

ccNSO Council Meeting Agenda

16 March 2011

1. Confirmation of Approval of Minutes and Actions 1 March 2011

2. Delegation & Re-delegation Working Group Report

Background

The DRDWG has submitted its Final Report to the ccNSO Council in February 2011 and published it for public comment. At closure of the Public comment period, 15 March 2011, no comments were received.

The DRDWG has recommended the ccNSO Council undertake, as a first step, the development of a "Framework of Interpretation" for the delegation and re-delegation of ccTLDs. This framework should provide a clear guide to IANA and the ICANN Board on interpretations of the current Policy Statements.

The DRD WG recommended further that the results of the use of such a Framework of Interpretation should be formally monitored and evaluated by the ccNSO Council after a pre-determined period. If the results of this evaluation indicate that the Framework of Interpretation has failed to provide logical and predictable outcomes in ICANN decision-making, the ccNSO Council should then launch PDPs on the delegation and re-delegation of ccTLDs.

Finally, the DRDWG has recommended that the ccNSO should request an Issues report to launch a cc Policy Development Process on the retirement of ccTLDs (in accordance with section 1 Annex C ICANN Bylaws). At the same time the DRDWG advised that the Council consider the development of a Framework of Interpretation as a higher priority than the ccPDP for retirement of ccTLDs

Resolutions

1. The ccNSO Council acknowledges receipt of the Final Report of the DRD WG and notes that according to its charter the DRDWG is closed.
2. The ccNSO Council warmly thanks all members, experts, observers on the DRDWG for their outstanding work, and timely delivery of the Final Report
3. The ccNSO Council resolves to create the Framework of Interpretation Working Group (Fol WG) as recommended and in accordance with the proposed charter. The objective of the WG is to develop and propose a "Framework of Interpretation" for the delegation and re delegation of ccTLDs. This framework should provide a clear guide to IANA and the ICANN Board on interpretations of RFC 1591, ICP-1 and GAC Principles (Policy Statements).
4. The ccNSO Council appoints Keith Davidson as Chair of the WG
5. The ccNSO requests staff to send out a call for volunteers in the usual manner.
6. The ccNSO Council will revisit whether or not to request for an Issues Report to launch a ccPDP on the retirement of ccTLDs in accordance in Annex B of the ICANN Bylaws, at the time the Fol WG has submitted its Final Report as foreseen in the charter of the Fol WG

Material included (Annex Topic 2 Proposed charter Fol WG)

3. Fast Track review

Introduction

During the ccNSO meeting the results of the review process of the Fast Track were presented and issues discussed, in particular the issues pertaining to confusable similarity. The meeting welcomed an initiative to seek further clarity and assistance for current and future IDN ccTLD Fast Track applicants regarding the confusingly similarity evaluation.

Resolution

The ccNSO council requests IDN ccPDP WG1 to, as soon as possible, develop guidelines (within the framework of the existing rules for the Fast Track) to attempt to reduce the possibility of unexpected outcomes from the technical evaluation process relating to the confusing similarity test as defined in the IDNC Final Report and the Final Implementation report as adopted by the ICANN Board in November 2009.

4. Replacements on Travel Funding Committee (Chris & Ondrej)

Background

Chris, and Ondrej will be leaving the Council at the end of this meeting. Both are on the Travel Funding Committee which only consist of Councilors. Chris is member of the Committee in his capacity as Chair of the ccNSO.

Resolutions

- Chris will be replaced by Lesley in her capacity as chair of the ccNSO
- Ondrej will be replaced by

5. Election of ccNSO Vice-Chairs

- Call for nomination and secondment
- Election

6. Concluding process assignment of roles and responsibilities ccNSO Chair and Councilors

Resolution

The council adopts the roles and responsibilities documentation as discussed at successive Council workshops (included: Agenda point 6 Annex A and B).

Background

The Board WG on the review of the ccNSO noted with regard to recommendation 10 of the Independent reviewers - the ccNSO should consider clarifying the respective roles of the Council and the Chair in the ccNSO Rules and Guidelines:

“...That from public comments such clarification of roles and responsibilities is both supported and foreseen by the ccNSO, and moreover notes with satisfaction that work to this effect is already under way.”

7. Dates next council meeting (f-2-f and conference calls)

Proposed dates (April 2011- March 2012)

Tuesday 12 April
Tuesday 10 May
Tuesday 7 June
Wednesday 22 June (Council face-to-face meeting)
Tuesday 23 August
Tuesday 27 September
Wednesday 26 October (Council face-to-face meeting)
Tuesday 15 November
Tuesday 20 December
Tuesday 10 January
Tuesday 14 February
Wednesday 14 March (Council face-to-face meeting)

The time of the calls will be determined on the email list.

8. New ccNSO Chair

Announcement and clarification of process

Lesley Cowley, ccNSO Councillor for the European Region, has been elected unanimously by email vote in March 2011, to serve as Chair of the ccNSO for the term of one year. Lesley will take her seat as chair at the end of this ccNSO Council meeting.

9. Welcome new Councilors

The ccNSO Council welcomes the following councilors and looks forward to work with them:

Roelof Meijer: ccNSO Councilor for the European Region for a term of 3 years

Victor Abboud: ccNSO Councilor for the Latin American Region for a term of 3 years

Souleymane Oumtanaga: ccNSO Councilor for the African Region for a term of 3 years

Keith Davidson: to fill the term of Chris Disspain (from 18 March until Spring 2013), for the Asian Pacific Region.

10. Thank you to departing ccNSO Councilors

The ccNSO council wants to thank:

Ondrej Filip: ccNSO councillor for the European Region, since March 2005, for his outstanding contributions and active participation in the work of the ccNSO and hopes Ondrej will remain to be involved in the ccNSO.

Mohamed El Bashir: ccNSO Councillor, for the African Region since March 2005, for his contribution and active participation in the work of the ccNSO and hopes Mohammed will remain to be involved actively in the ccNSO.

Patrick Hosein: ccNSO councillor for the Latin American Region since March 2008, for his contribution and active participation in the work of the ccNSO and hopes Patrik will remain to be involved actively it the ccNSO.

Finally, the ccNSO wants to thank Chris Disspain, chair of the ccNSO and ccNSO councillor for AP region, chair since December 2004, elected June 2004, and stepping down on 18 March 2011.