

Meeting Highlights

ccNSO Meetings at the 41st ICANN Meeting in Singapore

Tech Day Meeting

The ccNSO Tech Day organised by the ccNSO working group with the same name was well attended by over 70 attendants. The 10 presentations on operational and technical topics relevant for the ccTLD community ranged from a keynote address from Jeff Moss, ICANN's new VP Chief Security Officer to DNSSEC Key Management and Scaling the Registry. All presentations can be found at <http://ccnso.icann.org/meetings/singapore/workshop.htm>.

The ccNSO Members and Council Meeting

The ccNSO Meetings were attended by over 130 attendants from more than 50 ccTLD's.

ICANN's Draft Ops Plan and Budget FY 2012

During the ccNSO meeting the ccTLD community present extensively discussed ICANN's Draft Operation Plan and Budget for Fiscal Year 2012 (1 July - 30 June 2012) with ICANN's acting CFO Akram Attallah and other staff and the ICANN Board of Directors. The discussion focused on the main points of the ccNSO Strategic and Operational Planning and the work done by the Finance WG. The main points the discussion were:

- Greater clarity, enhanced description of specific goals of activities and the addition of measurable objectives, where they are missing.
- The spiralling ICANN costs, in particular the budgeted 13% overall expenditure increase compared with a budgeted 6.5% overall revenue increase. In particular the discussion focused on the 15% increase in professional services and the increase in staff costs. With regard to the increase the ccTLD's expressed their concern on to manage all these professionals and their contracts. In relation to the staff costs the ccTLD community present noted the planned increase of almost 25% in staffing in FY2012 and the management issues this raises.
- The concerns of the ccNSO of the initial 30% increase in ccTLD related costs, with initially no explanation or justification, and the very late reduction of USD 2.0 Million as a result from the input of the SOP WG.

ccNSO Response on Further Notice of Inquiry on the IANA Functions Contract

The NTIA of the USG published its Further Notice of Inquiry regarding its IANA Functions Contract (the IANA contract) and in particular on the Statement of Works it contains. In the FNOI comments are sought on the proposed changes. The ccTLD community present discussed some aspects of the FNOI process with the ICANN Board and at a session dedicated to this topic. At its meeting the ccNSO Council decided to initiate the process to provide a ccNSO response on the Further Note of Inquiry.

ccNSO Improvements: Adoption of ccNSO Workplan and Guidelines and Documentation of Process for ccNSO Statement or Responses

As a result of the ccNSO review the ccNSO is expected to introduce, maintain and review a 3-year forward looking rolling policy roadmap and a documentation of the process to provide a ccNSO Response or Statement. The ccNSO Council has been discussing the work plan and associated procedures since it's meeting in San Francisco and provided an overview to the ccNSO membership. At it's meeting in Singapore the council adopted the work-plan and related guidelines, to maintain, update and review the work plan. The Council also adopted guidelines with the documentation of the processes for a ccNSO, ccNSO Council and critical incident statement processes.

Panel Discussion on Impact of New gTLD's on ccTLD's and Vice Versa

At the Wednesday meeting a panel discussion was held on potential impact of new gTLD's on ccTLD's and vice versa. The theme was approached from a regulatory/policy and business/marketing perspective. The regulatory perspective was introduced by a presentation on a new regulatory framework of Norway for Geo new gTLD for which the Norwegian Government needs to be involved. On the panel were ccTLD registries, a representative from ALAC and Geographic (new) gTLD's, providing a diverse range of experience and views.

The GAC-ccNSO Meeting

The ccNSO was pleased that its meeting with the GAC was reconvened in order to foster cooperation between the GAC and the ccNSO and inform each other of on-going work on issues of concern for each of the communities. Topics that were discussed ranged from the new Regulatory Framework on GEO new gTLD's to progress of the Framework of Interpretation Working Group and the findings of the ccNSO SOP and Finance WG on the FY 2012 Draft Ops Plan and Budget.

New Format of the ccNSO – GNSO Council Meeting

The ccNSO and GNSO council met on Monday afternoon in a new format to improve the sharing of information and mutual understanding. Main topics on the agenda were a brief explanation of the restructuring of the GNSO improvements and an extensive session on the make-up and method of working of the SOP WG and its findings regarding the FY 2012 Draft Ops Plan and Budget.

Other Sessions

- Update on the IANA Function by ICANN staff (Kim Davies).
- ccTLD news session from 7 ccTLD's and the Regional Organisations
- Security session, with updates of the DSSA WG, and presentation from ccTLD from Costa Rica and Japan on incidents they had to cope with, and updates from the Anti-Phishing Work Group, on ICANN's DNSSEC deployment and the .CZ DNSSEC awareness campaign.
- AoC Review updates on the implementation of the ATRT and the current status of the SSR Review Team activities.
- IDN Session: The IDN WG 1 and the JIG provided an update on their current activities. IDN ccPDP WG 2 presented the complex issues involved in the future

make-up of the ccNSO, if the IDN ccTLD will be included. In particular the focus was on the topic of formal voting mechanism in the ccNSO. The WG sought feedback and input from the ccNSO on the one-vote per territory and one-vote per member as a principle for voting. As part of the IDN session, six ccTLDs involved in IDNs gave a presentation.

Working Groups

All 12 working groups, including the cross-community working groups in which the ccNSO is participating held meetings in Singapore, starting on Sunday 19 June and running through to Thursday 23 June. The ccNSO Council also extended the charter of the JIG WG, until the next meeting of the Council on 24 August, awaiting a work plan from the JIG.

Presentations

All presentations are available at
<http://www.ccnso.icann.org/meetings/singapore/presentations.htm>

Thank You's

Host of the Singapore Meeting

The ccNSO Council would like to thank the hosts and sponsors of ICANN 41st meeting, and in particular the .SG ccTLD manager for their great hospitality and assistance.

Peter Dengate Thrush

Finally, the ccNSO expresses its deep appreciation to Peter Dengate-Thrush for his service to the community as a ccNSO elected Board and his work as chair of ICANN.

Peter was selected to the Board in 2005 and his depth of knowledge and leadership to resolve issues for the general ICANN community in general, and the issues facing ccTLD managers in particular have been invaluable. The ccNSO Council wishes Peter all success in his future endeavours.