

Minutes ccNSO Council Meeting

Sydney, 24 June 2009

Attendees:

Becky Burr, NomCom
Han Chuan Lee, GAC Liaison
Lesley Cowley, .uk
Mohamed El Bashir, .sd
Chris Disspain, .au, Chair
Ondrej Filip, .cz
Byron Holland, .ca
Patrick Hosein, .tt (telephone)
Hiro Hotta, .jp
Young-Eum Lee, .kr
Vika Mpisane, .za
Paulos Nyirenda, .mw
Patricio Poblete, .cl
Oscar Robles, .mx
Ron Sherwood, ALAC liaison
Dotty Sparks de Blanc, .vi
Rudi Vansnick, ALAC Observer
Jian Zhan, .cn, NomCom

1. Confirmation of Approval of Minutes and Actions from Council call 9th June 2009

The previous minutes are still to be published and could therefore not be approved.

2) Working Group Update

2.1) Delegation and Re-delegation Working Group

The Chair presented the list of people who had declared their interest in joining the Delegation and Re-delegation Working Group and asked the Councillors to share their thoughts on the matter.

Lesley Cowley thought that participation should be made open to all who would like to contribute, in order to capture as many views as possible. She was aware of many ccTLD managers who were keen to participate in the working group although they had not stated their interest.

It was decided that all people who had declared their interest in joining the Working Group would be formally appointed, however, the email list would be made open to allow anyone interested to attend the meetings and phone calls of the group.

The GAC has also been invited to join the Working Group and will provide the names of their two participants shortly.

2.2) Strategic and Operational Planning Working Group Update

Byron Holland, the chair of the SOP Working Group, reported that the group would work on synthesising the comments from the Strategic Planning session during the coming weeks. The Community will be informed about the outcome.

In the meantime, a small survey will be conducted, starting in approximately 4-6 weeks. It will be presented to the Council, which will then have to decide what to do with the results.

The Working Group will also engage the community in what they consider being the key goals from a ccTLD perspective. They will continue to encourage the Community to deliver input to the Strategic Plan.

The Working Group has decided to expand its membership. The ccNSO Secretariat will put out a call for membership within the next weeks. All ccTLD operators are welcome.

Action 42-01

The ccNSO Secretariat to call for new members to the Strategic and Operational Planning Working Group.

2.3) ccNSO GAC Liaison Working Group

The Chair said that *Keith Davidson*, the ccNSO GAC Liaison Working Group Chair expects to send out a written update on the progress of the Working Group within the next few days.

2.4) Technical Working Group

The Chair informed the group that the Tech Working Group members met prior to the meeting and decided that the membership needs to be extended. The scope of the Working Group also needs to be revisited. So far the Working Group has concentrated on organising the Tech Day, but it will now look into writing a handbook on ccTLD management to be used as a resource by the community. The Working Group is also going to liaise with IANA on relevant issues, as the IANA Working Group has closed. Therefore, the Tech Working Group needs to be re-peopled and a new charter needs to be drafted before it can resume its work in a new shape.

Action 42-02:

Bart Boswinkel, *Norm Ritchie* and *Eberhard Lisse* will work together on drafting the new charter.

Action 42-03:

The ccNSO Secretariat to make a call for new members to the Tech Working Group

2.5) Meeting Programme Working Group

Ondrej Filip updated the Council that the Working Group had held three telephone conferences and has also performed work through their email list. A plan on upcoming working methods has been established and the Group is shortly starting its work on the Seoul agenda.

2.6) Geographic Regions Working Group

The Chair referred to the report the Geographic Regions Working Group Chair, David Archbold gave on the issue on the previous day and said there was nothing to add.

3) Establishment of Ad-Hoc Working Group for Draft Emergency Response Plan

Becky Burr said that as a result of the discussions from the Conficker session, it was decided to set up an ad-hoc Working Group, which would prepare an Incident Security Response Plan, which would help ccTLDs to respond to incidents such as Conficker in the future. The Working Group will need a charter to define its activities. Becky emphasised that the charter should make clear that the Working Group only works on an ad-hoc basis.

Lesley Cowley said it is important that the charter clearly states the purpose of the working group, so that it does not get confused with the tasks of the Tech Working Group.

Bart added that the charter also should contain information on the fact that the Ad-hoc Working Group is supposed to finish its work by the Seoul meeting and that ICANN staff will be involved in it. He further said he will send out a draft Charter to be agreed by email.

Action 42-04

Bart Boswinkel to draft a charter for the Ad-hoc Working Group on Draft Emergency Response Planning and send out on the email list for approval.

4) Geographic Names Discussion

The Chair referred to the note that was sent to the Council prior to the meeting from the Ad-hoc Working Group on Geographic Names. The note is trying to capture the essence of the discussions earlier in the morning, saying that generic names are generic, and names of countries are not. Under the current proposal a country name can become a gTLD, provided that the government agrees. The note says that this concept is inappropriate. As previous input on this matter was ignored, it was felt that the Council must find another way of communicating this message, hence the note.

The Chair encouraged the Councillors to read the note by the next day. If there is an agreement on the note, it will be sent to the ICANN board as a letter from the ccNSO Council.

5) IDN Fast Track Conclusions

Jian Zhang said that ICANN has made clear that the new gTLDs would be released by mid-2010 and asked what the ccNSO would be doing to ensure that the release of IDN ccTLDs would not be delayed because of that.

The Chair said that it is still unclear how long the process actually will take.

Lesley Cowley suggested that the ccNSO Council could note the continued urgency to release new IDN ccTLDs as soon as possible.

The Chair agreed. He also underlined that currently there is no fixed timeline. The applications for IDN ccTLDs are planned to start after the Seoul meeting. Should there be any signs of delays then, then the Council should take action and put pressure on a fast process for the release of IDN ccTLDs.

6) Approval of .al ccNSO Membership Application

The Chair noted that the ccNSO received a membership application from .al (Albania). Since the IANA details have been confirmed to be correct, he asked the Councillors to pass a resolution to approve the application.

Ondrej Filip proposed the resolution.

Lesley Cowley seconded the resolution.

Resolution 42-01

THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to approve .al's membership application and welcome .al as ccNSO member number 94.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

Action 42-05

The ccNSO Secretariat to inform .al about their ccNSO membership and include them into the ccNSO membership structures.

7) Liaison Update

7.1) GNSO Liaison Update

Han Chuan Lee reminded the group of the discussions held between the ccNSO and the GNSO Council two days earlier, where it was discussed whether it would be sensible to set up a joint working group on overlapping IDN issues. The GNSO Council had now met and decided that they support the setup of such a group.

The Chair added that he had asked Jian Zhang to work with Edmon Chung from the GNSO on defining what the common interests would be and suggested that this would be a topic for the next Council telephone conference.

Jian Zhang informed the Councillors that she had already had initial discussions with Edmon Chung on possible issues the Working Group could be dealing with. She noted that there was a need to keep the scope fairly narrow, as the GNSO suggested that it should also include timeline issues, which is not in the interest of the ccNSO. She and Edmon Chung would work on setting the goals of the Working Group, however, she emphasized the urgency to have this done before the next Council call, as it is important to start up the Working Group as soon as possible.

Bart Boswinkel volunteered to help putting the text into a ccNSO-standard document format.

The Chair agreed to start discussions on the Working Group before the next Council call, by putting the discussions on the email list. He asked Jian to send out a note on what she and Edmon envisage the scope of the Working Group to be.

Action 42-06

Jian Zhang to send out a note to the Council on the setup of the Joint GNSO/ccNSO IDN Working Group.

7.2) ALAC Liaison Update

Ron Sherwood informed the Council that the ALAC discussed many issues, which are overlapping with topic discussed within the ccNSO. Some of the discussions include the effect of lost domain names on end users, IDNs, new GTLDs, Conficker, ALAC/ccNSO relations etc.

He noted that the ALAC has undergone an outside review, of which it has completed its first part. The review team presented its report, which is now analysed by the ICANN Board Review Working Group. Some of the conclusions are suggesting that ALAC should have two seats on the ICANN Board and that the public comment periods should be extended, due to translation issues. The ALAC should also aim at having one At-large structure in every country.

Ron also highlighted some of the questions the ALAC is asking him in his capacity of ccNSO liaison:

1. Is ccNSO considering a global policy of implementing DNSSEC among At-large members?
2. Is ccNSO considering a global policy of implementing IDN?
3. Many European governments are considering the implementation of filters and blocking technology for domain names to prohibit access to harmful content sites and to prevent illegal transactions. What are ccNSO guidelines to At-large members on this issue?
4. ALAC would welcome any help from the ccNSO and individual ccTLD managers in connecting to any relevant user organisations. ALAC will be pleased to introduce ALSs to ccTLD managers.
5. Possibility of mutual assistance in outreach programmes. There are ccNSO member ccTLDs in countries without ALSs, and ALSs in countries where the ccTLD is not a member of ccNSO.

Oscar Robles asked whether the At-Large has an actual plan on how to develop the At-large structures in every country, or whether it only is wishful thinking at the moment.

Rudi Vansnick, ALAC's ccNSO Liaison, replied that much of the work on that subject is done through the five Regional Organisations (RALOs), which are actively looking for more participation in each region. He also highlighted that there is a plan on bringing the At-Large structures together with their ccTLDs.

Oscar Robles said it would be appreciated if At-Large could share that plan with the ccNSO Council.

The Chair asked Ron Sherwood to send a note to the Council with the summary of the ALAC update.

Action 42-07

Ron Sherwood to forward his update in written form to the Council.

8) Resolutions for Demi Getschko and Mike Silber

8.1) Thanking Demi Getschko

The Chair read out the suggested resolution thanking Demi Getschko for his time on the ICANN Board.

The resolution was proposed by *Oscar Robles* and seconded by *Hiro Hotta*.

Resolution 42-02:

THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to express its deep appreciation to Demi Getschko for his service to the community as a ccNSO elected representative on the ICANN Board from 2005 to May 2009. Demi's depth of knowledge and quiet wisdom on DNS matters and the issues facing ccTLD managers have been invaluable.

The resolution was passed unanimously by acclamation.

8.2) Welcoming Michael Silber

The Chair read out the suggested resolution welcoming Michael Silber to represent the ccNSO on the ICANN Board.

The resolution was proposed by *Becky Burr* and seconded by *Ondrej Filip*.

Resolution 42-03:

THE COUNCIL RESOLVED that it is delighted that Michael Silber has been appointed to the ICANN Board as a ccNSO elected representative and wishes him well in his role.

The resolution was passed unanimously by acclamation.

Peter Van Roste noted that Michael Silber had not attended the two last Board Update sessions, which he had been invited to. He said it would be appreciated if he could attend future meetings.

Lesley Cowley suggested to structure future Board Update sessions, in order to maximise the opportunity to discuss issues of interest. She suggested that a Board Liaison Working Group should be appointed to be in charge of defining what issues could be discussed during these meetings.

9) AOB

The Chair suggested that the ccNSO consider hosting a “Youth forum” at a ccNSO meeting. The thought behind it is to get the next generation internet users involved and hear what they ideas and thoughts of the internet of tomorrow are. It was suggested that each of the regional organisations should try to find two or three 15-21 year old computer savvy people and ask them to come to the meeting so that they could explain how they use the internet and what issues they think the internet Community should focus on for the future. The participants travel costs would be covered, however, remote participation can also be made available. The Chair said he would work on a detailed proposal for the Council to consider in due course.

The Chair then formally closed the meeting.