ccNSO Meeting Highlights: Toronto (14-18 October 2012)

ccTLD Financial contributions to ICANN
At our Prague meeting, we were advised by ICANN that it was not feasible to continue work on the Expense Area Group (EAG) analysis. The EAG, as an overview of ICANN's expenditure by stakeholder community, was based on an underlying service approach. It had been the ccNSO plan that EAG information would inform the ccNSO work on ccTLD financial contributions to ICANN.

At our Toronto meeting, an alternative approach based on mutual value exchange between the ccTLD's and ICANN was explored and presented. The ccTLD community present felt that this approach should provide a feasible basis for a continued dialogue on the topic of financial contributions. Both the ICANN board of directors and the GAC were informed accordingly.

ICANN's Strategic Planning Process
At its meeting (14 October), the ccNSO Strategic and Operational Planning working group (SOP WG) noted that ICANN's Strategic Plan 2013-2016 is a marginally updated version of the current 2012-2015 Strategic Plan. The WG was advised that the process to arrive at the next full Strategic Plan would considerably change. In addition, the time horizon would change from 3 to 5 years.

In light of these envisioned changes, the SOP WG recommended to the ccTLD community present that the ccNSO advise ICANN to discontinue the development of the 2013-2015 Strategic Plan and focus all efforts on the development of the 2014-2019 Strategic Plan. This recommendation was supported by the ccTLD's present and presented to the Board at the ccNSO-Board meeting. At the same time, following concerns that ccNSO feedback was not being heard, the SOP WG committed to provide ICANN with a high-level overview and summary of its main comments since the creation of the SOP WG since 2009.

WCIT
Following the ccNSO Panel discussion in Prague - to raise awareness of the potential impact of the WCIT and how ccTLDs can influence the outcome – at the Toronto meeting, updates of Local and Community WCIT Initiatives were presented and discussed with the ccTLD community present. This included updates from representatives of ALAC and the GNSO and from .CA, UK, DK, .MX, .KR and MW. The WCIT meeting was also discussed at the Board-ccNSO meeting, in particular ICANN's strategy how the activities of ICANN could be coordinated with those of the ccTLD's engaging in the WCIT process and beyond.

ccNSO Review Improvements
It was noted that the only outstanding ccNSO review improvement recommendations, to translate ccNSO related documentation and to develop a proposed method for doing

so, were based on a survey from early 2010. Since March 2010, the landscape has changed significantly, for example in terms of need for translations, availability and quality of translation tools and translation policies. In order to implement these recommendations the ccNSO Council agreed to investigate:

- A better understanding from the ccTLD community on the current need for translations, via a survey.
- The current different methods for translation of documentation, including their costs, the quality of the translation, the supported languages and the funding aspects.

At the meeting in Beijing, the results from the survey and the overview will be presented to the community present and the Council will the revisit the two remaining ccNSO Review recommendations.

Meeting with the ICANN Board of Directors, GAC and At-large
The ccNSO-Board meeting (16 October 2012) discussed potential collaboration and coordination between ICANN and ccTLD's in the evolution of ICANN's regional engagement and outreach strategies. The Board was informed on the progress made to date regarding the ccTLD financial contributions and the recommendation regarding the strategic plan and the strategic planning process 2013-2016. The meeting also discussed the ICANN strategy for WCIT and the impact of gTLDs on ICANN's structure and processes.

At the ccNSO-GAC meeting (16 October), the Dutch GAC-representative and SIDN (.NL) presented on the cooperation between the Dutch government and .NL registry on their successful DNSSEC project, including the benefits of the inclusion of DNSSEC in public procurement rules. Other topics for discussion at this meeting were: status of the ccTLD financial contributions discussions, ICANN's Strategic planning process and the progress of the work of the Framework of Interpretation WG. An update from the Study group on the use of country and territory names as TLDs highlighted the UNESCO Survey send to its Member States on the typology of country names. The draft overall policy for the selection of IDN ccTLD strings was also discussed.

The ccNSO Council met for the first time with the At-large (14 October). The Council presented an overview of the structure and working methods of the ccNSO. In addition the hot topics of mutual interest were presented and potential areas for future cooperation were discussed.

Tech Days (14 and 15 October 2012)
At the joint Tech WG - DNS-OARC meeting, topics ranged from DNSSEC validation to three presentations on Abuse mitigation. The presentations and audio recordings of the sessions can be found at: http://ccnso.icann.org/meetings/toronto/workshop.htm

ccNSO Meetings days (16 and 17 October)

During the two meeting days, a broad range of topics were discussed and presented to the ccTLD community present. In addition to the sessions noted above, the main sessions were:

- The new IANA Function contract with a presentation by Vernita Harris, NTIA and the IANA update by Kim Davies;
- DNSSEC marketing strategies with presentations from ISOC, CZNIC, SIDN and Verisign;
- ccTLD News session and Regional Organizations update with presentations ranging from TLD statistics to Changes in the Domain Act and new organisational structures in Finland;
- Panel discussion: Principles guiding a ccTLD. Following a presentation at the Prague meeting on the InternetNZ principles for its ccTLD, a panel with members from the ccTLD community discussed principles that guide their ccTLD's. The discussion was moderated by Byron Holland (.CA) and chaired by Keith Davidson (.NZ)

All presentations and transcripts of the sessions are available at:
http://ccnso.icann.org/meetings/toronto/presentations.htm
http://ccnso.icann.org/meetings/toronto/transcripts.htm

Welcomes and Thanks
The ccNSO was pleased to welcome its 134th member: .GR.

The ccNSO Council welcomed Mary Wong as our new NomCom appointed member.

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 Juhani Juselius, .FI, elected to the Council in 2008 and who stepped down in September 2012, for his outstanding contributions to the work of the ccNSO Council, and hopes he will remain to be involved in the work of the ccNSO.

The ccNSO Council thanked Becky Burr, NomCom appointed ccNSO Councillor for two consecutive terms, stepping down at the end of this Council meeting, for her outstanding work and guidance in the ccNSO and ccNSO related matters and hopes that she will remain involved in ccNSO activities.

The ccNSO Council thanked the sponsor for the ccNSO lunch, CNNIC and the co-sponsors for the ccNSO dinner: Norid, CENTR, SIDN, Nominet, JPRS, AUDA and CIRA.

Finally, the ccNSO Council, on behalf of the ccTLD community present thanked the host

of the Toronto, meeting, CIRA, the ccTLD manager for .CA for hosting the ccTLD meetings and their hospitality and co-sponsoring of the dinner. In particular, the Council thanked Byron Holland, and his professional staff team for their warm welcome to Toronto, their support, and organizing of an outstanding ccNSO dinner.