ccNSO meeting highlight SO/AC presentation.

ccNSO Finance WG Contribution Survey
Since the Dakar the ccNSO Finance WG conducted a survey 1. to gather insights that will help the ccNSO Finance Working Group better understand existing ccTLD contributions to ICANN and 2. to address which contribution models may be acceptable to the ccTLD community.

After an initial analysis by the Working group the initial findings were presented to the ccTLD community present, the ICANN Board of Directors and the GAC. The initial findings of the Finance WG are:

1. The ccTLDs that use the least amount of ICANN services make the largest financial contributions.
2. The financial contribution of ccTLD is independent of a formal arrangement between ICANN and ccTLD. Or in statistical terms: There is no correlation between financial contribution of a ccTLD and formal arrangement between ICANN and ccTLD’s.
3. The ccTLD financial contributions disclosed by ICANN are materially less than the actual financial and non-financial contributions made by the ccTLD community.

The Working Group will present a full report to the community after a detailed analysis of the data.

Endorsement of FOIWG Final Report on “Consent”
The Framework of Interpretation WG was established by the ccNSO Council at its meeting in March 2011. The FOI WG has submitted its first set of recommendations out of a series of 5, the Final Report on obtaining and documenting “consent” of the incumbent ccTLD manager for ccTLD delegation and re-delegation requests to both the ccNSO and GAC to seek their endorsement for the guidelines contained in the report. The Final Report was presented to the ccTLD community present at the Costa Rica meeting, which unanimously supported the recommendations. Following the meeting of the ccTLD’s present the ccNSO Council endorsed the recommendations contained in the Final Report. The ccNSO Council thanks the WG for its hard work and progress made to date.

Volunteer Capacity
The ccNSO Council and chairs of the ccNSO Working Groups reviewed and updated the ccNSO Workplan March 2012-March 2014. The Council noted that currently the ccNSO is at full capacity of its volunteers and therefore there is a need to find ways to influence the balance between (anticipated) work load and capacity, for example by prioritisation of work or engaging more volunteers. The ccNSO Council will set up an informal study group to advise the Council by Prague 2012 meeting on further steps to balance the anticipated (increasing) workload and capacity of the ccNSO.
Chair and Vice-Chair Election

At this meeting in Costa Rica, the ccNSO Council, appointed Lesley Cowley OBE (.UK) as its chair and Byron Holland (.CA) and Keith Davidson (.NZ) as its vice-chair.

Welcome and Thank You

The ccNSO Council welcomes Margarita Valdés (.CL) at it newest member and thanks Hiro Hotta (.JP) for his service as vice-chair of the ccNSO over the last year.

The ccNSO Council thanks Patricio Poblete (.CL), ccNSO Councillor for the Latin American and Caribbean Region, since December 2004, elected June 2004, stepping on 14 March 2011, for his outstanding work in the ccNSO and hopes that he will remain involved in the ccNSO activities.

The ccNSO Council, on behalf of the ccTLD community present wants to thank the host of the San Jose, Costa Rica meeting, NIC CR, the ccTLD manager for .CR for hosting the ccTLD meetings and its hospitality.