Communiqué ccNSO meeting at Nairobi ICANN meeting

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Welcome cooperation and decision of the GAC on IDN principles

The ccNSO Council expresses its appreciation for the inter-sessional telephone meeting with the GAC to talk about the standing of its principles with regard to IDN ccTLDs and the Council welcomes the position of the GAC to denote the principles as Interim Principles on IDN ccTLD and to submit them into the IDN ccPDP process.

Endorsement of Becky Burr as member of AoC review panel

a. The ccNSO Council endorses and supports Becky Burr for the Transparency and Accountability review panel and thanks Becky for her willingness to undertake this task.

Becky recused herself from the discussion and vote.

Financial contribution of the ccTLD community to ICANN's cost of operation.

a. The ccNSO Council notes the gap between current ccTLD contributions to ICANN and the sum attributable to ccTLDs in the recent ICANN expense analysis. The ccNSO Council also notes that ccTLD contributions to ICANN have risen by almost 150% over time. The Council reaffirms the current ICANN ccTLD contribution guidelines, which were developed by the ccNSO in 2006 (http://www.ccnso.icann.org/announcements/announcement-09mar07.htm) and is committed to entering into dialogue with both the community and ICANN on the issues of ccTLD contributions and ICANN expenses attributable to ccTLDs.

b. The ccTLD community will discuss the issue of financial contribution to ICANN further at the next ICANN meeting in Brussels

Statement of ICANN's CEO in GAC on vulnerability of the DNS

The ccNSO Council has written to ICANN's CEO about this issue. Security remains a core strategic and operational priority for the ccTLD community and this community remains strongly committed to working with ICANN, other Internet stakeholders and governments to ensure the stable and secure operation of the DNS. Our concerns lie not with the focus on security issues, but with the unilateral analysis of ICANN's CEO with such an important issue and the manner in which these views have been communicated.

Wildcard Study Group

At the ccNSO meeting some ccTLD using "wildcards" gave a presentation on their use of wildcards. Research indicates that some ccTLDs may use wildcards for legitimate technical reasons, but the working group will further study these aspects. The WG will try to enter into a dialogue with the other ccTLDs using wildcards to understand their reasons for use.

Further topics discussed at the ccNSO meetings

a. Tech day included discussions on the operational and managerial aspect of DNSsec, Downtake of Botnets, and Incident Response.
b. IDN ccPDP basic principles (http://www.icann.org/en/announcements/announcement-02mar10-en.htm)
c. Current practices for delegation, re-delegation and retirement of ccTLDs. The ccNSO community held an effective workshop on experiences of the ccTLDs and others. (the progress report of the delegation, re-delegation and retirement working group is available at:
d. Role of registrars in rolling out DNSsec. The ccTLDs present in Nairobi and remote participants discussed their experiences of involving the broader community in the roll-out of DNSsec.

Thank you's

The ccNSO thanks the departing Councillors Oscar Moreno and Oscar Robles and the Kenyan hosts in particular Kenic.

The ccNSO expresses its great appreciation for the remote participation facilities at this meeting and the hard work put in by the Kenyan hosts and ICANN staff to make this work.