ccNSO Council Telephone Conference
29 June 2017 – Johannesburg, South Africa

Attendees:

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

AP
Debbie Monahan, .nz (remote)
Hiro Hotta, .jp
Young-Eum Lee, .kr

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

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

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

NomCom
Jian Zhang
Christelle Vaval

Liaisons/Observers
Maureen Hilyard, ALAC Observer to the ccNSO

Regional Organizations
Peter Van Roste, CENTR
Barrack Otieno, AfTLD

ICANN Staff
Bart Boswinkel

Kim Carlson
Joke Braeken

1 Welcome and Apologies

Apologies: Ching Chiao

2 Minutes and Actions

Minutes were distributed and no comments received. They have been published.

Bart Boswinkel updated ccNSO Council on the following action items:

128-05 - Secretariat is requested to assist the Chair – creating a table with each meeting of the year and define what needs to be done by Council at each, in accordance with internal guidelines.
Status: in progress
128-06 – Bart and Katrina to revisit Council Roles, including reaching out to Councilors to fill different positions. Update wiki as needed.
Status: Council Roles and Responsibilities Guidelines is under review by GRC.
128-07 – Bart to publish issue report for public comment
Status: Publication completed. Public comment forum to close 10 July 2017.
Action Item 129-01 (May meeting): Official notice regarding seat 11 to be sent to the ECA for processing (on ccNSO letterhead).
Status: completed

3 Overview: inter-meeting Council decisions

The following are Consent Items – and were discussed earlier in the week during the ccNSO Council prep meeting:

The RESOLUTIONS under item 4, 5, 6 and 7 on the 29 June 2017 are adopted.
Moved: Nigel Roberts
Seconded: Stephen Deerhake

Abstained: None
Passed: Unanimous

4 PDP: Appointment chair and co-chair

RESOLUTION 130-01:
In accordance with charter PDP WG Retirement the WG members have nominated Nigel Roberts as chair and Eberhard Lisse as vice-chair. Both accepted the nomination.

Decision.
The ccNSO Council appoints Nigel Robert (.gg and .je) as chair and Eberhard Lisse (.na) as vice-chair of the PDP WG retirement of ccTLDs.

5 Appointment ccNSO Members CWG- Auction proceeds

RESOLUTION 130-02:
Background
As chartering organization of the CWG- Auction Proceeds the ccNSO may appoint up to 5 members on this is cross-community working group. To date the ccNSO has two members on this WG.

Decision.
The ccNSO Council appoints Stephen Deerhake (.as), Pablo Rodriguez (.pr) and Jian Zhian (NomCom appointed Councillor) as ccNSO appointed members to the CWG Auction Proceeds,

6 Appointment: Jacques Latour as the Chair of TLD-OPS Steering Committee

RESOLUTION 130-03:
Background
Cristian Hesselman (.nl) will step down at the end of the meeting as chair of the TLD OPS steering committee. The members of this group unanimously nominated Jacques Latour (.ca). In addition, the committee proposes that Brett Carr (.uk) replaces Cristina on the committee.

Decision
The ccNSO Council appoints Jacques Latour (.ca) as chair of the TLD-OPS steering committee and Brett Carr, .uk, as member of the TLD-OPS Steering Committee.

7 Call for volunteers: ccNSO appointed member to NomCom FY 18

RESOLUTION 130-04:
Background: The ccNSO will need to appoint a member to the NomCom for FY 2018 nomination process. Joerg Schweiger (current member) has served two terms and is therefore not eligible again.

Decision
The ccNSO Council request the Secretariat to send out a call for volunteers for NomCom FY 2018. As the relevant ccNSO internal guideline has not been updated to date, the call for volunteers need to include that volunteers may self-nominate, and in case the applicant is not directly associated with a ccTLD the nomination must be seconded by a member of the ccNSO. Further, the ccNSO Council will select the candidate using the same method as the FY 2017 selection.

Action 130-01:

The ccNSO Council request the Secretariat to send out a call for volunteers for NomCom FY 2018.

8 Adoption: Final Paper of the Cross-community WG Use of Country and Territory Names as TLDs

8.1 Discussion and or adoption final paper
(https://ccnso.icann.org/workinggroups/ccwg-ctn-final-paper-15jun17-en.pdf)

RESOLUTION 130-05:

At the ccNSO members meeting the recommendations of the CCWG Use of Country and Territory names to continue work on use of Country and Territory Names as TLDs were discussed and supported. However, the format to continue work is still under community discussion. Awaiting the outcome of that discussion the ccNSO Councils defers the adoption of the final paper to the next meeting (July 2017).

Annebeth Lange (*first part of discussion inaudible*) discussed adoption of paper and whether this will be part of work track 5. Will it be a new CC working group? She also discussed in work track 5, the three-letter codes would be separate and that the GNSO would prefer the work track 5. This would still be a "sort of" working group, but would give other stakeholder groups a feeling of equality. Additional discussion on three-letter codes is required.

Bart Boswinkel clarified the resolution suggests deferment of adoption of final paper until after cross-community session later in the day. If the paper is adopted at this time, the working group closes. If the decision is deferred, the working group will continue until there is a decision on the paper.

Annebeth Lange noted if there is the work track 5, it will still include participants from all stakeholder groups. It's better to have a cross community working group – to distance this work from the GNSO. Problem last time, the group spent two years working on three-letter codes and nothing has moved forward. She noted it might be a good idea to wait until after the cross-community session to see what Avri Doria and Jeff Neuman say.

The ccNSO Chair put forward two options:

1. Adopt the paper now
2. Defer the decision to next meeting

The ccNSO Council unanimously decided to defer decision to next meeting.

8.2 Discussion recommendation Study Group CTN Letter to the Board to request continued exclusion of country and territory names in subsequent new gTLDs rounds.

RESOLUTION 130-06:

Background:
In September 2014 the Study Group recommended Council: In light of the need for further work on the treatment of country and territory names, the complexity of the issue at hand and

the aforementioned inconsistencies between various ICANN policies, it is also recommended that the ccNSO Council request that the ICANN Board extend the current rule in the new gTLD Applicant Guidebook regarding the exclusion of all country and territory names in all languages, for consecutive rounds of new gTLD applications.

Council adopted this recommendation in 2014. Given the establishment of the CCWG UCTN, Council did not pursue this recommendation, awaiting the outcome of the deliberations and recommendations of the CCWG.

Decision:
At the ccNSO members meeting the recommendations of the CCWG Use of Country and Territory names to continue work on use of Country and Territory Names as TLDs were discussed and supported. This also included the recommendation of the Study Group. However, as the format to continue work is still under community discussion, and interest of the ccTLD community in future efforts needs to be ensured the ccNSO Councils defers sending the letter to the next meeting (July 2017).

The ccNSO Council unanimously decided to defer decision to next meeting.

9 ccNSO Procedure for the Exercise of the Empowered Community's rights to Approve Specified Actions

The ccNSO Chair noted this was discussed during the Members day meeting and three alternatives were proposed (see background). Following extensive discussion, the clear majority of the ccTLD community present supported Alternative 2, which is part of the normal ccNSO decision making process: ccNSO Council decides, then community is given 7 days to veto the decision.

The ccNSO Council can now instruct the Guidelines Review Committee to finalize the guideline to include "Alternative 2" as the decision-making mechanism for the community.

9.1 ccNSO Guideline: ccNSO Procedure for the Exercise of the Empowered Community's rights to Approve Specified Actions

RESOLUTION 130-07:
Background
At the ccNSO members meeting the ccTLD managers present were extensively informed about the decision making of the ccNSO as Decisional Participant, the ccNSO decision during the Approval Action Decision Period and Rejection Action Approval Decision Period. The focus was on discussion of the role of membership and Council. The alternatives were:
1. Only ccNSO Council to take approval action decision
2. ccNSO Council decision on approval action subject to request of members vote and members vote (under rules of the ccNSO)
3. Only members vote (no quorum, simple majority)

Following an extensive discussion, the vast majority of the ccTLD community present supports Alternative 2: ccNSO Council final decision in approval action process and rejection action petition process should be subject to request of member's ratification vote (under the 2004 rules of the ccNSO).

Decision
The ccNSO Council requests the Guideline Review Committee to finalize the Guideline: ccNSO Procedure for the Exercise of the Empowered Community's rights to Approve Specified Actions and to develop the ccNSO internal rejection action procedure guideline taking into account the outcome of the consultation of the ccTLD community. The outcome is that the ccNSO Council final decision in approval action process and rejection action petition process should be subject to request of members ratification vote (under the 2004 rules of the ccNSO).

Young-Eum Lee asked, after the useful exercise about the rejection procedure, and hearing the GNSO has had discussion on specific procedures, does the Council need to do something similar in the future? She clarified – a more specific guideline for rejection action.

The ccNSO Chair stated the Guidelines Review Committee was working on rejection actions until it was apparent approval action would be the first to come up. Plan is to finalize guideline and approval by end of the year.

Stephen Deerhake confirmed the rejection action authorship has been waiting until approval action was finalized because much of the approved text from the approval guideline can be used as a starting point. He has also been waiting for finalized language on the process, which he now has with "option 2" being selected.

Bart Boswinkel noted the resolution is only applicable to the decision-making phase, after the community forum and not applicable to, for example, how to accept or reject a petition. To be further discussed by the GRC.

Young-Eum Lee pointed out if a rejection action is imminent, the community must be made aware.

Stephen Deerhake agreed and noted the only way the community can prevail in a rejection action, is if they are proactive.

Moved: Stephen Deerhake
Seconded: Hiro Hotta

Abstained: Debbie Monahan

9.2 ccNSO as Decisional Participant: Approval Action Fundamental Bylaw change
For discussion and preliminary decision (how and when does ccNSO want to decide)

RESOLUTION 130-08:
Approval of ICANN Fundamental Bylaws Amendment to section 4.3 of the ICANN Bylaw.

Background
On 23 May 2017 the ccNSO was notified of the Board Approval of Fundamental Bylaws Amendments section 4.3 of the ICANN Bylaws (https://community.icann.org/display/ccnsowkspc/Fundamental+Bylaws+change%3A+reconsideration+process+responsibilities?preview=/64082399/66069527/23%20May%202017%20Notice%20to%20Empowered%20Community%20on%20Fundamental%20Bylaws.pdf).

The text of the Fundamental Bylaws amendment is available and a reference included in the notification.

The ccTLD community was informed by the chair of the ccNSO (https://community.icann.org/display/ccnsowkspc/Fundamental+Bylaws+change%3A+reconsideration+process+responsibilities?preview=/64082399/66069523/%5Bccnso-members%5D%20ICANN%20Board%20adopted%20the%20proposed%20Bylaws%20change%20(Sataki).pdf)) of the intended amendment of a Fundamental Bylaw change and of the upcoming Approval Action Community Forum during ICANN 59.

Following the letter of the chair, 33 ccTLD managers expressed their support for the amendment and one expressed its abstention.

At the Approval Action Community Forum (27 June 2017) no objections were expressed to the amendment. At the ccNSO Session on the topic, the vast majority of the ccTLDs present supported the proposed Fundamental Bylaw amendment.

Decision
In accordance with section 6.1 (a) and Annex D section 1.4 (a) the ccNSO Council as one of the Decisional Participants, APPROVES the amendment of section 4.3 as proposed. This decision becomes effective 7 days after publication of this resolution on the ccNSO website. The chair of the ccNSO is requested to notify the Empowered Community Administration in writing of this decision as soon as possible and forward this notice to the Secretary.

ACTION 130-02:
Chair of the ccNSO to submit the approval decision to the ECA and ICANN's secretary as soon as it has become effective

Stephen Deerhake clarified he would abstain from voting to set precedence as he does not believe an ECA representative should take a position on issues that comes before the ECA.

Abstention: Stephen Deerhake

10 Participation of the ccNSO in the Abu Dhabi meeting

The ccNSO Chair mentioned this was discussed at the Member meeting day, and heard in-depth from ICANN's meetings team. The temperature of the room was that the ccNSO should not withdraw its participation in the meeting in Abu Dhabi

RESOLUTION 130-09:
Decision
After an extensive discussion, including but not limited to an in depth briefing by ICANN's meeting team, the ccTLD community present supports the continued ccNSO presence and participation at ICANN 60 (Abu Dhabi). The ccNSO Council will therefore continue to prepare for and assist in the organization of ICANN 60 and does not see terms to change the regular mode of participation.

Alejandra Reynoso suggested creation of group to review how ICANN selects locations and considers other factors.

The ccNSO Chair reminded the Council she has forwarded emails sent by David Olive to the SO/AC chairs (on behalf or Goran Marby) in which he proposed to discussed if there is a need to update meeting strategy and principles used on selection locations.

Bart Boswinkel suggested the Council instruct the Secretariat, with the ccNSO meetings programme chair, regarding both the meeting strategy and review of criteria for selection of locations – by July meeting.

Action item 130-03:
Create review team, and prepare review of meeting.

Moved: Abdalla Omari
Seconded: Alejandra Reynoso

Abstained: Peter Vergote

Peter Vergote, while personally he has no objections, internally within his organization, clear instructions will be given to all .be staff that they can and free to determine whether they will participate in this meeting.

The ccNSO Chair noted personally she would not wish to attend a meeting in Abu Dhabi, but as the ccNSO Chair, she will be there.

11 Extension mandate of the CCWG Accountability (additional item for discussion and decision)

The ccNSO Chair noted this was discussed previously, but the group felt that the Council express their position formally.

RESOLUTION 130-10:

Background
The CCWG chairs requested the ccNSO to support continuation of the CCWG WS2 work, the decision was deferred from last meeting to sense the ccTLD community's level of support for the work undertaken in CCWG Work stream 2. At the ccNSO meeting at ICANN 59, the community present was in support of continuation.

Decision
The ccNSO Council support continuation of the activities of the CCWG as proposed by the co-chairs of the CCWG and requests the chair to inform the co-chairs as soon as possible.

Action Item 130-04:

The ccNSO Council request the chair inform the co-chairs the decision as soon as possible.

Moved: Stephen Deerhake
Seconded: Peter Vergote

Passed: Unanimously

12 Update: FAQ by the GAC Underserved Regions

The ccNSO Chair noted during the joint meeting with the GAC, the Underserved Regions WG has gathered input from different parties; they are working on summarizing comments and a document will be circulated for review. She also reminded the Council if they see something they believe will not work for ccTLDs, to not just say "it doesn't work" but to propose alternative wording.

13 Update amendment charter CWG Internet Governance

The ccNSO Chair mentioned questions were sent and they met face to face in Johannesburg.

Young-Eum Lee discussed there was consensus the work of the group is very beneficial for ICANN – as stated by the Board Governance WG on Internet Governance, as well as the GNSO. But the existing CCWG framework does not fit this group's model. The members will outline the "wishes" of the members who were in attendance of the meeting, and will present an updated charter.

14 Update review charter CSC

The ccNSO Chair noted a status update was provided at the members meeting. Decision is

deferred to the next meeting

Bart Boswinkel added this is only regarding adoption of the Terms of Reference on how to do the CSC charter review. This group will conduct the review as well to preserve continuity.

15 Council Updates
15.1   Chair Update
15.2   Vice-Chair Update
15.3   Councilors Update
   Hiro Hotta provided an update on the EPSRP – SSAC has made comments. A working party has been created, there was a meeting in Johannesburg and good progress was made. A draft proposal will be sent to Council and SSAC later.
15.4   Regional Organizations Update
15.5   Secretariat update

16 PDP update/ progress (presented at members meeting)

Nigel Roberts noted the first face to face meeting will be immediately after the Council meeting.

17 CSC, RZERC and ECA
17.1 CSC update (Byron) – presented at members meeting
17.2 RZERC update – presented at members meeting
17.3 ECA update (other than approval action)
Stephen Deerhake added the Board recently approved the FY18 operating plan, overall ICANN budget and FY18 IANA budget. This triggered three rejection action notices to the ECA and decisional participants, which began the 21-day clock for the community to formalize objections to any of the three actions. Because the actions relate to strategic plans and budgets, make it impossible under the Annex D procedures to defer a community forum to the ICANN60 meeting – which means a hard 21-day window. By his calculations, the ccNSO Community has until 3 July to submit to Council (via the Secretariat) their rejection petition. He noted he does not anticipate any actions, but it's up to the community to decide.

18 WG update
18.1 Programme WG
Alejandra Reynoso noted there would be an ICANN60 kickoff later in the day.
The ccNSO Chair stated she believe the cross-community session proposed by the ccNSO were well attended and interesting.
18.2 GRC update (presented at members meeting)
18.3 SOPWG update (presented at members meeting)
18.4 TLD-OPS update
18.5 CCWG Auction Proceeds
18.6 CWG Internet Governance (discussed above under item 13)

19 Liaison Updates

19.1 GNSO Update (written update).

Ben Fuller provided an update on meetings in Johannesburg. Two items of interest:

1. CCWG on internet governance – The GNSO is opposed to keeping to going as a CCWG, they do not think it the proper structure. They recognize the usefulness of the work. Their argument is that a working group has a limited timeframe and this activity should have an open timeframe.
2. There was a meeting with the ICANN administration on community engagement.   A significant discussion on effectiveness of fellowship and newcomers program. They want to see a better process of measuring the effectiveness of these programs.

Alejandra Reynoso added the fellowship program has added a mentorship program. She suggested the ccNSO select mentors. Separate but related, there is an onboarding program. Quick guide has been distributed. The booklet is also available online. It was also suggested to continue to identify newcomers and outreach to them, short and long term.

19.2 ALAC Update (written update).

20 AOB

Action 130-05:

Prepare Board and Council elections timeline decisions for upcoming meeting.

Barrack Otieno added he wished to invite everyone to the African Domain Names forum in Tanzania on 26-28 July. Additionally, the TLD OPS is has proven to be useful in capacity building in underserved regions. He is looking forward to support from the Secretariat and ccNSO in general to support the TLD Ops in the AF region.

Stephen Deerhake updated the Council on Becky Burr and Keith Davidson initiative on seeing that IANA adopts the FOI into their daily procures. He met with Elise Gerich to discuss outstanding issues and to discuss the issue brought forward by Eberhard Lisse at the members meeting. They are working on v2 of the rootzone management system. It is not being developed by IANA but by ICANN technical staff. He made formal request, as this contains business rules and implementing policy, that he gets a test account to the beta system so he can see what is being done with respect to the FOI. Will follow up with Keith Davidson, to see if he would like to continue his work on this and has a follow up meeting with Elise Gerich.

21 Next meetings
- Thursday 20 July 18.00 UTC
- Thursday 21 September 12.00 UTC

22 Thank you and congratulations

The ccNSO Council thanks all the sponsors of the ccNSO Cocktail:
ZADNA, .PR, SIDN, EURid, KISA, Verisign, NIRA.

The ccNSO Council wholeheartedly thanks the local host ZADNA for the warm welcome and support in Johannesburg.

The Council want to thank Cristian Hesselman (.nl), for his heavy lifting and leading the TLD-OPS Steering committee, turning it into the well-established and respected committee.

Finally, the ccNSO Council congratulates whole heartedly Hiro Hotta (.jp) and Patricio Poblete (.cl) with being awarded the ICANN Ethos Award.

23 Adjourn