Council Telephone Conference
11th December 2008

Attendees
Bart Boswinkel
Becky Burr
Lesley Cowley
Chris Disspain
Keith Drazek
Olivier Guillard
Patrick Hosein
Patricio Poblete
Oscar Robles-Garay
Gabriella Schittek
Dotty Sparks de Blanc
Rudi Vansnick
Jian Zhang

Apologies
Olga Cavalli
Ondrej Filip
Don Hollander
Hiro Hotta
Erick Iriarte
Young-Eum Lee
Paulos Nyirenda

1) Confirmation of Approval of Minutes and Actions from Council Call 5th November

The Chair opened the meeting and asked for comments on the minutes and actions from the
5th November 2008.

No comments were received. The Chair informed the meeting that Action 35-01 (*"The Chairman to discuss the composition of the GAC Working Group with Keith Davidson"*) had not yet been completed but will be dealt with as soon as possible.

2) Welcome to new Observers

The Chair and council members welcomed Olga Cavalli, GNSO and Rudi Vansnick, ALAC as the new observers to the ccNSO Council.

3) Amending Resolution on Approving Geographic Region Process

Bart Boswinkel explained that resolution 35-05 as recorded in Cairo did not include that the condition "except under extraordinary circumstances" shall be added to the section "Limitations" in the self-selection procedure.

("4. *Limitations. From the date that an application under these provisions has been approved by Council, no further applications from that ccTLD will be considered for a*

minimum period of 5 years except for extraordinary circumstances. In the event the application has been approved by the Council the assignment to the ICANN Geographic Region only has affect with regard to matters relating to the ccNSO.")

The Councillors were asked to agree to update the resolution to record that the extra wording needs to be added.

No objections were noted.

4) Decision on Candidates to Working Group, Committee and Observer Position

4.1) Community Wide Working Group on Geographic Regions

The Chair confirmed the previous decision that David Archbold should hold one of the two posts on the Community-wide Working Group on Geographic Regions, which means that only one further post was open. Two candidates had declared their interest.

It was noted that one of the two candidates, Fahd Batayneh came from Jordan in the Arabic region and the council felt that it would be useful having someone in the Working Group that comes from an area where the issue of geographic regions is relevant.

Action 36-01
The Secretariat to inform Fahd Batayneh about his appointment to the Community Wide Working group on Geographic Regions.

Action 36-02
The Secretariat to prepare an email to the ICANN Board on the appointment of David Archbold and Fahd Batayneh to the Community Wide Working Group on Geographic Regions.

4.2) ICANN's strategic and Operational Planning Committee

The Chair noted that three members are needed, but there are seven candidates for the posts. He asked the Councillors to consider how the selection for committee members should be done.

Bart Boswinkel clarified that the set number of committee members is a guideline, not a rule, which means that the committee can be extended if so wished.

Lesley Cowley suggested allowing all who have declared their interest in participating in the group to do so, as she thought it was important to allow people who are passionate about the issue to participate.

The Councillors therefore agreed to accept all candidates: Fahd A. Batayneh, .jo, Lesley Cowley, .uk, Byron Holland, .ca, Erick Iriarte, LACTLD, Paulos Nyirenda, .mw, Oscar Robles-Garay, .mx, Peter Van Roste, CENTR as Committee members.

The Chair noted that the first task of the group should be to select a chair. He also said a mailing list should be set up, including the committee members, the ccNSO Secretariat, Bart Boswinkel and the ccNSO Chair.

Action 36-03
The ccNSO Secretariat to set up an email list for the Strategic and Operational Planning Committee.

Action 36-04
The ccNSO Secretariat to set up a conference call for all Strategic and Operational Planning Committee members.

4.3) GNSO Council Observer

The Chair informed the group that there are two candidates to the GNSO Observer position and said the Council would have to take an email vote on this.

Action 36-05
The ccNSO Secretariat to send out a note to the Council, initiating a vote on the two candidates for the GNSO Observer position.

5) Working Group Update

5.1) ccNSO/GAC WG, Including Update on its Composition

This issue was dealt with under Agenda point 1.

5.2) IANA Working Group

Olivier Guillard informed the Council that the IANA Working Group has been inactive during the last months.

The Chair asked whether he could make sure that the Working Group appoints a new chair and that the membership of the Working Group will be clarified in time for the Mexico meeting.

Olivier replied that he will raise the issue with the Working Group. He did, however, point out that the membership protocol still needs to be implemented, which will cause a lot of work.

Bart Boswinkel offered to help on this matter.

Action 36-06
The IANA Working Group Chair to liaise with Bart Boswinkel on how to move forward with the IANA Working Group.

5.3) Participation Working Group

Lesley Cowley said that a final report with a series of recommendation will be drafted as soon as possible.

5.4) Tech Working Group

The Chair said there is nothing to report. However, he said he will contact Eberhard Lisse before the next Council call in order to get clarity on what the Working Group is doing.

Action 36-07
The Chair to contact Eberhard Lisse in order to receive information on the Working Group's work.

6) Mexico Meetings Agenda

6.1) ccTLD Update session

The Chair referred to the draft email that was sent out earlier to the Council on the topic and asked for input.

Lesley Cowley said that although she agreed with the principles of what was tried to be achieved by the email, she was concerned about the message limiting the time of the presentations. Feedback from the survey that the Participation Working Group had done showed that many valued the ccTLD Update session, especially those who were less involved in policy development issues. She said she liked the idea that had been suggested of introducing round-table sessions, instead of presentations.

The Chair suggested that a small group including himself, Bart Boswinkel, Lesley Cowley, Oscar Robles, Gabriella Schittek and Peter Van Roste should spend some time via email to work out how a ccTLD update session should be run in Mexico, and that that could be a template on how to move forward.

Patricio Poblete thought that the group also could deal with bringing in other aspects, such as non-technical ccTLD specific discussions and administrative issues to the ccNSO meetings.

The Chair agreed and said the group would come back to the council with suggestions. He also added that he is prepared to designate a large amount of ccNSO meeting time for such a session, as it would probably be very useful from a participation point of view.

Action 36-08
The Secretariat to send a note to the Chair with all details as discussed about the meetings agenda group.

6.2) Registry/Registrar Session

Gabriella Schittek explained that both registries and registrars have randomly expressed their interest in having a registry/registrar session set up during an ICANN meeting. An email was sent to the ccNSO email list about their opinion and the replies received were rather positive. She asked the Councillors what their feelings were.

The Chair suggested that Gabriella Schittek and Bart Boswinkel come up with some topics that could be discussed in such a session.

Action 36-09
Gabriella Schittek and Bart Boswinkel to make a draft for a possible registry/registrar session.

6.3) Other

The Chair reiterated that the meetings working group will come up with some topics which will be used in Mexico as an experiment.

7) ICANN Board Nominations

Gabriella Schittek informed the Council that Michael Silber .za was the only candidate that received a valid nomination. This means that no elections will be necessary.

The Chair said that a resolution needs to be passed to formally appoint Michael, however, this can be done at the next Council call.

Patricio Poblete said he was concerned that there was only one valid candidate for the position, as it means people are not interested in participating.

The Chair suggested that it probably has to do with the fact that a position on the ICANN Board demands a lot of time to be invested with no compensation.

Patricio further said that as a matter of procedure he would like the candidate to submit a mission statement to the members list so that members know what to expect of the candidate's work on the ICANN Board.

The Chair agreed and said he would ask Michael Silber to submit a note on the members list. If the Council feels it is necessary, he will also be invited to attend the next Council call.

Action 36-10
The Chair to ask Michael Silber to submit a mission statement to the members list.

8) Council Elections Update

Gabriella Schittek informed that the run-off elections in the Asia-Pacific Region to the ccNSO Council have ended and that Young-Eum Lee received most votes. This means that Young-Eum remains as a Councillor for three more years.

She also said that an election report would be submitted soon.

9) Update on Call for Travel Funding

The Chair noted that only one application for travel funding has been received so far and that there is much funding left. As no European Councillor wanted to receive travel funding, he suggested that the European Councillors finds a European candidate who is not a ccNSO member which can be funded to attend a ccNSO meeting. He also suggested that LAC Councillors finds a candidate for funding from the Latin American region.

Patricio Poblete pointed out that if the ccNSO wants people to get involved, the appropriate funding would be the one from the Fellowship programme, as the ccNSO funding is aimed at people that are actively involved in ccNSO work.

The Chair said that they can be asked to report during the meeting.

Gabriella Schittek asked to have the names by the 19th December so that the travel fund committee has time to accept all applicants.

Action 36-11
European and LAC Councillors to try to identify a ccTLD from their region to receive travel funding by the 19th December 2008.

The Chair also said that the GNSO Observer can receive travel funding, as well as the members from the Geographic Regions Working Group. He also suggested funding Michael Silber so that he has the ability to attend the Mexico meeting.

Action 36-12
The Secretariat to send out a list to the Travel Fund Committee of travellers to be funded and define how much space still is available.

10) AOB

10.1) ccNSO Lunch

Gabriella Schittek asked if anyone attending the call would be interested in sponsoring a ccNSO lunch.

Patricio Poblete said .cl might be interested, depending on the costs.

The Chair also suggested to send out a note asking members for sponsors.

Action 36-13
The ccNSO Secretariat to liaise directly with .cl regarding the costs of the ccNSO lunch.

Action 36-14
The ccNSO Secretariat to send out a note to the members list, seeking for lunch sponsors.

10.2) ccNSO Dinner

Oscar Robles volunteered to organise a ccNSO dinner in Mexico City and informed that LACTLD is interested in co-sponsoring it.

The Chair said that a call for co-sponsors should be made. Oscar Robles should also be asked to estimate the average cost for each sponsor.

Action 36-15
The ccNSO Secretariat to call for ccNSO dinner sponsors.

Action 36-16
The ccNSO Secretariat to ask Oscar Robles for an estimation of the costs for each sponsor.

10.3) Ad-hoc Geographic Names Working Group Report

The Chair explained that the ad-hoc Geographic Names Working Group has written a report which will be submitted as input to the Introduction of new gTLDs Draft Guidebook comment period.

If the report were endorsed by the ccNSO Council, it could be submitted as a ccNSO Council paper which would be preferable.

As there was no quorum during the call, it was decided that the report would be sent to the Council list immediately after the Council call with a note asking the Councillors to vote either in favour or against the endorsement of the paper. The voting has to close on Sunday 14th December, as the comment period closes on the 15th December.

Action 36-17
The ccNSO Secretariat to send out the Ad-hoc Geographic Names Working Group Comment Paper to the Council list, immediately after the finished council call, asking for the Councillor's vote on whether to endorse the report, or not.

The Chair then closed the meeting.