us
Byron Holland, .ca
Hiro Hotta, .jp
Juhani Juselius, .fi
Young-Eum Lee, .kr
Roelof Meijer, .nl
Paulos Nyirenda, .mw
Souleymane Oumtanaga, .ci
Patricio Poblete, .cl
Dotty Sparks de Blanc, .vi

Observers/Liaisons:

Cheryl Langdon-Orr, ALAC
Han Chuan Lee, ccNSO liaison to the GNSO
Peter Van Roste, CENTR

Guests (for agenda tem 2 only):

David Archbold, .ky
Rob Hoggarth, ICANN

ICANN Staff:

Bart Boswinkel
Kristina Nordström
Gabriella Schittek

Apologies:

Sokol Haxhiu, NomCom

1. Confirmation of Approval of Minutes and Actions Council Meeting 23 August 2011

The Chair asked the Council for comments to the minutes from the Council meeting on 23 August in Singapore. No comments were noted and the Minutes were approved.

The Chair asked Gabriella to run through the outstanding action items from previous Council meetings.

Action 63-04:

This action was completed and included as an agenda item for this meeting.

This action was completed.

This action was completed and an update provided under agenda item 3.

This action was discarded.

This action was completed and an update provided under agenda item 8.

2. Geographic Regions

The Chair welcomed David Archbold and Rob Hoggarth to the call as representatives of the community-wide Working Group on Geographic Regions and noted that the draft Final Report had been shared on the ICANN email list.

David explained that the group had looked for a more broadly applicable definition of the geographical regions but had found that one did not exist. Hence, the group had focused on solutions within ICANN and consider that the adoption of the Regional Internet Registries (RIR) areas could solve a number of the current issues. The group has now published a draft Final Report suggesting a transfer to the RIR areas and is seeking input from the ccTLD community.

Rob noted that the public comment period would lead up to mid December and that a workshop would be held in Dakar as an opportunity for people to learn more about the topic.

Bart Boswinkel noted that this topic will be included as an agenda point at the Council meeting in Dakar in order to discuss a possible formal comment from ccNSO.

3. High-level de-Briefing on ccNSO Related Activities

The Chair briefed the Council on her recent ccNSO related activities:

- Meeting with the SO/AC leaders to prepare a round table discussion with the ICANN CEO.

- Meeting with GAC Chair to prepare the ccNSO/GAC session in Dakar and discuss a re-launch of the ccNSO/GAC liaison Working Group. The Chair noted that she is waiting for input from the GAC Chair.
- Discussion regarding the IDN confusing similarity issue.
- Meeting with ICANN Chair regarding ccNSO-ICANN Board session.
- Participation in the IGF meeting.
- Meeting with the NTIA regarding the IANA Further Notice of Inquiry. She noted that a competitive process for the IANA function would be announced in mid October.

Peter Van Roste noted some confusion to when the IANA contract expires and offered to seek clarity on this and share the information on the email list.

Action 67-01:
Peter Van Roste to find out when the IANA contract expires and share the information on the Council email list.

Byron Holland and Hiro Hotta reported on their participation in the IGF meeting and noted that the Finance Working Group and IDN PDP Working Group 2 activities would be addressed in agenda point 5.

Paulos Nyirenda reported that the countries in the African Region had a workshop at the IGF meeting, and that they also met with the other Regional Organisations to discuss areas of cooperation.

Roelof Meijer reported that the ccNSO has received several membership applications and that the application from .ir is still open for objection until the end of the week.

Juhani Juselius reported on his visit to the Estonian registry, which runs .ee. He noted that .ee has applied for re-delegation with the IANA and is planning to apply for ccNSO membership as soon as that is approved.

4. Nominations/Elections Update

4.1 Council Nominations/Elections

Gabriella Schittek noted that the nomination period for the Council elections ended on 16 September and presented the nominees:

African Region: Vika Mpisane, .za and Mohamed Ibrahim, .so
Asia-Pacific Region: Young-Eum Lee, .kr
European Region: Juhani Juselius, .fi
Latin-American & Caribbean Region: Margarita Valdes, .cl
North American Region: Byron Holland, .ca

Gabriella noted that there would be an election for the African region, starting 7 October and ending 21 October.

4.2 Board Nominations

Gabriella Schittek reported that the nomination period for the Board elections closes on 6 October and that Mike Silber is the only nominee so far. She further noted that a Q and A session would be held in Dakar irrespective of the number of candidates.

5. Working Group and Other Group Updates

5.1 Finance Working Group

The Chair thanked Byron Holland for the written update on the Finance Working Group activities on the list and asked the Councillors for any questions. No questions were received.

Byron added that ICANN had provided a first draft overview of the ccNSO related support costs and that the group is waiting for further information. He also noted that a survey would be conducted to seek community input before Dakar.

5.2 SOP Working Group

Roelof Meijer reported that ICANN has published a first draft of the 2012-2015 Strategic Plan with a comment period until 17 November, followed by an updated version and a Board review of the document. He further noted that the SOP Working Group would go through the document in details and discuss it at its session in Dakar.

5.3 Framework of Interpretation Working Group

Bart Boswinkel reported that the Working Group is preparing to publish its first document about consent for delegations and re-delegations, and that a progress report would be adopted and announced in time for Dakar.

5.4 IDN PDP Working Group 1

The Chair thanked Bart Boswinkel for the written update that was distributed to the email list and asked the Councillors for comments or questions. No questions were received.

5.5 IDN PDP Working Group 2

The Chair thanked Hiro Hotta for the written update that was distributed to the email list and asked the Councillors for comments or questions. No questions were received.

5.6 Incident Repository Implementation Working Group

Bart Boswinkel reported that the Working Group is currently establishing a work plan and will give and update of the work so far in Dakar.

5.7 Joint ccNSO/GNSO IDN Working Group (JIG)

Bart Boswinkel reported that the JIG Working Group is currently focusing on the use of IDNs as well as following up with ICANN staff on the implementation on single character IDNs.

5.8 Joint Security & Stability Working Group (DSSA)

The Chair thanked Bart Boswinkel for the written update that was distributed to the email list and asked the Councillors for comments or questions. No questions were received.

5.9 Study Group on Use of Names for Countries and Territories

The Chair thanked Bart Boswinkel for the written update that was distributed to the email list and asked about the timeline for the Study Group. Bart replied that the Study Group is currently focusing on the discussion with UNESCO regarding the typology and plans to provide its recommendations by the Prague meeting next year.

5.10 GAC-ccNSO Liaison

The Chair reported that she is having a dialogue with the GAC Chair regarding the re-launch of the GAC-ccNSO Liaison Working Group, but in the meantime this would be on a Chair to Chair basis.

5.11 PPC Focus Group update

Since Sokol Haxhiu was not present on the call, Gabriella Schittek offered to contact him for the latest update on the work of the Focus Group to the Council email list.

Action 67-02:
Gabriella Schittek to contact Sokol Haxhiu for the latest update of the activities of the PPC Focus Group and to provide this to the Council email list.

6. Post Board Membership Conflict of Interest Discussion

The Chair reported that since the last discussion on the post Board membership, several Councillors had shared their comments on the email list. She noted that the ccNSO needs to make a decision on further action, based on the options outlined in the agenda, which were:

1. No action;
2. Request further clarification from the ICANN Board and/or ICANN legal staff;
3. Item for the Board – ccTLD community discussion
4. Item for further discussion with ccNSO membership at the ccNSO meeting in Dakar
5. Item for discussion with other SO and ACs
6. Council and or ccNSO statement and letter to the Board, expressing concern.

After discussion, it was agreed to combine actions 3 and 4 and, depending on the outcome of those discussions, possibly move on to action 6.

Cheryl Langdon-Orr reported that the ALAC have also looked at this issue and are preparing a statement with suggested changes to the current rules. She further welcomed alternative 5, a discussion between the ACs and SOs, in order to find a joint approach.

Young-Eum Lee asked whether or not the views of the ccNSO Council on this topic should be public.

Bart offered to summarise the comments in a document and distribute it on the email list in order for the Councillors to decide whether or not it should be published.

Action 67-03:
Bart Boswinkel to summarise the discussion on post Board membership in a document and distribute it on the Council email list in order for the Council to decide whether or not it should be published.

7. Closed Wiki Section ccTLD community

The Chair noted that Gabriella Schittek had provided an explanatory paper on the ccTLD community wiki space, including a suggestion to move forward with the closed space and asked the Councillors for questions or comments.

Roelof Meijer asked whether the users of the wiki space would be instructed to keep the content of the space confidential. Gabriella replied that a disclaimer could be included in the space to ensure confidentiality.

Gabriella Schittek also noted that Kristina Nordström would hold a workshop in Dakar in order for the ccTLD community to learn more about the wiki space, as well as the Adobe Connect meeting tool.

The Chair reminded the Council that the wiki space would undergo a 6 months trial period and Bart Boswinkel confirmed that the system would be evaluated at the Prague meeting.

It was agreed to proceed on this basis.

8. Dakar Preparations

8.1 ccNSO- ICANN Board Meeting

The Chair reported that the participants in the ccNSO Members Meeting would meet with the ICANN Board on Tuesday in Dakar to address various ccNSO related topics. She noted that she would send a list of suggested topics for discussion to the email list and encouraged the Councillors to add any further suggestions to this list.

The Chair further noted that she had also requested topics from the Board.

Action 67-04:
The Chair to send a list of suggested topics for the ccNSO-ICANN Board meeting to the email list.

8.2 Follow-up from EAG discussion Singapore with ICANN Board.

Byron Holland reported that the dialogue is moving forward and that the intention is to keep the visibility of the conversation. He noted that there had been some positive feedback from Board members on the ccNSO approach.

8.3 Topics for Public Forum

Bart Boswinkel explained that the ICANN Chair would like to cluster the public forum topics in a more organised way and therefore would be grateful for any topics suggested in advanced.

Following topics were identified:

- Expense Area Group – financial issues
- ICANN 2012-2015 Strategic Plan
- Board ethics/revolving dor policies
- Process of recruitment of CEO

9. Liaison Updates

9. GNSO Liaison

Han Chuan Lee reported that the GNSO Council is moving ahead with the Consumer Trust Working Group that other SOs will be welcomed to join the group if they wish.

The Chair asked Han Chuan to share the Working Group Charter on the Council email list and suggested that this could be a topic for the Joint ccNSO/GNSO Council meeting in Dakar.

Action 67-05:
Han Chuan Lee to distribute the Charter of the GNSO Consumer Trust Working Group on the Council email list.

9.2 1 At-Large Liaison

Cheryl Langdon-Orr reported that the At-Large recently endorsed the Joint Applicant Support Working Grouo Final Report and that input from the ccNSO would much welcomed.

Cheryl also offered to share with the Council a link to the liaison reports on ccNSO activities back to the At-Large through the Counfluence wiki space. The Chair welcomed this.

10. AOB

The Chair reported that the ccNSO had been asked to select a volunteer who would take part in future ICANN meeting planning. She noted that she would send an email to the list with further details.

The meeting then closed.