ccNSO Council Telephone Conference Minutes
24 August 2009

Attendees:

Becky Burr, NomCom appointee
Lesley Cowley, .uk
Chris Disspain, .au (Chair)
Ondrej Filip, .cz
Byron Holland, .ca
Patrick Hosein, .tt
Juhani Juselius, .fi
Han Chuan Lee, ccNSO liaison to the GNSO
Vika Mpisane, .za
Patricio Poblete, .cl
Ron Sherwood, ccNSO liaison to the ALAC
Dotty Sparks de Blanc, .vi

Apologies:

Nashwa Abdelbaki, NomCom appointee
Olga Cavalli, GNSO liaison to the ccNSO
Oscar Robles, .mx
Jian Zhang, NomCom appointee

Agenda

1. ccNSO Secretariat Issues

Gabriella Schittek introduced *Kristina Nordström*, the new staff member in the ccNSO Secretariat, to the Council.

2. Confirmation of Approval of Minutes and Actions from Council call 9th June 2009 and 24th June 2009

Gabriella Schittek informed the Council about the outstanding actions.

42-01 – The ccNSO Secretariat to call for new members to the Strategic and Operational Planning Working Group. The group had a meeting and decided to wait with the call for volunteers until after the Council Call.

42-02 – Bart Boswinkel, Norm Ritchie and Eberhard Lisse to work together on drafting the new Tech Working Group Charter. The Charter will be presented within a week.

42-03 – The ccNSO Secretariat to make a call for new members to the Tech Working Group. The group decided to postpone the call for Tech Working Group volunteers until the Charter is ready.

Lesley Cowley referred to action 2.3 from the 24 June 2009 minutes and asked if there had yet been any update from the ccNSO GAC Liaison Working Group. *Chris Disspain* replied that he will send out a note as soon as possible.

Action 43-01:
The Chair to send out a note to the group regarding an update from the GAC Liaison Working Group.

3. Approval of timeline for ccNSO Council nominations + appointment of Election Manager

The Chair made a clarification about the suggested timeline that Gabriella Schittek sent out one week ago. The campaign will close one week prior to the Seoul meeting and the voting will take place one week after the Seoul meeting. The Council member seats that are up for election in 2010 are the ones of *Paulos Nyirenda*, *Chris Disspain*, *Lesley Cowley*, *Oscar Robles* and *Oscar Moreno*. These Councillors were asked to consider whether they would like to nominate for another term.

Resolution 43-01
THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to approve the ccNSO Council nominations timeline sent out by *Gabriella Schittek*.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

The Chair proposed that *Gabriella Schittek* be appointed as the election manager.

Resolution 43-02
THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to appoint *Gabriella Schittek* as election manager.

4. Working Group Update

4.1 Delegation and Redelegation Working Group

Bart Boswinkel reported that he will send out an email with a Doodle poll for the first call, which is planned for the second week of September. An overview of the Working Group issues needs to be done.

4.2 Strategic and Operational Planning Working Group Update

Byron Holland reported that the Working Group has had one call since the last Council meeting. There has been a review of previous work and discussions about the survey results. The group is currently trying to define the core items for this Working Group. A survey will be sent out to the cc community in about four weeks to receive input to this question. A call for further Working Group volunteers will also be made in order to broaden the group.

The Chair asked *Byron* if it is possible to receive a report about the intended goals of the SOP WG from the first meeting of every year. *Byron* agreed.

4.3 ccNSO-GAC Liaison Working Group

The Chair noted that this topic already was discussed under agenda point 2, "Outstanding actions".

4.4 Technical Working Group

The Chair noted that this topic already has been discussed under agenda point 2, "Outstanding Actions".

4.5 Meeting Programme Working Group

Ondrej Filip announced that the work within the Meeting Programme Working Group is moving forward and that the first draft agenda for the Seoul is ready to be published.

The Chair pointed out that some flexibility is required in the Seoul agenda since it has not yet been settled how much time the session on the Fast Track will need.

Gabriella Schittek pointed out that the Fast Track session is the first one in the morning, which means it can always start earlier than scheduled, if extra time is needed.

Bart Boswinkel suggested that the Chairs or members from other Working Groups attend the initial call of the Meeting Programme Working Group so that they can indicate whether they will need a time slot.

Gabriella Schittek reported that she plans to send out the draft agenda to all relevant email lists within two days time.

4.6 Joint ccNSO/GNSO IDN Working Group

The Chair asked the Council to pass a resolution for the approval of the Joint IDN GNSO/ccNSO (JIG) Working Group Charter.

Resolution 43-03
THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to approve the JIG Working Group Charter.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

The Chair asked *Bart Boswinkel* to inform the relevant people about the approval of the JIG Working Group Charter.

Han Chuan Lee asked whether a co-chair is to be appointed for the joint IDN ccNSO/GNSO Working Group and if so, in what way he or she will be appointed. *The Chair* replied that a co-chair will not be appointed until it is clear who will be on the Working Group. *Bart Boswinkel* added that the co-chair is appointed by the ccNSO Council.

Action 43-02
Bart Boswinkel to inform the relevant people about the approval of the JIG Working Group Charter.

The Chair informed the group that the ICANN Board is about to set up a technical expert group and since their issues may clash with the JIG Working Group, the JIG's first job will be to define its issues.

Bart Boswinkel reported that there will be a call for volunteers within the next few days.

The Chair asked *Bart* how many members the Working Group requires and *Bart* replied that one person from each region would be preferred, but in case it is impossible at least five members from the ccNSO should participate.

4.7 Geographic Regions Working Group

Bart Boswinkel reported that an issues paper is published for public comments and will be open until 4 September. Based on the comments, the Working Group will write an update report, which will be available at the Seoul meeting.

Paulos Nyirenda asked if the Geographic Regions Working Group is a ccNSO Working Group, or an all ICANN Working Group. *Bart* replied that it is an ICANN Working Group.

4.8 Ad-hoc Working Group for Emergency Response Plan

Bart Boswinkel informed the group that not much has happened in this Working Group since the approval of the Charter. However, a call will be set up shortly and a call for volunteers will be sent out to get the necessary people involved. Hereafter, the group will draft an action plan in time for the Seoul meeting.

5. Message Board Update

Gabriella Schittek has looked into using a Message Board feature for the website, but is still waiting for ICANN to decide which tool they will implement on their website. In the meantime a temporary tool can be used, but she suggests waiting for the final version in order to avoid confusion. *The Chair* agreed. He suggests he will contact Kieren MacKarthy to see if he can speed up the process.

Action 43-03
The Chair to contact Kieren MacKarthy and find out if a Message Board tool can be implemented on the ccNSO website in a timely manner.

6. Approval of .cc ccNSO Membership Application

The Chair asked the Council to approve the .cc ccNSO membership application.

Resolution 43-04
THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to approve the .cc ccNSO membership application.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

Gabriella Schittek reported that another membership application was submitted by .tz Tanzania, however, it was completed by the incorrect person. She will inform the parties involved and request a corrected version. *Paulos Nyirenda* also volunteered to look into the .tz application.

Action 43-04:
Gabriella Schittek and *Paulos Nyirenda* to contact the .tz applicants and ask for a corrected application.

7. Approval of Changed Text in ccNSO Travel Guidelines

Gabriella Schittek informed the group that due to a change in the ICANN Travel Guidelines, the ccNSO Travel Funding Guidelines also need to be corrected. As ICANN now requires the names of the funded travellers 90 days in advance of the meeting, the timeline in the ccNSO Guidelines need to be adjusted.

Gabriella referred to the new suggested wording, as sent to the Councillors prior to the meeting.

The Chair asked the Council to pass a resolution for the approval of the new ccNSO Travel Guidelines.

Resolution 43-05
THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to approve the changes in the ccNSO Travel Guidelines, as suggested by the ccNSO Secretariat.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

8. ICANN Board Resolutions Concerning ccTLDs

Bart Boswinkel reported that the ICANN Board passed two resolutions that are of interest to the ccNSO Council.

The first one is dealing with Wildcard issues and the second on IDN WHOIS services.

The Board has requested the ccNSO to respond and provide guidance to the Board. *The Chair* asked *Bart* to send out a status paper to the Council with background information on the resolutions.

Action 43-05:
Bart Boswinkel to send out a status paper to the Council with background information on the resolutions passed by the ICANN Board.

Becky Burr asked if the resolutions are looking for input. *Bart* replied that regarding the first resolution the ICANN Board requests a report from the ccNSO on mechanisms that could be employed to ensure that redirection on the top level is effectively prohibited. It also invited the GAC to consider what measures should be taken.

The Chair pointed out that there are about nine ccTLDs that use wildcarding at the top level and that it is important to remember that even if the issue is minor at the moment it might become bigger with IDNs. He suggests that the Council should consider finding time to talk about this in Seoul.

Bart suggested that the Council should start by looking at the latest SSAC report since it is the base for the ICANN Board resolutions. *Lesley Cowley* asks if somebody from SSAC could give a report on this in Seoul but *Gabriella Schittek* pointed out that there might not be much room left in the agenda for that.

9. Liaison Update

9.1 Update from GNSO Liaison

Han Chuan Lee reported that the GNSO is seeking members for the Joint ccNSO/GNSO IDN Working Group (JIG), and that the results will be confirmed in the next meeting in September. The new Council will be seated in the Seoul meeting, and a new GNSO chair will be appointed at the end of the meeting.

9.2 Update from ALAC Liaison

Ron Sherwood informed the group that there has been a big discussion about the research report on the ccTLD space and offers to send out a link on the issue to the Council members. The Chair asked Ron to forward the link to the Secretariat for further distribution.

Ron also reported that the ICANN Board adopted the NCSG Charter as proposed by the SIP Staff. The majority of ALAC accepted the voting and that the charter will be reviewed in one year's time, whilst the NCUC published a ten-point reaction objecting to the decision. *Ron* offered to include the link to the reaction report.

Action 43-06:
Ron Sherwood to send out links about the reported issues to the Secretariat for further distribution.

Ron further reported The ALAC has made a statement on the system for independent reviews, saying that it needs a fundamental restructuring to avoid unnecessary complexity.

10. AOB

Becky Burr asked if the ccNSO has any interest in the consultation on the proposed additional independent review of mechanisms for disputes with ICANN and/or the ongoing discussions on the registry/registrar in the GNSO.

The Chair replied that there is an interest in the review. *The Chair* also asked *Becky* to via the Secretariat send out a note to the group about the issue and also about the registry/registrar issue.

Action 43-07:
Becky Burr to send out a note to the Secretariat and Chair about the review and registry/registrar issues for further distribution.

Gabriella Schittek reported that the DNSSEC survey will be closed in about two weeks. Since there currently are fewer replies than last year, she is hoping to receive a few more before closing it.

The next Council Call is set to take place on 15 September.

The meeting was closed