ccNSO Council Telephone Conference
20 December 2011

Attendees:

Carolina Aguerre, LACTLD
Lesley Cowley, .uk
Keith Davidson, .nz
Fernando Espana, .us
Byron Holland, .ca
Juhani Juselius, .fi
Cheryl Langdon-Orr, ALAC Liaison to the ccNSO
Young-Eum Lee, .kr
Roelof Meijer, .nl
Paulos Nyirenda, .mw
Souleymane Oumtanaga, .ci
Patricio Poblete, .cl
Ron Sherwood, ccNSO Liaison to the At-Large
Jian Zhiang, APTLD
Hong Xue, NomCom Appointee

ICANN Staff:

Bart Boswinkel
Kristina Nordström
Gabriella Schittek

Apologies:

Han Chuan Lee, ccNSO Liaison to the GNSO

1 Apologies

The Chair noted that the only apology received for the meeting was from Han Chuan Lee.

2 Minutes and Actions ccNSO Council Telephone Conference 15 November 2011

The Chair asked for comments or questions to the minutes and actions from the call on 15 November. No comments were noted and the minutes were approved.

Gabriella Schittek ran through the action items from the previous Council call:

Action 69-01:
The Secretariat to approach the Councillors who are members of the Programme Working Group to appoint a vice chair who will also act as a liaison between the Working Group and the ccNSO Council.
Bart Boswinkel reported that this action was completed and would be addressed under agenda point 6.

Action 69-02:

The Secretariat to ask the Tech Day chair Eberhard Lisse to provide the Council with a briefing paper regarding the future direction of Tech Day.
This action is still pending. Bart advised that he will contact Eberhard.

Action 69-03:
The Secretariat to compose a briefing paper that explains and explores the suggestion to show ccTLD activities and developments on the ccNSO website or options open to the ccNSO to increase awareness by some other route.
This action was completed and the paper was distributed to the Council.

Action 69-04:
The Secretariat to post the collated comments on conflict of interest policies for ccTLDs on the email list for further distribution to ICANN, and post them on the ccNSO website.
Gabriella Schittek reported that this action was completed except the document had not been posted on the website. She confirmed that this would be done shortly.

Action 69-05:
The Secretariat to send out a reminder to the ccTLD community regarding the Framework of Interpretation Working Group and IDN PDP Working Group 2 reports, both open for public comments.
This action was completed.

Action 69-06:
Jian Zhang to track back the ccNSO Council resolution approving the JIG Final Report.
This action was completed.

Action 69-07:
Peter Van Roste to circulate a request to his colleagues in the Regional Organisations to investigate any impact the re-arrangement of the ICANN geographic regions might have on their work.
This action was completed.

Action 69-08:
The Secretariat to remind Han Chuan Lee about the written update about relevant GNSO activities.
This action was completed.

3 Updates

3.1 Chair

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

- Planning to attend the next conference call on the ICANN Outreach Framework;
- Liaising with people regarding the ccNSO response to the Geographic Regions overview
  leading up to a letter that had been submitted the day before;
- Participating in regular call with other SO/AC chairs;
- Assisting a ccTLD that had severe problems with its government.

3.2 Vice Chairs and Councillors

Byron Holland noted that he would speak about his recent work relating to the Finance Working Group under agenda point 6.

Young-Eum Lee reported that the Korean IDN had reached over 200.000 registrations.

Roelof Meijer reported that he had been contacted by the Financial Times regarding an interview about ICANN's financial situation in relation to new gTLDs.

3.4 ccNSO Secretariat

Gabriella Schittek reported that a membership application had been received from .iq Iraq, but that it was incorrectly submitted and would need to be corrected before going further in the process.

Kristina Nordström reported that the ccTLD Wiki was launched and that several members had been added as members, but that there had not been much activity on the Wiki so far.

4 Improving Awareness of and Availability of Information on ccTLD Managers' Local Initiatives

The Chair reminded the Councillors about the suggestion to increase awareness of local ccTLD activities and thanked the secretariat for providing the Council with a briefing paper explaining the options for implementing this suggestion.

Roelof noted that he previously had doubts about the benefits of highlighting individual ccTLDs but that he fully supported the suggestions in the briefing paper.

Byron Holland noted that he too supported the suggested improvements and that they would hopefully increase active participation in the ccNSO.

The Chair proposed that the suggestions in the paper should be implemented and that the Council should revisit the subject in six months to evaluate its effect. This was agreed.

Action 70-01:
The secretariat to adjust the ccNSO website to enable easier access to information on local ccTLD activities as proposed and to schedule a review for the Council call six months after implementation.

Action 70-02:
The secretariat to request the ccTLD community members to provide overviews and material on local activities for posting on the ccNSO website.

5 JIG Letter on Introduction Single Character IDN TLDs

The Chair explained that the JIG Working Group had asked the Council to adopt a letter to the ICANN Board on Single Character IDN TLDs, seeking clarification on the ICANN Board resolution in August 2011 and urging the Board to include Single character IDN TLD's in the first application round. She further noted that the Council had been provided with some correspondence between the JIG, Kurt Pritz and SSAC chair Patrik Fältström, and that further feedback on the matter is expected from the SSAC in due course.

Jian Zhang reported that the GNSO Council had passed a resolution to adopt the letter at its last meeting and were hoping that the ccNSO Council would do the same.

The Chair asked Jian about the JIG response to the concerns raised by the SSAC regarding the Cyrillic, Greek and possibly other alphabetic scripts.

Jian explained that since no concerns were raised during the public comment period and since the JIG group is formally dependant only on the support of the ccNSO and GNSO Councils, the members decided not to consider any other input at this point.

The Chair further asked about the lack of clarity to the Board resolution. Jian replied that there was some uncertainty and that the JIG had previously asked for clarification, but were not entirely satisfied with the replies received, which was one reason for submitting a formal letter.

Roelof Meijer pointed to the part in the letter referring to the delay of the Single Character process due to the launch of new gTLDs and noted that it may not be up-to-date since Kurt had denied any relation between to two processes. In addition, he expressed concerns about the tone of the implementation sections of the letter.

Byron Holland expressed concern over adopting the letter before the final feedback from SSAC had been received.The Chair agreed that other SOs and ACs should be given the chance to provide input.

Byron also felt that the JIG letter did not ask for further clarification but was rather asking the Board to implement the Working Group suggestions and noted that he therefore would be in favour of sending an amended letter with a clearer request for clarification.

Young-Eum Lee noted that the ccTLD community had shown great support for the JIG point of view, but agreed that the letter could be reviewed to in order to seek more clarity on what the ccNSO is asked to support.

The Chair summarised the views of the Councillors and noted that there did not appear to be support for the letter as it currently stood. She suggested that the Council could draft its own letter to the Board reflecting the discussions within the ccNSO Council. This could note the community support for Single Character IDNs, ask the Board for clarification to its resolution and urge the SSAC to provide its final input on the subject.

It was decided that the Chair, Bart Boswinkel, Byron Holland, Roelof Meijer, Young-Eum Lee and Jian Zhan would work on the draft ccNSO letter and circulate it on the Council email list.

Action 70-03:
The Chair, Bart Boswinkel, Byron Holland, Young-Eum Lee, Roelof Meijer and Jian Zhang to draft a letter to the Board based on the proposed JIG letter, reflecting the discussion within the ccNSO Council.

Action 70-04:
The Chair to urge the SSAC Chair Patrik Fältström to as soon as possible submit his final feedback to the proposed JIG Working Group letter to the ICANN Board.

6 Working Group and Other Updates

6.1 Finance Working Group

Byron Holland reported that the Finance Working Group survey regarding expenditure of resources on ICANN related activities is ready and that the secretariat would shortly distribute it to the ccTLD community. Byron encouraged the Councillors to participate in the survey and to encourage other ccTLD managers to do the same.

Action 70-05:
The secretariat to distribute the ccNSO Finance Working Group Survey to the ccTLD community.

6.2 SOP Working Group

Roelof Meijer reported that the SOP Working Group is getting ready to work on the 2012 Operational Plan framework.

6.3 Framework of Interpretation Working Group

Keith Davidson reported that the Framework of Interpretation Working Group had finished its work on the Consent report and that the document on Significantly Interested Parties (SIP) would go out for public consultation in early 2012. He further noted that the FoI Working Group recently started posting transcripts of its meetings.

6.4 IDN PDP Working Group 1:

Bart Boswinkel reported that the ICANN Board adopted the resolution on Confusingly Similarity as suggested by the ccNSO Council and that the sub-working group is still working on issues relating to this topic.

6.5 IDN PDP Working Group 2

Bart Boswinkel reported that the public comment period for the IDN PDP Working Group 2 Final Report was closed with no input received and that the group is now working on suggested changes to the ccNSO Rules and Guidelines in order to include IDN ccTLDs.

6.6 Joint ccNSO/GNSO IDN Working Group (JIG)

Jian Zhang reported that the JIG Working Group would shortly publish its initial report on Universal Acceptance of IDN TLDs.

6.7 Joint Security & Stability Working Group (DSSA)

Bart Boswinkel reported that the DSSA Working Group is currently analysing threats to the DNS and that the SOs and ACs would be further informed about the Working Group methodology.

6.8 Meetings Programme Working Group

The Chair asked the Councillors to appoint Vika Mpisane as Vice Chair of the Meetings Programme Working Group with responsibility to liaise between the Council and Working Group. No objections were noted and Vika was appointed.

Gabriella Schittek reported that the Meetings Programme Working Group is focusing on two topics for the Costa Rica meeting, one being a panel discussion on ccTLD marketing as the new gTLDs are approaching and the other a security session with focus on the DNSSEC capacity to solve security issues.

Carolina Aguerre noted that LACTLD would hold a workshop in Costa Rica prior to the ICANN meeting, also addressing the topic of marketing for ccTLDs.

It was suggested that Carolina should join the Meetings Programme Working Group to liaise with the group on LACTLD related topics for the ICANN meetings. Gabriella Schittek was asked to make the arrangements for her membership.

Action 70-06:
Gabriella Schittek to make the arrangements for Carolina Aguerre to join the Meetings Programme Working Group.

6.9 ccNSO Statement on Geographic Regions Draft Report

The Chair reported that the ccNSO Statement on the re-arrangement of the ICANN Geographic Regions had been submitted.

6.10 Progress NomCom

The Chair noted that the Nominating Committee (NomCom) had previously asked the ccNSO Council for input on criteria for NomCom appointed ICANN Board members and asked the Councillors for their comments or suggestions.

Roelof Meijer suggested following additions to the criteria:

- Experience in a non-profit multi stakeholder environment;
- Experience in supervision of professionalising an organisation:
- Experience in an environment dealing with both business parties and governments/politicians.

The Chair suggested adding 'Commitment to working for public benefit and public interest'.

The Chair further noted that NomCom also asked for input regarding criteria for NomCom appointed ccNSO Council members and asked the Councillors for comments or suggestions.

Hong Xue explained that NomCom primarily appoints Councillors from other communities and constituencies than the ccTLD community in order to not duplicate the channel of appointment but instead bring new perspectives to the Council.

Young-Eum Lee noted that since other constituencies are represented by their own Councils, NomCom should mainly focus on appointing people with ccTLD experience to the Board.

Roelof suggested that 'Experience in a multicultural setting' and 'participation in ICANN/.ccNSO meetings and working groups' could be a criteria for a ccNSO Councillor.

The Chair agreed but noted that it is important not to eliminate candidates due to lack of experience in a multicultural setting if they show other relevant experience and good personal qualities.

The Chair asked the secretariat to compile the suggested criteria and post it on the email list for a comment period of 10 days before further distribution to NomCom.

Jian Zhang noted that the suggested criteria should be submitted as soon as possible since NomCom would send out the results very shortly.

Action 70-07:
The secretariat to as soon as possible compile the suggested criteria for the NomCom appointment of ICANN Board members and post it on the email list for further distribution to the NomCom.

Action 70-08:
The secretariat to as soon as possible compile the suggested criteria for the NomCom appointment of ccNSO Councillors and post it on the email list for further distribution to the NomCom.

6.11 Study Group on Use of Names for Countries and Territories

The Chair asked Bart Boswinkel to forward a request to the members of the Study Group on Use of Names for Countries and Territories to appoint a formal liaison between the Study Group and the ccNSO Council.

Action 70-09:
Bart Boswinkel to forward a request to the members of the Study Group on Use of Names for Countries and Territories to appoint a formal liaison between the Study Group and the ccNSO Council.

Bart Boswinkel reported that the Study Group is still discussing the typology as well as how to include UNESCO in its work.

7 Schedule Costa Rica Council Meetings

The Chair asked the Councillors for any suggestions to the schedule for the Costa Rica meeting. No suggestions were noted.

The Chair further asked the secretariat to, as possible after the holidays, distribute a draft schedule with dates and times for the sessions during the meeting.

Action 70-10:
The secretariat to distribute a draft schedule with suggested times and dates for the Costa Rica meeting sessions.

8 Next ccNSO Council Calls

The Chair asked the Councillors for comments to the proposed 2012 schedule for Council calls:

Tuesday, 10 January 12.00 UTC
Tuesday, 14 February 12.00 UTC
Tuesday, 17 April 12.00 UTC
Tuesday, 8 May 12.00 UTC
Tuesday, 12 June 12.00 UTC
Tuesday, 28 August 12.00 UTC
Tuesday, 25 September 12.00 UTC
Tuesday, 20 November 12.00 UTC
Tuesday, 11 December 12.00 UTC

It was agreed to cancel the Council call on 10 January and instead resume on 14 February 2012.

The Chair further expressed concern over the fact that some Councillors had missed several calls during 2011 and encouraged participation in the 2012 meetings.

9 Liaison Updates

9.1 ALAC Liaison

The Chair thanked Ron Sherwood for his written update and asked for comments or questions. No comments were noted.

9.2 GNSO Liaison

Gabriella Schittek informed the Council that Han Chuan Lee is on sick leave and have therefore not submitted a liaison report.

The Chair asked Gabriella to inform Han Chuan about the future Council meeting dates, to on behalf of the Council wish him a speedy recovery and to encourage him to provide the Council with GNSO liaison updates in the future.

Action 70-11:
Gabriella Schittek to inform Han Chuan Lee about the future ccNSO Council meeting dates, to on behalf of the Council wish him a speedy recovery and to encourage him to provide the Council with GNSO liaison updates in the future.

10 AOB

No other business was noted.