ccNSO Members Report

Sao Paulo

5 and 6 December 2006

Introduction

The ccNSO is pleased to present its report for the meeting in Sao Paulo, Brazil on 5 and 6 December 2006.

Represented at the meeting were approximately 42 ccTLD managers and several dozen observers. All of those present express their appreciation for the work done in facilitating the meeting by the members of the local host organising committee.

1.   ICANN Regions

David Archbold provided a presentation on the history and current status of ICANN Regions and highlighted some of the issues which may be of concern for ccTLD managers. Considerable discussion took place on this issue. There was consensus that this is an important issue for a number of ccTLD managers and a working group will be formed to draft a response to the ICANN review of the regions.

2.   Update from ICANN CEO, Dr Paul Twomey and Vint Cerf, Chair of the ICANN Board, and other Board members

Dr Twomey and Dr Cerf spoke to the meeting on a number of issues including, ICANN's contingency planning for corporate failure; accountability and transparency and IDNs. They consider these to be some of the major issues in the ICANN environment at this time. Board Member, Alx Pisanty, encouraged the ccNSO to build on the co-operative efforts of the community to participate in the ICANN process and focus on the good things that are being achieved.

3.   IDNs at the country code level (.idn)

A panel comprising Tina Dam, ICANN; Kim Davies, IANA; Demi Getchko, .br and Board member, provided presentations on IDN issues. An extensive discussion followed these presentations focusing on issues surrounding the policy and politics of .idn in the ccTLD community.

4.   Accountability and Transparency

Paul Levins, ICANN, spoke to the meeting about ICANN's efforts to improve accountability and transparency. Mr Levins encouraged the members present to participate in the current consultation process and welcomed the suggestions provided by members at the meeting.

5.   Internet Governance Report

Chris Disspain and Lesley Cowley provided an update on the recent Internet Governance Forum conducted in Athens. The event was well attended by ccTLD managers, including many who had not participated in similar processes previously. ccTLD managers were encouraged to actively participate in the process where possible.

6.   ICANN Strategic Plan

Kurt Pritz, ICANN, provided an update on the latest draft of the Strategic Plan following recent consultations.

7.   Update from members on latest developments in their ccTLD

Lesley Cowley, .uk; Nick Griffin, .nz; Francisco Arias, .mx; Fredrico Neves, .br provided informative presentations on recent developments in their respective ccTLDs.

8.   Nominating Committee Report

George Sadowsky and Adam Peake advised that the 2007 Nominating Committee was convening at the end of the Sao Paulo meeting. They asked those at the meeting to give some thought to identifying people they consider would be good candidates to serve in ICANN leadership positions.

9.   Report from ccNSO Technical Working Group

Eberhard Lisse advised that the working group has been involved in setting up the ccTLD Workshop to be conducted at the Sao Paulo meeting and encouraged attendance.

10.   IANA

Kim Davies, IANA, provided an overview of the e-IANA project and the latest policy discussion papers which have been recently posted. Kim encouraged comment from the community. Olivier Guillard, Chair of the ccNSO/IANA Working Group advised of a protocol developed by the working group concerning participation.