ccNSO Council Meeting
18 February 2021

Attendees:

AF
Biyi Oladipo, .ng
Souleymane Oumtanaga, .ci

AP
Ai Chin Lu, .tw
Young Eum Lee, .kr
Jordan Carter, .nz

EU
Katrina Sataki, .lv
Giovanni Seppia, .eu
Nick Wenban-Smith, .uk

LAC
Alejandra Reynoso, .gt
Demi Getschko, .br

NA
Stephen Deerhake, .as
Byron Holland, .ca

NomCom
Laura Margolis
Javier Rua-Jovet

Liaisons/Observers
Barrack Otieno
Maarten Simon
Sebastien Ducos
Miguel Ignacio Estrada

ICANN Staff
Bart Boswinkel
Kim Carlson
Claudia Ruiz
Joke Braeken

1. **Welcome and roll call**
The Chair of the ccNSO called the meeting to order, welcoming the incoming Councilors to the call.
Apologies received: Margarita Valdes, Jordan Carter, Marie-Noemi Marques, Abdalla Omari, Pablo Rodriguez. Maarten Simon and Sebastien Ducos (late, attending the GNSO Council call)

2. **Minutes & Action Items**
Action Items were reviewed. Minutes for the January meeting was circulated prior to the call. No comments were received.

3. **Intermeeting Decisions (since 21 January 2021)**
Intermeeting decisions were reviewed.

4. **ccPDP 3**
    a. **Part 1 Retirement –** Stephen Deerhake noted the report has been sent to the Issues Manager.
       Bart Boswinkel added the report will be submitted for public comment (which will run through early April). It will then go to Council for support then to the Membership for approval. Councilors will be encouraged to reach out to their peers to engage in the process.
    b. **Part 2 Review Mechanism –** Stephen Deerhake reported the WG has started to engage with ICANN Legal, regarding review mechanism.

5. **IDN ccPDP4:**
Bart Boswinkel detailed progress made by the working group, noting the sub-group on variant management has convened. The WG (and sub-group) will meet weekly. Sub-group will start by looking at the work that has already been done [to date] by ORG.

6. **Adoption Response to Board OEC letter**

RESOLUTION 169-01:

The ccNSO Council agrees with the letter to the Board Organizational Effectiveness Committee, in response to their letter from 9 December 2020, to provide the OEC additional details and clarification per their request and inform them on the status of implementation of the recommendation of the second organizational review of the ccNSO. The Council requests its chair to send the letter as soon as feasible to the Chair of the OEC.

Moved by Giovanni Seppia
Seconded by Alejandra Reynoso
Passed unanimously

To do:
Add (closing) text to OEC letter, prior to sending

Action Item:169-01:
The Council requests its chair to send the letter as soon as feasible to the Chair of the OEC

7. Approval of IANA Naming Function Contract Amendment per IFRT recommendation
The Chair of the ccNSO Council explained the recommendation change the IANA naming function contract, particularly, remove the sentence that says the relevant policies under which the changes are made shall be noted within each monthly report. There was no added value to reference the relevant policies.

RESOLUTION 169-02:
Per request of the IFRT, dated 8 February, the ccNSO Council approves the proposed change of the IANA Naming Function Contract Section Article VII, Section 7.1 (a): Audits, by striking the sentence the relevant policies under which the changes are made shall be noted within each monthly report (emphasis added) from the text of forementioned Article. The Chair of the ccNSO is requested to inform the Chairs of the IFRT and relevant ICANN staff accordingly, seven (7) days after this resolution is published. The secretariat is requested to publish this resolution as soon as possible and inform the community accordingly.

Moved by Alejandra Reynoso
Seconded by Javier Rua-Jovet
Passed unanimously

Action Item 169-02:
Chair of the ccNSO is requested to inform the Chairs of the IFRT and relevant ICANN staff accordingly, seven (7) days after this resolution is published. The secretariat is requested to publish this resolution as soon as possible and inform the community accordingly.

8. Call for volunteers Outreach & Involvement Standing Committee
The Chair of the ccNSO Council described the new standing committee. Joke Bracken further detailed requirements and call for expressions of interest

Bart Boswinkel clarified the role of the group. This group will not replace any of the existing groups, except for travel funding and onboarding. It will not direct or instruct other groups, it is more to coordinate efforts.

RESOLUTION 169-03:
The Secretariat is requested to launch a call for Expression of Interest for each to each of these groups listed in the ToR. The call should close on Friday 12 March 2021. The secretariat is requested to organize a webinar to introduce the OISC to the broader community and to solicit interest to actively participate.

Moved by Alejandra Reynoso

Seconded by Laura Margolis
Passed unanimously

Action Item 169-03:
The secretariat is requested to organize a webinar to introduce the OISC to the broader community and to solicit interest to actively participate. Launch call for volunteers

9. **Adoption ccNSO Statement procedure regarding the Amendment of Article 10 ICANN Bylaws**
Ai-Chin Lu reported the drafting team has submitted their response [and cover letter].

RESOLUTION 169-04:
The ccNSO Council supports and adopts the Response as proposed by the Drafting Team and asks the secretariat to publish this decision and the response as adopted as soon as possible. The Chair of the Council is requested to inform relevant ICANN staff (seven (7) days after publication of publication of this decision and sent the response as adopted accordingly o ICANN staff.

With respect to difference between the entities who manage multiple ASCII ccTLD and entities who run multiple IDNccTLDs relating to the same country or territory (point b above) the ccNSO Council requests the secretariat to update the Bylaw change repository accordingly as item that needs to be discussed as suggested.

With respect to point a. and b. above, the Chair is requested to inform the GRC of the need to update various Guidelines and the internal procedures to align the Guidelines and internal procedures with the proposed changes to Article 10 and Annex B of the ICANN Bylaws by the time they become effective.

Finally, the Council wholeheartedly thanks the Drafting Team and the secretariat for their hard work to bring the Response to a conclusion

Moved by Alejandra Reynoso
Seconded by Laura Margolis
Passed unanimously

Action Item 169-04:
The Chair of the Council is requested to inform relevant ICANN staff (seven (7) days after publication of publication of this decision and sent the response as adopted accordingly o ICANN staff (Adoption ccNSO Statement procedure regarding the Amendment of Article 10 ICANN Bylaws)

Action Item 169-05:

ccNSO Council requests the secretariat to update the Bylaw change repository accordingly as an item that needs to be discussed as suggested.

Action Item169-06:
Chair is requested to inform the GRC of the need to update various Guidelines and the internal procedures to align the Guidelines and internal procedures with the proposed changes to Article 10 and Annex B of the ICANN Bylaws by the time they become effective.

10. Update ICANN70 (related) sessions
   a. **ccTLDs related sessions**
      Alejandra Reynoso reviewed the ccNSO-related sessions as part of ICANN70. She also noted the Plenary sessions as well as prep week.

   b. **Joint meetings:**
      The Chair of the ccNSO Council provided an update on the bilateral meetings. Updated included sessions with ccNSO-related Board members, there will be a webinar for the GAC on the PDPs [after ICANN70] and the ccNSO and GNSO will meet the week prior to ICANN70.

      There will be a Council prep meeting as well as a workshop, that week as well.

   c. **Council workshop: Tuesday 16 March 2021, 20.00 UTC**
      i.   Review role of chair and vice -chairs, Roles and responsibilities of Councillors
      ii. Work plan
      iii. Other?
   d. **Council Preparatory meeting, Thursday 18 March 12.00 UTC**

11. Update ECA & CSC
   a. ECA – Stephen Deerhake noted there has been a change in membership on the part of the ASO. There has also be an increase in activity around the FY22-26 op and financial plan and draft FY22 operating plan and budget.
   b. CSC – Alejandra Reynoso provided an update, noting IANA met 100% of the SLA.

12. Update Chair, Vice-Chairs, Councillors, RO's and Secretariat
The Chair of the ccNSO Council outlined a call with ICANN Org regarding the ccNSO website. There will be improved document management and search capabilities. There will also be information from Google Analytics available. Pablo Rodriguez and Alejandra Reynoso were also in attendance.

The Chair of the ccNSO Council also provided an update on the 1:1 call with Göran Marby, particularly regarding the process and preparation for ICANN70.

Alejandra Reynoso provided and update on the mentorship and fellowship programs.

13. Update WGs
   a. SOPC – Giovanni Seppia noted the SOPC has submitted their comments on the FY22-26 operating plan and budget. The group looks forward to receiving feedback from ICANN Finance.
   b. IGLC – Joke Braken provided and update.
   c. GRC – The Chair of the ccNSO Council stated the group continues discussing what should [and shouldn't] be included in the ccNSO Rules 2.0. The group is also planning the governance session that will be part of ICANN70.

14. Update liaisons
   a. *Update ALAC Liaison (written update)*
   b. *Update GNSO Liaison (written update to follow)*

15. Meetings
   Next Council Meetings:
   - February 18 – 20:00 UTC
   - March 25 (ICANN70) 17:30-19:00 UTC
   - April 22 – 12:00 UTC
   - May 20 – 18.00 UTC

16. AOB
The Chair of the ccNSO Council reminded all to register for the Trends Session conducted by ICANN Org. This exercise was previously done in Panama.

Also, reminding Council about the email from Keith Drazek on their activities in DNS abuse, inviting the ccNSO to participate in this discussion.

Nick Wenban Smith added each (cc) has their own approach to abuse in terms of definitions, mitigation, how to measure [etc.]. On how to participate, given that each creates their own policies, one way is to educate the communities, then secondly, showcase how good the ccTLDs are versus the gTLDs (in terms of having proportionate and effective ways to mitigate abuse).

Jordan Carter stated the ccNSO should start by having an open call to see if there is any interest in an informal group.

Stephen Deerhake added he was not convinced a working group was necessary, but rather have a liaison-type role.

Alejandra Reynoso stated she believes a committee is a good idea.

Action Item 169-07:
In response to the email from Keith Drazek and DNS abuse activities, provide/create information for the community and possible formation of an informal discussion group

17. Discussion session on what needs to be included in future Rules of the ccNSO (if time permits)
This portion of the call was conducted in breakout rooms.

18. Closure