

ccNSO Council Meeting in Prague

27 June 2012

Attendees:

Victor Abboud, .ec
Carolina Aguerre, LACTLD
Becky Burr, NomCom appointee
Lesley Cowley, .uk (Chair)
KeithDavidson, .nz
Fernando Espana, .us
SokolHaxhiu, NomCom appointee
ByronHolland, .ca
Hiro Hotta, .jp
Juhani Juselius, .fi
Young-Eum Lee, .kr
Roelof Meijer, .nl
Vika Mpisane, .za
Paulos Nyirenda, .mw
Barrack Ong'ondo Otieno, AFTLD
Souleymane Oumtanaga, .ci
Rolando Toledo, .pe
Ron Sherwood, ccNSO liaison to the At-Large
Margarita Valdes, .cl (telephone)
Hong Xue, NomCom appointee

Guest speaker: Eberhard Lisse, .na

ICANN Staff:

Bart Boswinkel
Kristina Nordström
Gabriella Schitteck

Apologies:

Cheryl Langdon-Orr, ALAC liaison to the ccNSO
Han Chuan Lee, ccNSO liaison to the GNSO
DottySparks de Blanc, .vi
Peter Van Roste, CENTR

1. Minutes and Actions ccNSO Council Meeting 12 June 2012

The Chair asked for comments or questions to the minutes and actions from the Council call on 12 June. No comments were noted and the minutes were approved.

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

Action 74-01:

The Chair to forward ICANN's invitation to select a representative for a Strategic Plan Advisory Group to the SOP Working Group.

This action was completed and the SOP Working Group is waiting for further information from ICANN on how to select a candidate. The Secretariat was asked to send a reminder to the relevant ICANN staff.

Action 75-01:

The Secretariat to remind ICANN Staff to provide the SOP Working Group with the information needed to select a candidate for the Strategic Plan Advisory Group.

Action 74-02:

Keith Davidson, Vika Mpisane and Bart Boswinkel to discuss how to best select which public comment requests the ccNSO should respond to, for further discussion in Prague.

This action was completed.

Action 74-03:

Keith Davidson to post a link to the public comment request regarding the Board members conflict of interest issue on the Council email list.

This action was completed.

Action 74-04:

The Secretariat to remind the Board of the suggested topic for the joint meeting with the ccNSO and ask for feedback.

This action was completed.

Action 74-05:

The Chair and Peter Van Roste to liaise with the GAC on the possibility of having a panel discussion at the Joint ccNSO/GAC meeting.

This action was completed and the Council noted that the GAC was positive towards a panel discussion at the next joint meeting.

2. Updates

2.1 Chair

The Chair reported that she attended an SO/AC chairs meeting with both the departing and new CEO, in which the chairs highlighted concerns such as the short public comment periods and also the revisions to the ICANN meeting week.

She further reported that she had liaised with community members both prior to and after the ccNSO/Board meeting and noted that the community concerns had been heard and that the ccNSO would await further actions from the Board.

The Chair also noted that she had discussions with the GAC chair Heather Dryden on how to improve the ccNSO/GAC interaction.

2.2 Vice-Chairs

Keith Davidson reported that he had been elected to the ISOC Board for a term of 3 years. The Chair congratulated him on his new role.

Byron Holland reported that he stood in for Lesley as Chair at the Business Constituency Breakfast on Tuesday.

2.3 Councillors

Hong Xue reported that the ICANN Academy group would be replaced with a new similar project for Toronto and that she would keep the Council informed about new developments.

Roelof Meijer reported that .bh was approved as ccNSO member number 133.

Several other Councillors reported on their recent ccNSO related activities.

2.4 Observers

Carolina Aguerre noted that she had provided a LACTLD update during the ccNSO Members Meeting.

2.5 ccNSO Support Staff

Bart Boswinkel reported that the ccNSO Workplan would be updated after the Prague meeting and that the translation recommendation from the ccNSO review would be deferred to the next Council call.

3. Tech Working Group

The Chair thanked Eberhard Lisse and his team for providing the Council with a report on the future direction of Tech Day and for their work to take Tech Day forward.

Eberhard presented on the current status and future plans for Tech Day. The Councillors discussed different ways to move forward and agreed that it would be desirable to broaden the Tech Day audience, as long as this does not exclude smaller registries.

The Chair asked the Council to pass a resolution to request the Tech Working Group to further explore this approach.

Resolution 75-01:

THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to request the Tech Working Group to further explore opening up the Tech Day program committee as a joint community committee involving in particular the GNSO and SSAC and report back in due course with a suggested path to move forward.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

4. Results from informal Council Study Group

Fernando Espana presented the work and recommendations of the Study Group on capacity building and thanked Gabriella Schitteck and Bart Boswinkel for their assistance in the work process. He noted that the group had mainly focused on how to increase participation among the ccTLD community and ccNSO members.

Roelof Meijer noted that one of the recommendations for working group chairs to report on member activity may increase the workload for the chairs. He suggested that it should be made clear to new working group members that the membership requires a commitment to be actively involved in the work.

The Chair suggested that the Study Group could look into a best practice for working group chairs in order to help new chairs to structure the work.

Paulos Nyirenda noted that it might be difficult for members to become involved since working group meetings during ICANN meetings usually are closed. Fernando replied that this matter has been under discussion within the Study Group.

The Council agreed to ask the Study Group to continue with its work and to incorporate the comments from the Councillors in order to present the updated recommendations at the Toronto meeting. The Council also agreed to call for further volunteers to the group.

Resolution 75-02:

THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to:

1. Request the study group to continue its work on workload and prioritization and report to the Council by the ICANN Toronto meeting.
2. Put out a call for volunteers among Council members and the community, in particular for volunteers with expertise and knowledge of prioritization of workload.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

Action 75-02:

The Secretariat to send out a call for volunteers for the Study Group on Capacity Building, seeking especially people with knowledge of prioritization of workload.

5. Change of ccNSO Statement and Position Paper Guidelines

The Chair explained that the ccNSO needs to structure the way formal comments are submitted and how positions papers should be formulated. She asked the Council to pass a resolution requesting the ccNSO Secretariat to propose an updated version of this section in the guidelines.

Resolution 75-03:

THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to request the ccNSO Secretariat to propose an update of the Guidelines on ccNSO Statement and Position Papers by the next ccNSO Council meeting to include a structured approach to advise the ccNSO Council whether or not to launch a ccNSO Statement process.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

6. Position of Becky Burr as NomCom Appointee

Becky Burr reported that she had taken a new job at Neustar and therefore had contacted the chair of the Nominating Committee, the ccNSO Chair and the ICANN legal department to enquire whether this effected her status or continuation as a NomCom appointee.

The Chair advised that she had been advised Becky's status as a NomCom appointee would remain unchanged by this development and that she was therefore able to serve out the term of that appointment.

7. ccNSO Statement on SSAC Report on the Domain Name Registration Model (SAC054)

The Chair noted that the meeting that week had indicated support for a ccNSO statement on the SSAC Report and therefore a call for volunteers for a statement drafting team would need to be sent out. She asked the Councillors to pass a resolution to start this process.

Resolution 75-04:

THE COUNCIL RESOLVED request the Secretariat to call for volunteers to a drafting team in order to provide input and feed-back to SSAC on its report SAC 054, taking into account the comments and discussion during the ccNSO meeting. The drafting team will be appointed as soon as possible.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

Action 75-03:

The Secretariat to send out a call for volunteers for a statement drafting team in order to submit a ccNSO statement on the SSAC Report.

8. ccNSO Statement on ICANN's Draft Statement on SSRT recommendations nr 1 and 3.

The Chair noted that Patrick Jones and Jeff Moss from ICANN had visited the ccNSO during the meeting to talk about the SSRT recommendations. She further noted that the ccNSO had decided to submit feedback to the report but would need more time to do so. She therefore explained that she would ask Patrick Jones whether it would be possible to extend the comment period.

She further explained that, assuming the extension would be approved, the ccNSO would need to launch its statement process and noted that a few people had already volunteered for the drafting group. An invitation to other ccTLD community members present in Prague to participate would also be sent out.

Resolution 75-05:

THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to request its Chair to ask Patrick Jones to extend the Public Comment on ICANN's staff Draft Statement on SSRT recommendations nr 1 and 3 until 28 August 2012.

Assuming the comment period will be extended, the ccNSO Council launches the ccNSO Statement Process and appoints the following persons as drafting team accordingly:

Vika Mpisane, .za
Patricio Poblete, .cl
Jörg Schweiger, .de
Paul Schzyndler, .au
Becky Burr, NomCom (Chair)

The resolution was adopted unanimously.

Action 75-04:

The Secretariat to send out an invitation to ccTLD community members present in Prague to participate in the SSRT statement drafting team.

9. Future ccTLD Community Wiki

Kristina Nordström reminded the Councillors that an evaluation of the ccTLD community wiki was scheduled for the Prague meeting and noted that an evaluation report had been circled on the Council email list. She reported that there had been very little activity on the ccTLD Community wiki since the launch in November 2011 and that the interest in keeping the wiki seemed rather low, which had been confirmed in the wiki evaluation survey.

With this background, and on behalf of the ccNSO Secretariat, she recommended that the wiki should be placed in hibernation for the time being, with possibility to resume the project in future.

The Chair asked the Council to pass a resolution to support this recommendation.

Resolution 75-06:

THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to place the ccTLD community wiki project in hibernation to be resumed should general interest increase in the future.

The resolution was adopted unanimously.

10. Council Elections

The Chair explained that following Councillors would be up for re-election in August due to their terms ending in March 2013:

Lesley Cowley (EU Region)
Keith Davidson (AP region)
Fernando Espana (NA Region)
Paulos Nyirenda (AF Region)
Rolando Toledo (LAC Region)

The Chair suggested that Gabriella Schitteck should be appointed as election manager for the upcoming election. She also encouraged others to put their names forward for this election since multiple candidates would be beneficial for the process and the result.

Resolution 75-07:

THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to appoint Gabriella Schitteck as election manager for the ccNSO Council Elections 2012-2013, and requested her to conduct all necessary preparation to launch the ccNSO Council election by end of August 2012.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

11. Working Group and Other Updates

11.1 Finance Working Group

Byron Holland and the Council agreed that sufficient updates already had been given on this Working Group.

11.2 SOP Working Group

The Council agreed that sufficient updates already had been given on this Working Group.

11.3 Framework of Interpretation Working Group

Keith Davidson and the Council agreed that sufficient updates already had been given on this Working Group.

11.4 Joint ccNSO/GNSO IDN Working Group (JIG)

The Council agreed that sufficient updates already had been given on this Working Group.

11.5 Joint Security & Stability Working Group (DSSA)

The Council agreed that sufficient updates already had been given on this Working Group.

11.6 Study Group on Use of Names for Countries and Territories

The Council agreed that sufficient updates already had been given on this Working Group.

11.7 Meetings Programme Working Group

Vika Mpisane noted that the Meetings Programme Working Group would convene within the next few weeks to start working on the Toronto meeting schedule.

11.8 IDN Working Group 1

The Council agreed that sufficient updates already had been given on this Working Group.

11.9 IDN Working Group 2

Hiro Hotta noted that the Working Group would meet the following day in order to summarise the results of the IDN session on Tuesday and to decide how to move forward.

12. Liaison Updates

12.1 ALAC Liaison

The Chair noted that since the ALAC meetings had not yet finished, Ron Sherwood would provide the Council with an update subsequent to the Prague meeting.

12.2 GNSO Liaison

The Chair noted that Han Chuan Lee had provided the Council with a written report in which internationalisation of WHOIS data was mentioned. It was agreed that this topic should be discussed at the next Council call.

13. Next ccNSO Council Meetings

The Chair noted the dates and times for the upcoming Council meetings:

3 July Informal Council Telephone Conference 11.30 UTC

28 August Council Telephone Conference 12.00 UTC

25 September Council Telephone Conference 12.00 UTC

14. AOB

The chair conveyed apologies from Akram Atallah and Kurt Pritz for not being able to attend the session at the ccNSO meeting on Tuesday 26 June on new gTLD process.

The Chair noted that Peter van Roste had raised in an email to the Council that the ccNSO survey on use of DNSSec (2009) had been used by the ITU in its preliminary draft of the secretary general's report for WTPF 2013. Peter expressed concern on whether these survey results should remain public and had also suggested that the ccNSO should take a new survey for an updated result. The Council agreed to raise this on the next Council call.

Keith Davidson offered to provide a summary and highlights of the Panel Discussion session before the next regular ccNSO Council call.

Action 75-05:

Keith Davidson to provide a summary and highlights of the Panel Discussion session before the next regular ccNSO Council call.

15. Thank you

On behalf of the ccNSO Council, the Chair thanked all attending ccTLD community members and presenters, the working groups and their chairs as well as the Meetings Programme Working Group for their work during the Prague meeting.

The Chair noted special thanks to Ondrej Filip and nic.cz, the host of the Prague ICANN meeting, for the great work and hospitality and for sponsoring the ccNSO dinner.

She further thanked the Secretariat for its work during the meeting.

The meeting closed.