Attendees:

AF
Abdalla Omari, .ke
Abibu Ntahigiye, .tz
Souleymane Oumtanaga, .ci

AP
Debbie Monahan, .nz
Hiro Hotta, .jp
Young Eum Lee, .kr

EU
Katrina Sataki, .lv
Nigel Roberts, .je, .gg
Peter Vergote,.be

LAC
Alejandra Reynoso, .gt (remote)
Demi Getschko, .br
Margarita Valdes, .cl

NA
Stephen Deerhake, .as
Byron Holland, .ca
Pablo Rodriguez, .pr

NomCom
Jian Zhang (remote)
Christelle Vaval
Ching Chiao

Regional Organizations
Barrack Otieno, AfTLD
Peter Van Roste, CENTR

ICANN Staff
Bart Boswinkel

Kim Carlson
Joke Braeken

1 Welcome and Apologies

Apologies: None received

Alejandra Reynoso and Jian Zhang both attended remotely.

The ccNSO Chair reviewed the three parts of today's agenda: Consent agenda, general agenda and special section of the Council agenda.

2 Minutes and Actions
Minutes 19 October 2017 have been circulated and no comments were received.

Action Items from last meeting have all been completed.

3 Overview inter-meeting Council decisions

The ccNSO Chair stated there was only one intermeeting decision:

- Appointment Ann-Cathrin Marcussen (.no) member ccNSO PDP-RET WG (31 October 2017)

4 Update ccNSO Council Elections FY 2018
All candidates have accepted nominations, only one candidate per region, no election needed.

The Consent agenda section:
The ccNSO Chair reviewed consent agenda.

Peter Vergote observed in the updated charter of the SOPC, there is reference to a limited number of terms a member can serve on this standing committee – this should be reviewed and discussed further.

Resolution 135-01:
The ccNSO Council adopts all resolutions under items 5, 6 and 7 of its 1 November 2017 consent agenda.

THE CCNSO COUNCIL RESOLVED TO adopt all resolutions under items 5, 6 and 7 of its 1 November 2017 consent agenda.

THE CCNSO COUNCIL RESOLVED TO adopt the charter of the Strategic Operational Planning Committee, and request the Committee to review its membership in accordance with the rules in

the charter. The secretariat is requested to inform the chair of the SOPC accordingly and archive the SOPWG charter

THE CCNSO COUNCIL RESOLVED TO mandate and request the ccNSO Guideline Review Committee (GRC) to review the Operating Standards for specific reviews and, if considered necessary by the GRC, prepare feed-back and input, for submission by Council. In addition, the GRC is mandated and requested to conduct an initial review of the status of the implementation of the recommendations coming out of the first organizational review of the ccNSO, and inform the Council of its findings.

THE CCNSO COUNCIL RESOLVED TO appoint Stephen Deerhake, as the ccNSO Representative on the Empowered Community Administration, up and until the end of the ICANN61 meeting, and the chair is requested to inform the ICANN secretary, confirming Stephen's appointment

Action Item 135-01:
The secretariat is requested to inform the chair of the SOPSC accordingly and archive the SOPWG charter

Action Item 135-02:
Chair is requested to inform the ICANN secretary, confirming Stephen's appointment to the ECA

5 Adoption SOPC Charter

*see consent agenda above

6 Update Mandate GRC to conduct ccNSO Internal review and submit comment Operating

Standards
*see consent agenda above

7 Appointment Stephen Deerhake ccNSO member ECA
*see consent agenda above

8 CSC, RZERC and ECA update
The ccNSO Chair noted updates were provided during the Members meeting.

    8.1 CSC update
    8.2 RZERC update
    8.3 Empowered Community Administration update

9 WG update
The ccNSO Chair noted updates were provided during the Members meeting.

9.1 GRC update
9.2 CCWG Auction Proceeds
9.3 CCWG Internet Governance
9.4 CCWG Accountability WS 2
9.5 SOPWG update

10 Liaison Updates

The ccNSO Chair noted written updates were received from the ccNSO appointed liaisons to ALAC and GNSO.

11 Next meetings
- 7 December, 11.00 UTC.
- Meetings post 7 December 2017 will follow in two weeks (mid November 2017)

*Stephen Deerhake abstained from consent agenda
Consent agenda was approved

*General Agenda section:

12 Specific Reviews
12.1 Participation ccNSO in ICANN Specific review RDS
The ccNSO Council Chair reminded Council a letter was sent to the Board deferring participation in the RDS review team stating that it was necessary to know the scope before appointing anyone to the review team.

The review team has almost finalized the scope, what are the next steps for the ccNSO? The ccNSO Chair suggested assessing the pool of candidates while the Board reviews the terms of reference.

Ching Chiao noted he will encourage those in APAC to participate.

12.2 Next steps re Board decision to defer SSR2 review
The ccNSO Chair noted that earlier in the day, there was an opportunity to hear from the SSR2 review team. The SOAC Chairs are responsible for evaluation of the composition of the review team according to the bylaws; according to the ccNSO Guidelines, this is done at the Council level. The SOAC Chairs are working on a common statement.

13 Council Updates
13.1   Chair Update – there will be a prep meeting for ICANN61 later in the week
13.2   Vice-Chair Update – no updates
13.3   Councilors Update – Stephen Deerhake updated Council on a "visit" he had with NomCom.

He feels it went very well and the incoming chair appears to be open to continued dialogue and foster improvements in communication.

Pablo Rodriguez added there was a presentation with NomCom in which there was discussion on how to develop more collaborative communication.

13.4   Regional Organizations Update – Barrack Otieno mentioned AfTLD has issued a statement on their position on the use of Country and Territory names as TLDs. This was sent to Annabeth Lange and will be circulated to the wider ccTLD community shortly. It is inline with what CENTR and APTLD has issued.

13.5   Secretariat update – no updates

14 AOB

The ccNSO Council Chair updated Council on WT5. Annebeth Lange is inviting everyone to actively participate in this work. Understanding this is not feasible for all due to time commitments, Annebeth Lange has suggested Ann-Cathrin Marcussen serve as a point of contact for comments and questions.

Action item 135-03:

Inform community of this initiative and encourage active participation.

15 Thank you & Closure

The ccNSO Council thanks Ching Chiao wholeheartedly for his service on Council over the past 3 years.

The ccNSO expresses it deep appreciation and thanks to the local host and support staff for their hard work to turn ICANN60 into a success.

Finally, the ccNSO Council expresses its deep-felt appreciation and admiration for Dr Steve Crocker for the wise and fair way he has chaired the ICANN Board of Directors and his understanding of the ccTLD community. On behalf of the whole ccTLD community the ccNSO Council wishes him all the best.

*Special Section Council meeting

(without candidates) – Nigel Roberts has recused himself from this section of the meeting

In summary, during the public forum, it was discussed that NomCom appointed members to the Board are screened and background checks completed. Evidently, ALAC and ASO screen their candidates as well. Currently the GNSO and ccNSO do not screen their candidates via background check. The sitting Board members from the GNSO and ccNSO have voluntarily agreed to undergo this screening.

Stephen Deerhake raised a point of order regarding having a "Special Council Meeting" and whether this conforms to the requirement of publication of agendas prior to the Council meeting.

The ccNSO Chair noted the issue being discussed was not known a week ago when the initial agenda was published. However, if it is agreed upon by the Council, it is ok to move forward with this portion of the agenda.

Moved by: Byron Holland
Seconded by: Debbie Monahan

Young Eum Lee asked regarding other SOACs, if the seat is contested, was the screening done on all the candidates or just the final candidates?

The ccNSO Chair clarified the screening was done on only Board candidates not Councilors, but unsure of actual procedure of what point it is carried out.

Ching Chiao asked for clarification on who would incur the additional costs.

The ccNSO Chair confirmed the costs would be paid for by ICANN org.

Debbie Monahan expressed concerns for the term "special council meeting". It was agreed to use the same term as at the previous ccNSO Council meeting, i.e., "Special Section Council meeting".

Stephen Deerhake asked for clarification as to the sequence. Depending on where in the process the screenings come into play, this could cause some reputational damage if a candidate is rejected.

Byron Holland noted while understanding the position by Stephen Deerhake, the ccNSO has a fiduciary responsibility to put forward candidates that can pass at least a limited background check – which is common practice in most businesses outside of ICANN. Additionally, he noted the Council/Community will be asked "from time to time" to find speedy resolution to issues that may come up, even when there isn't perfect clarity. The resolution is asking the Chair and Vice Chairs the opportunity to try and put together a process to move forward and is asking the community for faith that they will put forward something sensible, which will most likely mirror something that is already used in the community like what is used by the ASO and/or ALAC.

The ccNSO Chair commented she has no doubt both current candidates will be able to move forward in the process as they are highly respected members of the community. But if something comes up later, yes it will damage the reputation of the candidate but will also damage the reputation of the ccNSO because proper screening did not take place.

Stephen Deerhake added he supports the idea of the Chair/Vice Chairs develop this procedure, but cautions the details need to be in place for the Council to approve a final product.

Byron Holland offered an apology to the candidate and asked for their patience - for them being in this awkward position, due to a lack of awareness of a process the Council did not have in place.

Peter Vergote noted his understanding of the rationale of the background check, but wondered if there is a way to limit the risk by having the screening for the one candidate after the election, rather than the added risk of screening all candidates before the election.

Young Eum Lee reiterated her earlier question as to when this screening will take place and asked why this has not been an issue before?

Abibu Ntahigiye noted he believes the background check should be done on all candidates, but would also like to know how it's done by the other SOACs.

Debbie Monahan commented that any decision that may come from the screening be made by the ccNSO versus ICANN staff.

Ching Chiao offered an alternative of a reference check for the candidates.

Byron Holland stated the reason this has come up is because it was cited at the public forum. It was a surprise to some that the ccNSO and GNSO do not conduct background checks – which is a requirement of most boards and believes the ICANN Board should be held to these same standards. He also reminded this discussion is not about the two current candidates, but rather putting an appropriate process in place.

The ccNSO Council Chair confirmed since this process was not in place, the Council cannot mandate this screening for the current candidates. Both candidates however, have voluntarily agreed to said screening.

RESOLUTION 135-02:
1. The ccNSO Council requests its chair and vice-chairs to develop a procedure for a background check for future candidate nominees for Board seat 11 and 12 of the ICANN Board of Directors. In developing such a procedure, the chair and vice-chairs are advised to look at the current similar procedures used by NomCom, ASO and ALAC, for the nomination of ICANN Board Members.
2. Such a procedure shall be adopted by the ccNSO Council and after adoption included in the ccNSO Guideline Board election/nomination, whatever is appropriate at the time.
3. After the ccNSO Council has adopted the procedure, the current ccNSO nominated Board members and candidate nominee(s) shall be asked to voluntary subject themselves to the adopted background check procedure

Abstained: Nigel Roberts was not present for voting

Resolution was passed

Meeting adjourned.