

TRANSCRIPT

ccNSO Council Meeting Durban 17 July 2013

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Lesley Cowley: Alright. Good afternoon, everybody, and welcome to the ccNSO Council Meeting. We have two councilors who are unable to be here in person, but I understand they're going to be joining us remotely and that's Ron Sherwood and Peter Van Roste. I'm not sure if we have them dialed in or--.

Kristina Nordstrom: Ron should be on the phone.

Lesley Cowley: Okay. I'm not sure if--.

Ron Sherwood: Yes, I am.

Lesley Cowley: I'm not sure if that's a thumbs up or one minute from the back, but--.

Unidentified Audience Member: (Inaudible.)

Lesley Cowley: Okay. Alright. We'll carry on (inaudible) on and I'm sure they'll contribute when they're able.

Okay. So, first off on our agenda is the minutes of our last meeting on the 11th of June, which has already been circulated to the councilors. Can I have any comments regarding their accuracy, please? No? Okay, in which case we will accept those and add to the formal record of our meeting on the 11th.

And as is traditional, Gabby, could you take us through the action points?

Gabriella Schitteck: Yes. We have outstand-- not an outstanding action, but an action from the May Council Meeting, which I just wanted to give an update about. That's action 8404. The Secretariat's add to the topic of the reputation study to the Durban agenda and find out whether (inaudible) could be present at such a session. This action was done. We added them to the agenda and we found out that they could do a presentation; however, only remotely.

In the meantime, basing on the feedback that we received on the meeting surveys, the meeting program working groups decided we would not have it on the agenda because many people said it doesn't make sense to have remote presentations because we cannot really hear it. So, we decided to take this off the agenda. However, we're going to defer this and check whether there's still interest in this topic for coming meetings. So, the action was done, but it's still open.

Lesley Cowley: Okay. Thank you, Gabby.

Gabriella Schitteck: And now, we have the actions from the last meeting. That's action 05-- 85.01. Peter Van Roste to circulate the invitation to the ICANN briefing in Brussels on 25th of June on the ccTLD e-mail list for awareness. That was done.

Action 85.02. Bart Boswinkel to contact Nigel Hickson (ph) to find out whether the ICANN briefing in Brussels would be open to ccTLD. That was done.

Action 85.03. The Secretariat to submit the suggested response to the GNSO regarding joint ccNSO/GNSO working group principles. That was done.

Action 85.04. The Secretariat to send out a call for volunteers to the ccTLD community for the core study group. This was not done, but we wanted to wait until the voting on the IDN ccPDP. So this is on today's agenda, actually.

Action 85.05. Bart Boswinkel to contact Olivier Crepin-Leblond and ask for a reply to the question whether the ALAC would be interested in setting up the ccNSO/ALAC liaison group. This has been done from our side. We sent them two requests, but we have not heard back from them.

Lesley Cowley: In which case maybe you could send one final request copying the Chair and we can chase it through the Chair's group.

Gabriella Schitteck: And then action 85.06. The secretary to ask Jian Zhang for just an update on the (inaudible) working group. This was done.

Lesley Cowley: Okay. Thank you very much for that, Gabby.

Can I just check if there are any actions or matters from that agenda from that meeting that are not otherwise on the agenda for this meeting that (inaudible) would wish to cover? No? Good sign.

Okay. Let's move on to item three on our agenda, which is the updates. And to start with the Chair update, obviously, like everyone else here, a lot of my work this week has been done in the run-up to the ICANN meeting. I've been quite active. But apart from that, I have firstly met with the ISOCs here and president to briefly discuss the Istar meetings. The opportunity, perhaps, for country codes to be involved in some way.

Secondly, we have a regular SONAC Chairs conference call that colleagues may not be aware of. We held that prior to the ICANN meeting, particularly to hear from the SSAC about the reports that they will be making to the community this week.

Next, I met with European Commission reps, with the able assistance of Bart, to talk about the IDN process. The Commission has some particular concerns about that process that they wanted us to note.

I had a lovely breakfast with the ICANN Chair rather early in the morning to update and engage with him on ccNSO matters. So, it's very good to know that at the Chair level of ICANN there is a strong interest in what we're doing, what our planning for our week, etc., and what is important to us.

I-- gosh, I think it was on Saturday, I forget now, spoke at the Africa DNS Forum, which was a really good event. I was there primarily as the nominate CEO, but I did get an opportunity to put my ccNSO hat on and reference the work that is being done on the framework of interpretation. It was a very good forum session there on the role of governments in ccTLD redelegation, national policy considerations for ccTLDs and the extent to which we are involved in national policy. And maybe that's a possible panel discussion at some stage. And also, there was a good discussion around the role of governments in promoting ccTLDs. So, I'd like to congratulate the organizers on that forum. It seemed exceptionally interesting, even the part I was in.

And finally, on Friday, just before this meeting, I was present at the SO and AC Chairs meeting with the ICANN CEO and the VP of Policy, a traditional start to the ICANN week where we update each other on what's on our agenda for the week, key things that we think are going to provoke interest or conversation, and really a good pre-meeting to liaise.

That's my Chair's Update. Let me move to Vice-Chairs and firstly ask Keith.

Keith Davidson: Thanks. Listen, other than working on the FRO working group, I think since the last meeting-- I'm not sure when the last meeting was, but I attending the WTP (inaudible) review in Geneva in May. We had our New Zealand (inaudible) last week, which was a pretty successful event and had some aspects pertaining to ICANN that were quite interesting and ccTLD operations.

And we get on after here, the week after next, to the ISAC Board in (inaudible) in conjunction with the IGF. And ISOC has been very, very busy for one that just recently with-- we've just finished our election, so we have a new board coming on for this meeting. And we also started the recruitment of (inaudible) UCO with the advertising for the position and the letters to come. But, (inaudible).

Lesley Cowley: Not much, thank you. Okay. Thank you. Sorry, sarcasm. Byron?

Byron Holland: Well, my list will be relatively short in comparison, other than work on the finance working group. In the past short while I was involved in one of ICANN's or Fati's (ph) strategy sessions about four weeks ago in Brussels. And that was with the-- a group of ccTLD operators. And in fact, .se was the host of that event. And some interesting discussion around, from ICANN's perspective, who is the customer and the ability to run an organization that is both an operator as well as a policy development shop, like many of us are. And ICANN was seeking views on that.

And in addition, on the domestic front we are the chief sponsor of a Canadian IGF and we did that in the late spring. And that is it.

Lesley Cowley: Okay. Thank you.

I'll move on to-- whether there are any councilors' updates other than the work groups that we'll come to later. If I start right down the right end, Victor?

Victor Abboud: Nothing to update. Nothing to report.

Unidentified Participant: On my side I'd like to report that I've been volunteering for the newcomers' lunch. There have been almost 30 newcomers that have benefited from ICANN fellowship for this meeting.

In addition, I participated in the Internet governance updates. I think it was on Monday. And today it was a session of (inaudible) and an organization of Internet governance. And they have come up with this platform called or titled I Inform Alliance. That is basically a platform that's-- that they would like to see the main players of the Internet to be more active when it comes to the dissemination of information in creating a more-- a better informed public.

And this was an interesting platform. It is on the board's table for discussion and decision. Their focus will be on three what they call working areas. The first will be I Inform Cyber Awareness Campaign, the second will be I Inform Engagement and the third will be I Inform New gTLDs for development. So those will be three, let's say, working areas that they are proposing. They are waiting for board confirmation. But, in any case, their plan is to continue and go ahead with their plan for making it operational.

Tomorrow is the session on engaging the global community and interactive approach to outreach and I'm planning to participate on that session. So, thank

you.

Unidentified Participant: The working group has a meeting on this Monday to talk about two issues. One is that competitive (inaudible) programs in ICANN community have become more and more complicated. In addition to the different competitive (inaudible) program in different stakeholder groups, there are many programs in different regions, as we discussed this afternoon. So, the first task of the working group right now is to develop a matrix, try to understand how many programs are really relevant in capacity building. And as Byron suggested in the afternoon, the matrix could be used to develop a roadmap for the collaboration and the cooperation between these programs. This is the first task.

The second one is continuing discussion on the possible pirate leadership projects in one of (inaudible) at ICANN, the AGM 2013, but ICANN has not confirmed the budget and the fund, but this is an ongoing discussion. That's the report. Thanks.

Unidentified Participant: This is (inaudible). This is my first face-to-face meeting with Council. It's an honor to be on this Council. And I will try to involve myself in some working groups, but not yet. I don't have any assignment yet. Just to mention that I'm honored to be part of (inaudible) with (inaudible) from Denmark and we are both representatives of the ccNSO and that revision team. And of course, we are open to suggestions and desire. Thank you.

Katrina Sataki: I'm Katrina Sataki. There are no updates.

Margarita Valdes: I'm Margarita Valdes. I have, too, some activity in the meeting strategy working group. Actually, with the help of Gabriella, we had a survey about the things about how we can deal with the ICANN meetings and probably Keith will explain better than me. And just invite you to tomorrow. We will have a session between 9:00 and 10:30 in the Hall 6 about how the people are participating in ICANN meetings. I understand and I want to be-- continually be planning of the meetings in the future. Thank you.

Unidentified Participant: Other than the (inaudible) which I attended on Friday, I also attended the African effort discuss this afternoon, discuss the whole development of the Internet in Africa. Thanks.

Young-Eum Lee: Young Lee. I would just like to report that we are working very hard to get ready for the APRIGF that is going to be held in September, from September 4th to 6th in Seoul. So, I would like to invite everyone to attend. Thank you.

Abibu Ntahigiye: I am Abibu Ntahigiye. I will not report SOP working group here. I was involved, together with Mary Wong (ph), in the preparation of the Joint GNSO/ccNSO Council meeting. I have to admit I escaped on holiday and Mary fled to the ICANN staff. So in the end, Bart and his GNSO counterpart ended up preparing that session. And I think that the presentation they made on the differences and the similarities between the ccNSO and the GNSO should be something like regulatory reading material for newcomers, at least, and ICANN staff.

Secondly and most important, the application for membership for the ccNSO, that document is on the agenda so I'll skip that one, too. Thank you.

Unidentified Participant: I'm all SOITWG (ph) all the time. I'm not allowed to do anything else or Bernie (PH) would get mad at me.

Unidentified Participant: I'm here from (inaudible) registry. Apart from participation to the DNS Forum before the ICANN meeting, I will be attending the roundtable meeting with ICANN today (inaudible).

Unidentified Participant: I'm here also from (inaudible). I've been deeply involved in the regional organization (inaudible) TLD's mission and objectives (inaudible) as working with the chair.

Souleymane Oumtanaga: Okay. Souleymane from Ivory Coast. (Inaudible). I participate to DNS forum this week. And I also have a meeting with ISOC about also actually in Africa. The first thing I do is a meeting, a (inaudible) meeting to define a strategy plan for three years. That's what I have. Thank you.

Lesley Cowley: Okay. Thank you very much Council members. Let me move on to the service update. (Inaudible), is there any updates from the liaisons that haven't already covered? And that just in case, we'll give you the opportunity. But, I believe Peter is participating. Remind me.

Unidentified Participant: (Inaudible.)

Lesley Cowley: He's on his way. Okay.

Unidentified Participant: (Inaudible.)

Lesley Cowley: I'm impressed. Okay.

Carolina Aguerre: We provided all the updates in the update session earlier today. Thank you.

Lesley Cowley: An update on the update. Okay, thank you, Carolina.

We've missed that liaison (inaudible). Not intentionally. I know Cheryl has sent her apologies to this meeting because she's-- is in NomCom. And Hong Xue has changed his role and has now left his role as a (inaudible) liaison. And Ron is the other one who I think was going to be participating remotely.

Ron Sherwood: Hello. Can you hear me?

Lesley Cowley: He should be online? He should be online. We'll come to him because I know we haven't--.

Ron Sherwood: (Inaudible.)

Lesley Cowley: Aha. Hello, Ron.

Ron Sherwood: Hi. (Technical difficulty.)

Okay. (Technical difficulty.)

Lesley Cowley: We're just doing the quick introductory updates.

Ron Sherwood: Okay. You should have my written update already. And--.

Lesley Cowley: We have, Ron. Thank you.

Ron Sherwood: And I have attended a number of meetings during this conference and I'll report

on those later. I have nothing more at the moment for you.

Lesley Cowley: Excellent. Okay, thank you.

And from the Secretariat, Bart?

Bart Boswinkel: Yeah, maybe just one thing. For the record, the Council request to update the fast track process has been implemented by the Board this June, the 27th of June. So, that one is done.

Lesley Cowley: Thank you. Gabby?

Gabriella Schittek: No, nothing.

Lesley Cowley: Kristina?

Kristina Nordstrom: No.

Lesley Cowley: Okay, thank you. Let's move on then to item four on our agenda, the membership application that's from Rwanda.

Unidentified Participant: Yes, thank you, Mrs. Chair. We received an application from Rwanda last Monday and I proposed the Council to push this through so that we can take a decision on this today. I asked Council members who objected to either the application or the process I proposed to give those objections. I received none. I received some approvals, although I didn't ask for that. But, concluding on the feedback I got, I think we can safely assume that there's nobody whether is objecting to Rwanda's membership.

Lesley Cowley: Thank you very much.

Unidentified Participant: And I think you wanted to get some perspective on this application.

Lesley Cowley: I do. So, I just wanted to say I was particularly pleased to see the application for Rwanda because I'm personally aware that it has a long history. And the history began, as far as I know it, when there was an application through a redelegation in 2005. And subsequently, in 2008 at an AfTLD meeting in Johannesburg I met one of the advisors to Rwanda, who I think is here today. Hi, Edward (ph). And so, it's a sort of great pleasure to me that at my final meeting we have an application from Rwanda, because I know it represents a milestone in a very long journey.

So, the draft resolution is that the ccNSO Council approves the membership application for the ccTLD manager for .rw and welcomes RICTA, which is the Rwanda Information and Communication Technology Association, as the 138th member of the ccNSO.

Let me ask if there are any objections to that, please. In which case, then I suggest we pass that by acclamation. (Applause.)

There's an echo in the room, Ron.

Okay. Item number five. We have lost, sadly, Andre Phillip. Andre Phillip, who I know expanded his role even further and will be doing some work with the regulator in his country, which means that he has informed us he will need to

step down as the Program Working Group Chair. And the Program Working Group has unanimously nominated Katrina Sasaki as its Chair.

The draft resolution is at the unanimous nomination of the members of the Program Working Group. The ccNSO Council appoints Katrina Sasaki, .lv, as Chair of the ccNSO Program Working Group.

Katrina, I don't know if you wish to say anything or disagree?

Katrina Sasaki: Well, I'm very sorry that we suddenly missed-- suddenly lost, I mean, but lost Andre and we will miss him. But luckily, he'll stay on the group and continue the work and I hope that our group will just continue organizing events with the help of Secretariat. Thank you.

Lesley Cowley: Thank you, Katrina.

Does anyone else wish to comment? Okay. Can I propose that resolution, please? All in favor hands up. Keep your-- wait. Lift your hands up. We're counting. Okay.

Unidentified Participant: (Inaudible.)

Lesley Cowley: Yes. Hands up for approval.

Okay, that's approved. Thank you very much, Katrina.

Okay. Next up, the IDN ccPDP voting process. We have had some discussion of this issue this week and Council members will be aware we need to go into a second voting process. We have a rather long resolution, which I will read into the record.

The ccNSO Council appoints Gabriella Schittek as Manager of the second and final voting process on the Council recommendation relating to the IDN ccPDP policy development process, which is to be held from the 24th of July until the 13th of August. As Voting Manager she is requested to inform the ccNSO membership and Council, including the observers, on progress of the voting one week, two week and three weeks-- three days before its closure so we have ongoing progress reports.

Council has also requested to contact ccNSO members in their region to vote and assist the members in resolving issues regarding their voting, if any. The ccNSO membership is requested to contact the secretariat to check whether the contact details are still correct in order to minimize administrative issues relating to the voting.

So, this is all about the second round and really ensuring that we are able to exceed, one hopes, the number of votes that we had in the first round.

Does any Council member wish to make comments, please? Keith.

Keith Davidson: Just a procedural point. The line of the resolution says IDN and ccTLD (inaudible) development process. That should be policy development process. Could we fix it, please?

Lesley Cowley: That's just to prove you've read the paper. I did certainly say policy. Okay. So, this typo is accepted. Any other comments? Anyone wish to object to that resolution?

Okay, all those in favor could you raise your hands?

And Ron, you're going to need to shout at me if you're not raising your hand. Thank you.

Okay. Moving on, we have the Quorum Working Group. They call for volunteers. We set the-- we would defer the call for volunteers pending the outcome of the ccPDP voting process. And the draft resolution is that the ccNSO Council request the Secretariat to send out a call for volunteers immediately following this ICANN meeting in order to appoint the working group at its meeting. Do you mean at its next meeting?

Unidentified Participant: Yeah.

Lesley Cowley: Anyone wish to raise any comments on that one, please? Anyone wish to object? In which case, all in favor raise your hand.

Thank you very much.

Okay. Let's move on to the Joint IDN ccNSO and GNSO working group known as the JIG. Firstly, we have a letter to the ICANN Board, or proposed letter to the ICANN Board, on ICANN's IDN variant project as proposed by the JIG. And at the request of the Council and in accordance with the Triage Committee's recommendation, the JIG was requested to prepare a reaction on the IDN-- sorry, on ICANN's IDN variant project regarding the policy aspects of the user experience. The JIG submitted a proposal for electors to the ccNSO and the ccNSO Councils. And the GNSO Council, on their (inaudible), will discuss and decide at a later meeting.

So, the proposal is the draft resolution that we-- the ccNSO Council acknowledge receipt of the proposed letter and defer a decision and discussion to our next teleconference meeting.

Anyone have an issue with that? It's a very recent letter that we've received. Katrina?

Katrina Sasaki: Well, I'd just like to point out that the letter to the Board by the JIG working group has content that does not completely agree with, to say-- to put it mildly, with the recommendations. And so I would like to advise all the Council members to review the recommendations by the JIG working group that was sent to the mailing list.

Lesley Cowley: Okay. So, with that in mind (inaudible), and I'm particularly mindful that we have lost our GNSO liaison, would you be able to share a summary of the GNSO comments or concern with the Council on our next call?

Katrina Sasaki: Yes.

Lesley Cowley: Thank you. That would be appreciated.

Okay. Do I take it you are in approval of the proposed resolution, then?

Katrina Sasaki: Oh, yeah. Yeah.

Lesley Cowley: Okay. Anyone object? In which case, all in favor? Thank you very much.

Okay. The second item under that issue is the appointment of a ccNSO co-chair of the JIG. So, Jian has informed myself that she will be stepping down as co-chair for the JIG as she is leaving her current role. And Eum, who is a member of that already and ccNSO Council liaison for the JIG, has indicated that she's willing to accept the appointment as co-chair of the JIG as well.

So, the draft resolution is that the ccNSO Council appoint Eum Lee from .kr as co-chair of the Joint ccNSO-GNSO IDN working group and request staff to inform the working group and the chair of the GNSO of this appointment.

Anyone wish to raise comments on that draft resolution, please? You're all very quiet. Anyone-- we've done objections, sorry. Any objections? All in favor please raise your hand. Thank you.

Congratulations. (Inaudible.)

Okay. Item nine, the geographic regions final report. So on this one, the ccNSO has been requested to respond to the final report of the geographic regions working group and the Council Triage Committee has recommended that the Council in which the ccNSO statement (inaudible). The draft resolutions, therefore, is that the Secretariat is requested to call for volunteers, specifically one or more members of the group that prepared the ccNSO response on the draft final report of the geographic regions working group.

Anyone wish to comment on that one, please? Anyone wish to object? All those in favor please raise your hand. Thank you.

Okay. Moving on to item 10, the appointment of a new member of the ccNSO Council Triage Committee. So, this is where, of course, Mary Wong found a novel way of escaping ccNSO by being appointed to the ICANN staff. And that does mean that she therefore has to step down from the Council and as a member of the Triage Committee. We did place a call for volunteers and Hong very kindly volunteered.

So, the draft resolution is that the ccNSO Council appoint Hong Xue as a member of the ccNSO Council Triage Committee. Anyone wish to comment? No? Anyone wish to object? No? All those in favor please raise your hand. Thank you very much.

We must have some more interesting bits on the agenda because there seem to be a lot hand raising and me talking.

Okay. Next up we have the call for volunteers for the ccNSO Council Liaison. So as I mentioned earlier, Han Chuan Lee from .sg has now stepped down as the ccNSO Liaison to the GNSO, which means that we need a new volunteer.

The draft resolution is that the Secretariat is requested to send out a call for volunteers for the ccNSO liaison to the GNSO. This call should include an indication of the time investment and the expected role. And I know that Han Chuan will be very happy to speak to anyone who is interested in acting in that capacity.

Any comments on that one, please? No? Okay. Any objections? All those in favor please raise your hand. Thank you.

Okay. Can we have any other Council actions or items in the meeting? I'm looking to Bart who's my source of guidance on these things. Anyone? No? In which case we will move on.

Our normal procedure on our telephone conference calls is to then go through all of the various working groups that we're involved in. Seeing as many of us have been working on the working groups this week, we're not going to do that at this meeting because it might get a bit repetitive. The proposal is to go back to that at our next call, which leads me on to the liaison updates.

The ALAC liaison update. Ron very kindly has connected to the Council on the Council list. Ron, was there anything you particularly wish to highlight for the Council?

Ron Sherwood: Hello?

Lesley Cowley: Hi, Ron.

Ron Sherwood: No, I-- there's nothing I need to highlight there. I think it's all self-explanatory.

Lesley Cowley: Thank you, Ron. I was hoping you might be a bit longer. I could finish my coffee.

Okay. Thank you very much for that update.

Ron Sherwood: (Inaudible.)

Lesley Cowley: Thank you. (Inaudible.)

Unidentified Participant: Yes. I would like to point out that the ALAC actually has put out a statement on the implementation of ICANN variant top-level domains. And so, I would like to advise the Council members to review the ALAC update as well. Thank you.

Lesley Cowley: Okay. Thank you, (inaudible).

The GNSO liaison update is rather tricky because we haven't seen the GNSO liaison (inaudible). I don't know if we perhaps could link Councilors to the GNSO report of this meeting. That might be a helpful way forward for this time until we have a replacement for Han Chuan, please.

Okay. So, item 15 on our agenda-- oh, sorry. Very difficult with having a straight table.

Becky Burr: I'm happy to provide an update for-- on the GNSO.

Lesley Cowley: Would you like to do that now or later?

Becky Burr: I'll just do it in writing and hand it around.

Lesley Cowley: Okay.

Becky Burr: Everybody knows what they've been talking about.

Lesley Cowley: Everybody knows what the GNSO has been talking about. Okay, good. Thanks, Becky.

Item 15 is our next Council meeting for everyone to note in your diaries please. The 20th of August, the 10th of September and the 8th of October, all at noon ETC.

Next up we have the-- oh, the ccNSO Chair action. Keith, you very kindly volunteered to chair this (inaudible) meeting.

Keith Davidson: Yes. You'll recall from the 10th of April Beijing meeting that Lesley had indicated that she would not be able to continue in the role of Chair of the ccNSO and there was an interim nomination and position created through to the end of this meeting in Durban that was resolved by Council. So, we've come to that point where the resignation of the kind of-- almost the (inaudible), so we now need to call for nominations for the position of Chair of the ccNSO Council. So, are there any nominations?

Becky Burr: I'd like to nominate Byron.

Lesley Cowley: I'd like to second Byron.

Keith Davidson: So, I've received a nomination and a second then for Byron. Any further nominations?

Unidentified Participant: (Inaudible.)

(Laughter.)

Multiple Speakers: (Inaudible.)

Keith Davidson: Okay. Okay. Now-- well, I'm not quite ready to put the motion so I think we'll hold it and break in the proceeding for a little while now. And I think it's the appropriate point that we should start to reflect on some thank yous for Lesley. And I understand there's a video to play? Are we-- (inaudible).

Unidentified Participant: I think (inaudible) Lesley's (inaudible) now, she can pick a chair here and (inaudible).

(Video playing)

Unidentified Participant: (Inaudible) I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your energy in seating and to backing the meaningful (inaudible) to the Chair you have demonstrated. We have been very, very (inaudible) so ICANN (inaudible). Your spirit and (inaudible) in personal and private sectors has been the most important for the (inaudible) and supporting organization in (inaudible) development of the new stakeholders for the internet also. We wish you all the best. We (inaudible).

Unidentified Participant: (Inaudible) a relationship that (inaudible) for a leadership person. I think we need more people like her. (Inaudible) communications side and (inaudible) towards solving problems and issues (inaudible). Thank you.

Unidentified Participant: (Inaudible.) And I wish you a very pleasant time with other (inaudible). Thank you, Lesley.

Unidentified Participant: Hi, Lesley. During your tenure as Chair, we found out that we both started in '99 in this sector. Over these last 14 years we've been on it, in touch regularly, but for the last three years during your tenure as Chair, (inaudible). And as a result, I've really appreciated what you've done for the ccNSO and for us as the Secretariat. And I've really enjoyed the certainly (inaudible) conversations we've had and the ability of the ccNSO and reaching out (inaudible). So I hope, although we must step down (inaudible) the Council we'll be able to continue these kind of conversations; not as regularly, of course, but still (inaudible) and many thanks.

Unidentified Participant: This is a bridge for Lesley and I think that I could miss her a lot more than any, but I really love her (inaudible). Best wishes and (inaudible), Lesley.

Multiple Speakers: (Inaudible.)

Unidentified Participant: (Inaudible.) Just wanted to (inaudible). Thank you very much for all you've done with the ccNSO (inaudible). I can't help but think that the (inaudible) this ecosystem. (Inaudible). I just can't help but think (inaudible) GNSO (inaudible). We spend most of our (inaudible). And Lesley, as our guide and as our (inaudible), you've led the ccNSO through that complex and difficult ecosystem. And I just wanted to say personally (inaudible). Thank you for doing such a great job.

Unidentified Participant: Lesley joined the ccNSO in the early days of the internet. She brought together quite a fledgling group of ccTDLs you have ever heard of to be a force to be reckoned with. When Lesley spoke, the board listened. Well, sort of. And along the way she treated the members of the ccNSO with respect and consideration. Goodbye, Lesley. You will be missed.

(Music playing)

Unidentified Participant: Hello, Lesley. Before you start (inaudible). Since we don't want to look (inaudible), this will only be a short little (inaudible). (Inaudible), but we also like the way you giggle. (Inaudible.) This is just a short little (inaudible) and we wonder what (inaudible). So, I wanted to say (inaudible) we will really miss you as the Chair. And last, but not least, every minute and every hour you taught us about (inaudible).

(Video ends - clapping)

Lesley Cowley: I didn't know you could rhyme.

Keith Davidson: Can I call (inaudible).

There may have been some people on the Council who didn't get the opportunity to submit. Is there anyone who wishes to (inaudible) thanks or a word or two currently? Roelof.

Roelof Meijer: Thank you, Mr. Interim Chair, I think it would be.

Lesley was the person who kind of forced me into candidating (ph) myself for a Council position. And I still remember that it was a conditional candidature and that I said I will only do it and I'll only stay on if somehow we manage together as a whole council, as a group, to professionalize the way we work and I think it's largely to your credit that we really managed to do that.

And personally, I've learned a lot from you. And there are some things that I hope that I will continue learning from you because I don't think-- I'm not quite yet there. So, I've written them down so that I can't forget them. And so, I hope that I've learned a bit from you on how to be diplomatically blunt; politely impatient; moderately stern; businesslike and focused, but always (inaudible) empathetic; interested and attentive, but very punctual; very intelligent, but always respectful; and old and wise, but forever young and eager to learn. Thank you very much.

Keith Davidson: Thanks, Roelof. Any other comments? Young-Eum.

Young-Eum Lee: Lesley (inaudible). I'm always amazed at how strong you could be while being really soft about it. I guess that's the British way. I really appreciate what you've done for the ccNSO. Thank you.

Keith Davidson: (Inaudible.)

Unidentified Participant: Yeah. Just I'll say, Leslie, thank you. It's been quite a pleasure working almost for you as a Chair, but working with you as a Chair. You've provided some good leadership and calm insight that could carry over from (inaudible) and before you from Australia for a good (inaudible) Chair we really say thank you.

Keith Davidson: Thank you, (inaudible). Any other comments? Becky.

Becky Burr: You rock.

Keith Davidson: Any final comments or (inaudible).

Bart Boswinkel: It's not a comment. I'm just-- on behalf of the girl power, once again I've been volun-told to do something. (Laughter.) Roelof's note struck a chord with me. I was, like, ah, I remember that conversation, too. And somehow, here I am again. But, I've been volun-told by the other members of the girl power group to present this small gift on behalf of the cc community, which records many of those polite but firm, patient but demanding, and always Britishly diplomatic moments.

Lesley Cowley: Thank you very much. Thank you very much. So, I'm going to use all these comments in my appraisal that's coming up soon. But seriously, it's been a--.

Keith Davidson: (Inaudible.)

Lesley Cowley: Hmm? Sorry?

Unidentified Participant: (Inaudible.)

Lesley Cowley: Oh, goodness.

Unidentified Participant: Okay. It's working. Thank you very much.

Lesley, this is a gift from the ccNSO Council and the cc community. We were told that you have ability for cooking, so this gift is a cookbook that (inaudible) promoting of French and Italian kind of tastes. And as I explained to you and to the Council that there is a gift that is also on its way. For some reason and somehow it didn't get here on time. A course, a one-day cooking course in Paris at (inaudible) from the ccNSO Council the ccNSO members will present to you. So, with this we say thank you.

(Applause)

Unidentified Participant: (Inaudible), it's a (inaudible) that cookbook should be (inaudible) London in the middle of next year.

Lesley Cowley: You'd be very welcome.

Unidentified Participant: And maybe as a word of warning to everybody in the room, if Lesley ever says you might want to reconsider that to you, it means that you have really said something very stupid.

(Laughter)

Lesley Cowley: I feel as though I'm being rumbled. So, thank you to the people who have volunteered to do things. Yes, I did volunteer you and, yes, you all rose to the challenge. It's been an absolute pleasure to be your Chair for the last two and a bit years. It's been an honor to serve this community.

We often say one size does not fit all here. That's a frequent refrain of ours. And we do have a diverse range of models in this community. But, we do have a lot more in common than other bits of this community, which makes it an awfully much easier job to chair the ccNSO. And I was struck by the c-words in our panel discussion earlier. We are collaborative, we are cohesive. And we are mostly a group of happy people and that also makes it great fun to chair the ccNSO. And let's not ever lose that culture that we have, which is another very important c-word.

I know that I have worked you hard. I know that I've tried to get you organized. And I'm really surprised nobody picked on too much to keeping you to time. But, thank you very much for having me as a chair. It's been a pleasure. Thank you.

(Applause.)

Keith Davidson: I think it would be appropriate if we could record these messages of thanks into the minutes of this meeting, which will make it a rather long set of minutes. My apologies, but could we please do that? I think it is most appropriate.

So I thank you, Lesley. And I think it's now appropriate to note your stepping down and declare the result of the election for the Chair. We have a nomination of Byron from Becky, seconded by Lesley. So Byron, you are elected and (inaudible) congratulations.

(Applause.)

Byron Holland: Well, thank you very much. I really appreciate the support of the Council and the community to allow me to participate in this way. And I hope I'll be able to follow in Lesley and Chris' footsteps. Thank you very much.

Keith Davidson: Thank you. And the final piece of work for Lesley, I'll hand back to you to conclude the meeting.

Lesley Cowley: Okay. Thank you. Well, I'm all hot and bothered now.

I would assume that that means we will need to appoint a new vice-chair. I suggest that maybe the new Chair might like a little time to think about that and I

suggest we take that as an agenda item on the next council, if that's okay with you.

Byron Holland: Yes. Most appropriate.

Lesley Cowley: Excellent. And you'll get a (inaudible) when you go, too, huh? Okay. So, thank you everyone for the presents and the video and so I'm a bit overwhelmed. But, let me finish with some thank yous for this meeting.

The ccNSO Council would like to thank all presenters and participants at the ccNSO meeting and the ccNSO working groups during the Durban meeting. We've had a good meeting.

The ccNSO Council wholeheartedly thanks the ccNSO Secretariat for their ongoing professional work and excellent support. Personally, as Chair, I think you guys rock. If I could bring you over to (inaudible) you'd be very welcome. But I won't.

Unidentified Participant: (Inaudible.)

Lesley Cowley: The ccNSO Council thanks Mary Wong, who served on the Council since the ICANN Annual Meeting in 2012 as a NomCom appointee and wishes her all the best in her new role as ICANN Support Staff to the GNSO.

The ccNSO Council thanks Jian Zhang for serving as co-chair of the Joint IDN ccNSO-GNSO IDN working group and her service to the ccNSO community and the Council as a service to the Councilor from APTLD and wishes her all the best in her future endeavors.

The ccNSO Council thanks Andre Phillip for his service to the community's Chair for the ccNSO program working group, congratulates him with his appointment of the Czech Regulatory Authority and hopes that he will remain involved in the work of the ccNSO.

The ccNSO Council thanks (inaudible) NGs ccTLD manager for sponsoring the Tuesday ccNSO lunch.

Importantly, on behalf of the ccNSO community present, the ccNSO Council wholeheartedly thanks the celebration committee. We had a great event last night. Thank you to Vika as Chair of that committee, Margarita, Katrina, Young-Eum, Barrack, Chris Disspain, Souleymane and Sokol. And the sponsors, who were (inaudible), for the outstanding celebration of the 10th anniversary of the ccNSO. Thank you very much for those who I know put a lot of work in the event. And we loved the video which I hope will shortly be on the website.

And lastly, but by no means finally, the ccNSO Council, on behalf of the ccTLD community, thanks (inaudible), the host of the Durban meeting, for their hospitality and co-sponsoring of the dinner. And our very warm welcome to Durban and the support you provided us throughout the meeting. Thank you very much. I'm done.

Kevin Davidson: Lesley, may I ask you to add the JPRS to the one-off sponsors of the (inaudible)?

Lesley Cowley: I'm sorry. In my rush to conclude, I've obviously missed you, but I did thank you last night. Sorry, Hiro. Thank you to JPRS, too.

We're finished. We seem to have a bigger audience than we normally have for ccNSO Council meetings. Good to see you.