Attendees:

**AF**
Vika Mpisane, .za
Abibu Ntahigiyie, .tz

**AP**
Keith Davidson, .nz
Hiro Hotta, .jp
Young-Eum Lee, .kr

**EU**
Lesley Cowley, Councillor (telephone)
Nigel Roberts, .gg & .je
Katrina Sataki, .lv

**LAC**
Demi Getschko, .br (telephone)
Margarita Valdes, .cl (telephone)

**NA**
Becky Burr, .us
Byron Holland, .ca
Dotty Sparks de Blanc, .vi (telephone)

**NomCom**
Ching Chiao
Jordi Iparraguirre
Celia Lerman-Friedman (telephone)

**Observers/Liaisons**
Maureen Hilyard, ALAC Observer to the ccNSO
Ron Sherwood, ccNSO Observer to the ALAC

**Regional Organisations**
Peter Van Roste, CENTR

**ICANN Staff**
Bart Boswinkel
Kristina Nordström
Gabriella Schittek
1 Apologies

Gabriella Schittek noted apologies for the meeting from Victor Abboud.

2 Minutes and Actions

The Chair asked for comments and questions to the previous Council minutes. No comments were noted and the minutes were approved.

Kristina Nordstrom noted two outstanding action items from the previous meeting:

Action 102-04:
The Secretariat to provide the ccTLD community with an overview of the name collision issue in order to prepare for discussions with ICANN.
This action is pending.

Action 102-05:
The Chair to ask the SOP Working Group to provide a list of its selection of the top five enterprise-wide risks to ICANN prior to 5 February 2015.
This action was overtaken by time.

3 Update Cross-Community Working Group on Internet Governance

Bart Boswinkel reported that the Cross-Community Working Group on Internet Governance met last Wednesday and that the group would consult the ccNSO Council on its charter regarding the approach towards observers. He noted that the group would like to welcome observers to the group in a similar fashion as the CWG.

4 Membership Application British Virgin Islands

Nigel Roberts presented the ccNSO member application from the British Virgin Islands, .vg, and noted that IANA has no outstanding issues with the ccTLD. He suggested that the Council approve .vg as a new member.

The resolution was proposed by Becky Burr.
The resolution was seconded by Jordi Iparraguirre.

Resolution 103-01:
THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to approve the application of the ccTLD manager of .vg and welcomes Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of the Virgin Islands and its representative Olivier Fries as the 153th member of the ccNSO.

The resolution was passed unanimously.
5 Appointments SOP Working Group

5.1. Appointment of Member

Chair: Andreas Musielak (.de) has approached the interim chair of the SOPWG in order to become member. The interim chair nominates Andreas as new member of the SOPWG.

The resolution was proposed by Young-Eum Lee.
The resolution was seconded by Katrina Sataki.

Resolution 103-02:
THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to appoint Andreas Musielak (.de) as member of the ccNSO Strategic and Operational Planning Working Group (SOP WG).

The Secretariat is requested to inform the nominee and update the SOP Working Group webpage accordingly.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

Action 103-01:
The Secretariat to inform Andreas Musielak about his appointment and update the ccNSO website accordingly.

5.2 Appointment of chair

The Chair reported that Giovanni Seppia, who had acted as interim chair of the SOP Working Group for the past months now had put his name forward for the position as permanent chair of the group. The Chair asked the Council to pass a resolution to approve Giovanni’s chairmanship.

The resolution was proposed by Abibu Ntahigiye.
The resolution was seconded by Hiro Hotta.

Resolution 103-03:
THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to appoint Giovanni Seppia (.eu) as chair of the ccNSO SOPWG, and requests him to regularly attend the ccNSO Council meetings, specifically for the related part on the agenda and to liaise between the SOPWG and Council. The secretariat is requested to inform the SOPWG membership of Giovanni’s appointment. The secretariat is also requested to ensure Giovanni is invited in a timely manner.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

Action 103-02:
The Secretariat to inform Giovanni about his appointment as SOP chair and invite him to the Council calls on a regular basis.
6 Appointment Ethos Panel

The Chair reported that ICANN staff had requested the ccNSO Council to appoint two members to the panel that helps review all community nominations for the 2015 Multistakeholder Ethos Award and determine the best candidates for the 2015 award. He also noted that after a call for nominations Young Eum Lee (.kr) and Celia Lerman Friedman (NomCom appointee to the ccNSO Council), had put their names forward. He asked the Council to pass a resolution to appoint Young-Eum and Celia.

The resolution was proposed by Becky Burr. The resolution was seconded by Nigel Roberts.

Resolution 103-04:
The COUNCIL RESOLVED to appoint Young Eum Lee (.kr) and Celia Lerman Friedman as ccNSO appointed members on the Ethos Panel. The secretariat is requested to inform the nominees and relevant ICANN Staff accordingly.

The resolution was passed with abstentions by Young-Eum Lee and Celia Lerman Friedman.

Action 103-03:
The Secretariat to inform the nominees (Young-Eum Lee and Celia Lerman Friedman) and appropriate ICANN staff of the appointments to the Ethos panel.

7 Final Report Framework of Interpretation Working Group

The Chair noted that the Framework of Interpretation Working Group was established in March 2011 and expressed his great appreciation to its members for their incredible amount of work, involving the entire ccTLD community. The Chair noted that there were three resolutions to endorse the work of the group and submit the final report to different groups. He presented the first resolution regarding the ccNSO Council support of the final recommendations of the FoI Working Group.

The resolution was proposed by Nigel Roberts. The resolution was seconded by Keith Davidson and Becky Burr.

Young-Eum Lee expressed concern about the discussions that had taken place at the last minute within the GAC around the FoI report and noted that the ccNSO should work for a better communication with the GAC in the future to avoid such situations.

Resolution 103-05:
The COUNCIL RESOLVED to express its final support for the "Framework of Interpretation" to provide more accurate and detailed analysis of the existing policies for the delegation, transfer and revocation of country code Top Level Domains.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

The Chair presented the draft resolution regarding the circulation of the FoI report to the CWG and CCWG Accountability.
The resolution was proposed by Katrina Sataki.
The resolution was seconded by Vika Mpisane.

Resolution 103-06:
THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to provide the Framework of Interpretation as an input to both the CWG-Stewardship and CCWG-Accountability working groups, with the request that the Framework and relevant recommendations from the report be incorporated into their work, including into the Service Level Agreement that will be included in the proposal for the IANA Transition Plan.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

Action 103-04:
The ccNSO Council to provide the Framework of Interpretation as an input to both the CWG-Stewardship and CCWG-Accountability working groups

The Chair presented the draft resolution regarding the submission of the FoI report to the ICANN Board.

The resolution was proposed by Vika Mpisane.
The resolution was seconded by Young-Eum Lee.

Ching Chao noted that there might not be enough time for the GAC to include the adoption of the FoI report in its Communiqué. Nigel Roberts noted that a friendly amendment had been made to the resolution to reflect this possibility.

Young-Eum expressed gratitude towards the members of the working group and noted that the RFC1591 had now been established as an authoritative document for ccTLDs.

Nigel Roberts read the friendly amendment that would clarify the part of the recommendation that concerned the GAC Principles. The Council did some further editing of the wording in the resolution. Lesley Cowley asked what the ccNSO Council would do if the FoI report would not be compatible with the GAC Communiqué. The Chair replied that in that case the recommendations would not be submitted to the Board, but that no clear strategy for that scenario is on place right now.

Bart Boswinkel read the resolution as amended.

Chin Chao noted that since he just joined the ccNSO Council he would like to abstain from the formal vote, even though he supports the report and the work.

Resolution 103-07:
THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to empower its chair and Keith Davidson, former chair of the FOIWG, to recommend the Final Report of the FOIWG to the ICANN Board of Directors, if they consider that the terms of the GAC Communiqué are compatible with such recommendations.

The ccNSO Council also recommends that ICANN adopt the Framework of Interpretation and adopt the document as the specific guidance on the interpretation of the existing, applicable policies.
With that in mind, the ccNSO Council recommends that certain previous documents including the GAC Principles 2000 (which the GAC superseded in 2005), ICANN's ICP1 and News Memo 1 should be archived and considered no longer used by ICANN or IANA staff.

The ccNSO Council urges ICANN and IANA staff to apply the Framework in the near future, and the Council stands ready to assist IANA staff with that work.

The resolution was passed with one abstention from Ching Chao.

**Action 103-05:**
Keith Davidson to recommend the Final Report of the FOIWG to the ICANN Board of Directors, and to copy the chair of the GAC in the submission of the report.

### 8 Council Updates

#### 8.1 Chair Update

The Chair reported on his participation in the SOAC Chairs meeting with the ICANN leadership. It was also noted that Fade Chehade would start meeting with the SOAC leaders on a monthly basis going forward.

#### 8.2 Vice-Chair Update

Katrina Sataki reported on her work with the ccNSO meeting agenda and thanked the Meetings Programme Working Group as well as Gabriella Schittek for their assistance.

Keith Davidson reported that he had met with the GAC and some members of the FoI Working Group to discuss the final recommendations. He also noted that he had participated in a meeting with the CWG. He further noted that he would be stepping down as chair of the ISOC Board.

#### 8.3 Councilors Update

No updates were noted.

#### 8.4 Regional Organizations Update

Hiro Hotta noted that APTLD had just appointed a new general manager and asked the Councillors to accept him as a liaison to the ccNSO Council going forward.

Bart Boswinkel offered to consult the guidelines for such appointments and get back to the Council in order to appoint the new liaison.

**Action 103-06:**
Bart Boswinkel to look into guidelines for appointments regarding liaisons and get back to the Council regarding the appointment of the new APTLD manager as a liaison to the ccNSO Council.
8.5 Staff Update

Bart Boswinkel noted that the working group update section was not included in the agenda this time due to extensive working group updates throughout the week of the ICANN meeting.

9 Liaison Updates

No additions were noted to the written GNSO and ALAC liaison reports that were submitted on the Council email list.

10 ccNSO Council Roles and Responsibilities

The Chair reported that at its workshop on Sunday 8 February 2015, the ccNSO Council reviewed and assigned roles and responsibilities of Council members, its chair and vice-chairs. He asked the Councillors to pass a resolution to approve the revised guidelines.

Nigel Robert noted that he would hand over the responsibility for new membership applications to Jordi Ippraguirre, who confirmed that he accepted the mission. The Chair noted that the guidelines would be amended accordingly.

The resolution was proposed by Becky Burr.
The resolution was seconded by Nigel Roberts.

Resolution 103-08:
THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to adopt the assignment of tasks as proposed in the assignment of roles and responsibilities February 2015.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

11 Chair and Co-Chairs Election

11.1 Chair Election

The Chair handed over the chairmanship for this agenda item to Vice-Chair Keith Davidson. Keith called for nominations for the role of ccNSO Chair. Vika Mpisane nominated Byron Holland. No further nominations were noted and the temporary Chair declared the nominations closed. Byron Holland accepted the nomination and thanked the Council for the confidence and noted that although he welcomed the challenges for the coming year this would most likely be his last term as ccNSO Chair.

Resolution 103-09:
THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to re-elect Byron Holland as Chair of the ccNSO.

The resolution was passed by acclamation.
11.2 Vice-chair Election

The Chair called for nominations for the Vice-Chair seat currently occupied by Katrina Sataki. Young-Eum Lee re-nominated Katrina for the role as Vice-Chair and the nomination was seconded by Becky Burr. The Chair declared the nominations period closed. Katrina Sataki accepted the nomination.

Resolution 103-10:
THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to re-elect Katrina Sataki as Vice-Chair of the ccNSO.

The resolution was passed by acclamation.

11.3 Vice-chair Election

The Chair called for nominations for the Vice-Chair seat currently occupied by Keith Davidson. Katrina Sataki re-nominated Keith for the role as Vice-Chair and the nomination was seconded by Nigel Roberts. The Chair declared the nominations period closed. Keith accepted the nomination with the notion that he might not stand for re-election for another term.

Resolution 103-11:
THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to re-elect Keith Davidson as Vice-Chair of the ccNSO.

The resolution was passed by acclamation.

12 Date of Next Meetings

The Chair reminded the Councillors of the upcoming meeting dates:

19 March 2015, noon UTC
23 April 2015, noon UTC
21 May 2015, noon UTC

13 AOB

Kristina Nordstrom noted, on behalf of Patrick Myles, that the GNSO Council had expressed interest to meet with the ccNSO online in the near future since the face-to-face meeting had to be cancelled. The Chair noted that the cancellation had to do with special circumstances and that the Councils would make sure to find a regular meeting time for future ICANN meetings.

Keith Davidson suggested that the two ccNSO elected ICANN Board members could be invited as observers to the part of the Council calls that is focused on updates around the CWG and CCWG Accountability. The Chair welcomed the suggestion and noted that it would be taken under consideration for upcoming meetings.
14 Welcome and Thanks

The ccNSO Council welcomed and congratulated the following Councilors with their re-election to the Council for the upcoming 3 years:

- African Region: Vika Mpisane, .za
- Asia-Pacific Region: Young-Eum Lee, .kr
- European Region: Katrina Sataki, .lv
- Latin American and Caribbean Region: Margarita Valdes, .cl
- North American Region: Byron Holland, .ca

The Council further expressed thanks to the sponsors of the ccNSO cocktail event: .PR Puerto Rico Top Level Domain, .SGnic, EURid, .NZ , and SIDN.

The Council finally wholeheartedly thanked the local host SGNIC.

The meeting closed.