ccNSO Meeting Highlights Beijing Meeting (7-11 April 2013)

IDN ccTLD ccNSO PDP

During the meeting the ccTLD community present and the ICANN Board of directors were informed that public consultation regarding the overall policy for the selection of IDN ccTLD strings and the inclusion of IDN ccTLD's in the ccNSO was concluded. At it's meeting on 10 April 2013, the ccNSO Council unanimously adopted all recommendations contained in the Final Report as submitted to the Chair of the ccNSO Council on 1 April 2013 (http://ccnso.icann.org/node/37899). As a result, two long-standing working groups were closed. The recommendations will be conveyed to the members of the ccNSO to vote upon prior to the upcoming Durban meeting.

Further, the ccNSO Council has requested the ICANN Board of Directors to implement on an experimental basis, the two-panel process for confusing similarity review, as defined in the Final Report, and Section 2 of the transitional arrangement of the proposed transitional arrangement regarding IDN ccTLD strings under the Fast Track IDN ccTLD Process.

ccTLD Financial Contributions to ICANN

The ccTLD community present and ICANN Board was informed of the progress to date on the ccTLD financial contribution discussions, and in particular on the value exchange model, verification of the associated costs categories and the related overall positive change of tone. The ccTLD's present further discussed different models to distribute the voluntary financial contributions across the community in a fair and equitable manner.

Post WCIT: Next Steps

At the ccNSO-ICANN Board meeting, ICANN was urged to develop a strategy for the international discussions on Internet Governance, in order to create synergies with those of ccTLD's, many of whom were active in this area. This topic was further discussed at a more detailed level at the ccNSO members meeting, starting with a brief review of the results of the WCIT meeting in December 2012, leading up to a presentation and extensive discussion with Tarek Kamel on involving the ccTLD community in the Internet governance discussions. ccTLD's, being present in all countries and territories are in a unique position to inform their governments on aspects relating to the DNS.

ICANN Outreach Initiative

Over the last few years ICANN has been involved in many cooperative training programs for ccTLD's, ranging from basic ccTLD operational training to risk assessment and mitigation. These programs have been organized with the ccTLD regional organizations

and others throughout the last years. The sense of the meeting of ccTLD community present was that these training programmes should be continued.

Other sessions
During the meeting the ccTLD community present was informed on the progress of the Framework of Interpretation WG.

Representatives from individual ccTLD's (.DK, .CN, .GT, .IS and .AS/.GG) and the regional organizations present provided updates and news at the ccTLD news session. The topics ranged from changes to a national domain name Act to dispute resolution using completion law.

The ccNSO members of the ICANN meeting strategy working group, Margarita Valdez (.CL) and Keith Davidson (.NZ) explained the purpose of this working group and sought initial input and feed-back from the community present.

The chair of the IETF WEIRDS working group briefed the ccTLD community present on the progress to date regarding the replacement of the WHOIS protocol by an alternative. The ccTLD community was invited to participate in the discussions at the IETF or assist in other ways.

The ccNSO appointed ICANN Board members, Chris Disspain and Mike Silber, met with the ccTLD's present to inform the community about their activities, their roles on the Board and discuss "hot topics".

In preparation for ICANN's upcoming new strategic planning cycle, the ccNSO panel discussion focused on identifying trends and topics that may be relevant for the ccTLD community and individual ccTLD's over the next 3-5 years.

All presentations can be found at:
https://ccnso.icann.org/meetings/beijing/presentations.htm

ccNSO Tech Day
On Monday 8 April at the DNS/ccNSO Tech Day a diverse range of topics were discussed. The presentations focused on security and stability issues for (cc) TLD registries. All presentations can be found at: http://ccnso.icann.org/meetings/beijing/workshop.htm

ccNSO Council
In addition to the decisions on the IDN ccPDP, the ccNSO Council adopted:
- The Statement on IANA Consultation KPI Delegation – Redelegation Process (see: http://forum.icann.org/lists/comments-cctld-drd-15jan13/pdfOhOKTJoAUi.pdf).
- The Final Report of the ccNSO Council capacity Study group. As a result the ccNSO guidelines for creation of working groups and work plan have been updated. The ccNSO Council will experiment with a prioritization model to

manage and balance the ccNSO workload and availability of volunteers. The updated Guidelines will be published at: https://ccnso.icann.org/about/guidelines.htm.
- Update and assignment of Roles and Responsibilities of the ccNSO Councilors
- The introduction of electronic translation tools to enable the translation of relevant documents in various languages. As a result the ccNSO improvement process is concluded.

The ccNSO Council re-elected Lesley Cowley, OBE (Nominet,.UK) as its chair. Lesley will stand down as Chair at the next meeting in Durban, but will remain a Council Member. Byron Holland (CIRA, .CA) and Keith Davidson (InternetNZ, .NZ) were re-elected as Vice-Chairs.

Welcomes and Thanks
The ccNSO Council welcomed Becky Burr (.US, NA region), Demi Getschko (.BR, LAC Region) and Abibu Ntahigiye (.TZ, AF region) as its new elected members.

The ccNSO Council sincerely thanked all presenters and participants at the ccNSO meetings and ccNSO working groups during the meeting.

The ccNSO Council sincerely thanked the ccNSO Secretariat for their ongoing professional work and excellent support.

The ccNSO Council thanked Paulos Nyirenda (.MW), who has been on the Council since its inception in 2004, Fernando Espania (.US) and Rolando Toledo (.PE), for their outstanding contributions to the work of the ccNSO Council, and hopes they will remain to be involved in the work of the ccNSO.

The ccNSO Council thanked the sponsors and co-sponsors for the ccNSO lunches and cocktails: Ari Registry Services, SIDN, Nominet, AUDA and CIRA.

Finally, the ccNSO Council, on behalf of the ccTLD community present thanked the hosts of the Beijing meeting, in particular CNNIC, the ccTLD manager for .CN for hosting the ccTLD meetings and their hospitality and co-sponsoring of the dinner and for their warm welcome to Beijing and their support throughout the meeting.