

**ccNSO Council meeting**  
Singapore, 26 March 2014  
Agenda

**1) Apologies**

**2) Minutes and Actions**

**3) IANA Transition Process**

3.1 What have we heard

3.2 Draft statement for Public Forum

To be circulated on the council list prior to Public Forum meeting

3.3 Appointment of Process Coordination committee

***Draft Resolution***

**The ccNSO Council appoints Byron Holland, Keith Davidson and Becky Burr as ccNSO Process Coordination Committee with respect to IANA Functions Transition Process. The purpose of this committee is to coordinate the ccNSO efforts to participate in the IANA Functions Transition Process, and coordinate the ccNSO with other efforts aimed at including the broad ccTLD community in the process. The committee may invite other members of the ccTLD community to participate in the work of the committee, if deemed necessary and appropriate.**

**4) Closure of the Joint IDN Working Group and Next Steps for Certain IDN-related Issues**

***Background***

The Joint IDN Working Group (JIG) was [chartered](#) by the ccNSO and GNSO Councils in 2009 to discuss issues of common interest between the two Supporting Organizations in relation to Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs), in particular, IDN top-level domains (TLDs). The charter was extended in 2010, after the adoption of the IDN ccTLD Fast Track Implementation Plan.

The JIG identified three issues of common interest, viz. single character IDN TLDs, IDN Variant TLDs, and Universal Acceptance of IDN TLDs:

- On single character IDN TLDs, the JIG's [Final Report](#) recommending that these be delegated in the New gTLD Program and the IDN ccTLD Fast Track Program was approved by the ccNSO and GNSO Councils, and sent to the ICANN Board in May 2011; the JIG prepared a follow-up letter for the ccNSO and GNSO Councils, which after adoption was jointly [sent](#) to the ICANN Board in February 2012;

- On IDN Variant TLDs, the JIG published an [Initial Report](#) in March 2011, and ICANN has launched an IDN Variant TLD Program to develop solutions to ensure a secure and stable delegation of IDN Variant TLDs;
- On Universal Acceptance of IDN TLDs, the JIG published its [Final Report](#) in November 2013, and ICANN will be launching a project to facilitate universal acceptance of all TLDs at the ICANN meeting in Singapore;

In November 2013, recognizing that further work needed to be done in relation to IDNs, in particular IDN variants and universal acceptance of IDNs, the ccNSO and GNSO Councils requested that the JIG put forward suggestions on how to deal with these issues and deliver these suggestions to the Councils by the ICANN Singapore Meetings in March 2014.

Members of the JIG support the ICANN staff recommendations that the ccNSO and GNSO Councils should each continue to monitor ICANN's community efforts to resolve issues relating to single character IDN TLDs, IDN Variant TLDs and Universal Acceptance of All TLDs (including IDN TLDs).

#### ***Draft resolution***

- 1. The ccNSO Council believes that in view of the ongoing community work at ICANN on these issues the JIG may now be closed, and will terminate the extension of the JIG as outlined in the charter.**
- 2. The ccNSO Council will continue to monitor the progress of the various community-based efforts to resolve the issues raised by the JIG, and will evaluate the need for any further policy or policy related work on a periodic basis; and**
- 3. The ccNSO Council thanks the JIG for all its hard work in ensuring that solutions to these important issues are developed through community-based efforts.**

### **5) Adoption of charter for a Cross Community Working Group to Develop a Framework of Operating Principles for Future Cross Community Working Groups**

#### ***Background***

In March 2012 the GNSO Council [approved](#) a set of [initial draft principles](#) relating to the formation and operation of cross community working groups (CWGs) and [directed](#) ICANN staff to solicit feedback on the principles from the other ICANN Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees (SO/ACs).

In June 2013 the ccNSO provided detailed [feedback](#) suggesting further clarifications and possible additions to the initial draft principles.

In October 2013 the GNSO Council [approved](#) the formation of a Drafting Team to develop a Charter for a new CWG to take forward and synthesize the initial work of the GNSO and the ccNSO feedback, and develop a final framework of operating principles that can function effectively across all SO/ACs relating to the formation, operation, decision making and termination of future CWGs (the “Final Framework”).

The Drafting Team, co-chaired by the ccNSO and GNSO, has now completed its work on a proposed draft Charter for this new CWG.

### ***Draft Resolution***

- 1. The ccNSO Council adopts the Charter and appoints Becky Burr as the ccNSO Council liaison to the CWG that will develop the Final Framework;**
- 2. The ccNSO Council will coordinate next steps with the GNSO Council to jointly issue a call for volunteers for the CWG; and**
- 3. Until such time as the CWG selects its co-chairs for the WG and those co-chairs are confirmed by the ccNSO and GNSO Councils, the ccNSO Council liaison to the CWG shall serve as the interim co-chair from the ccNSO.**

## **6) Adoption of charter for Cross-Community Working Group to develop a framework for the use of Country and Territory names as TLDs (UCTN WG)**

### ***Background***

The ccNSO Study group on the use of Names for Country and Territory published its Final Report in September 2013 (<http://ccnso.icann.org/node/42227> ). The first of the two recommendations of the Study Group to the ccNSO Council was to establish a cross community working group to:

- Further review the current status of representations of country and territory names, as they exist under current ICANN policies, guidelines and procedures;
- Provide advice regarding the feasibility of developing a consistent and uniform definitional framework that could be applicable across the respective SOs and ACs; and
- Should such a framework be deemed feasible, provide detailed advice as to the content of the framework.

The ccNSO Council adopted the recommendations and, as the objective of the proposed Working Group is considered to be of common interest to the broader community, other Supporting Organisations (SOs), Advisory Committees (ACs) and others, were invited to participate in the working group on equal footing.

The ccNSO submitted a proposed charter for this Cross-Community Working Group, which was reviewed and discussed by other SOs and ACs.

### ***Draft Resolution***

- 1. The ccNSO Council adopts the Charter and appoints Paul Szyndler as the Interim ccNSO Co-Chair to the Cross-Community Working Group to advise on the feasibility of a framework for the use of Country and Territory names as TLDs, and develop such a framework if deemed feasible.**
- 2. The ccNSO will collaborate with the other SOs and ACs to issue a call for volunteers for this CWG, each in accordance with its own rules. The secretariat is requested to coordinate the call for volunteers.**

## **7) Election Review Committee Final Report**

### ***Background***

Report was included in Preparatory Materials Council call 20 January 2014. Included again.

### ***Draft Resolution***

**The ccNSO Council adopts the recommendations of its Election Review Committee:**

- 1. The ccNSO Secretariat is requested to look into possibilities of developing a new voting system, which allows each member to handle and update their own data and which is linked to a voting tool making it the voting much easier to handle.**
- 2. The ccNSO Secretariat is requested to update the ccNSO Election Guidelines with the additional wording: " Only ccNSO Primary or Secondary Contacts, as listed in the ccNSO Database, are eligible to nominate or second a candidate" in the appropriate section.**
- 3. The ccNSO Secretariat is requested to update the ccNSO Election Guidelines with the additional wording: Self-Nominations or Secondments are not allowed" in the appropriate section.**
- 4. The ccNSO Secretariat is requested to continue its activities on awareness raising campaigns, when necessary.**

**The Council wholeheartedly thanks all members of the committee and in particular its chair Katrina Sasaki, for its hard work in this area and closes the Election review Committee.**

## **8) Council Updates**

- 8.1 Chair Update
- 8.2 Vice-chair Update
- 8.3 Councilors Update
- 8.4 Regional Organisations Update
- 8.5 Staff Update

## **9) Liaison Updates**

- 9.1 GNSO Liaison (Patrick Myers)
- 9.2 ALAC Liaison (Ron Sherwood)

## **10) Update work plan**

- 10.1 FYI: Monthly work plan
- 10.2 Next steps overall work plan

## **11) Chair and Vice-Chairs election**

- 11.1 Nomination and Election Chair of the ccNSO
- 11.2 Nomination and Election first Vice-chair
- 11.3 Nomination and Election second Vice-chair

## **12) Roles and Responsibilities of Councilors**

### ***Draft Resolution***

**The ccNSO Council adopts the assignment of tasks as proposed in the assignment of roles and responsibilities March 2014.**

## **13) Date of Next Meetings**

- 17 April 12.00 UTC
- 22 May 12.00 UTC
- 25 June 16.00 local London time

## **14) AOB**

## **15) Thank you and welcome**