

ccNSO Council Meeting Toronto
17 October 2012

Attendees:

Carolina Aguerre, LACTLD
Becky Burr, NomCom appointee
Lesley Cowley, .uk (Chair)
Keith Davidson, .nz
Fernando Espana, .us
Sokol Haxhiu, NomCom appointee
ByronHolland, .ca
Hiro Hotta, .jp
Cheryl Langdon-Orr, ALAC liaison to the ccNSO
Young-Eum Lee, .kr
Roelof Meijer, .nl
Vika Mpisane, .za
Paulos Nyirenda, .mw
Souleymane Oumtanaga, .ci
Ron Sherwood, ccNSO liaison to the At-Large
Dotty Sparks de Blanc, .vi
Margarita Valdes, .cl
Hong Xue, NomCom appointee

1 Apologies

The Chair noted apologies from Victor Abboud, Han Chuan Lee and Peter Van Roste.

2 Minutes and Actions

The Chair asked for comments or amendments to the minutes and actions from 25 September. No comments were noted and the minutes were approved.

Gabriella Schitteck ran through the action items from the previous meeting:

Action 77-01:

Peter Van Roste and Bart Boswinkel to continue the discussions with the GAC chair Heather Dryden regarding a ccNSO/GAC panel discussion in Toronto or Beijing.
Bart Boswinkel explained that this action had been postponed until the Beijing meeting.

Action 77-02:

Councillors from the North American region to as soon as possible put forward a candidate for the Council election.

This action was completed.

Action 77-03:

Gabriella Schitteck to share the draft ccNSO Members Meeting agenda with the Council as soon as a majority of the items had been confirmed.

This action was completed.

Action 77-04:

Keith Davidson to confer with Vika Mpisane on the recent ccNSO related public comment requests and share the information on the Council email list.

This action was completed.

Action 77-05:

The Secretariat to confirm the date and time for the ccNSO Council meeting with the ALAC in Toronto.

This action was completed.

Action 77-06:

The Secretariat to confirm the arrangements for a ccNSO Council preparatory meeting in Toronto.

This action was completed.

3 Updates

3.1 Chair Update

The Chair reported on her recent ccNSO related activities:

- SO/AC Chairs meeting on the effect of New gTLDs on ICANN structure. A broader meeting on this topic is planned for Beijing.
- Meeting with new NomCom Councillor Mary Wong to welcome and induct her to the ccNSO Council.
- Meeting with Steve Crocker regarding ccNSO matters in general and planning for a meeting with new ICANN CEO Fadi Chehade.
- Meeting with Ray Plzak, SIC Chair, regarding the final steps of the ccNSO review implementation and to discuss upcoming review.
- Joint ccNSO Council/ALAC meeting.
- Presentation to GAC High Level meeting lunch.

3.2 Vice-chair Update

Byron Holland reported that he met with Xavier Calvez subsequent to the Prague meeting. He further noted his participation in the CENTR General Assembly.

Keith Davidson noted that he had met with new ICANN Staff member Tarek Kamel to discuss the WCIT process.

He further noted that he had met with different groups that have interest in delegations and redelegations.

3.3 Councilors Update

Roelof Meijer reported that the ccNSO had received a member application from Greece, .gr. He also noted that applications were received from .rw and .ga but that for different reasons those applications could not yet be processed.

The Chair asked the Councillors to approve the member application from .gr. No objections were noted and the membership was approved.

Several other Councillors reported on their recent ccNSO related activities.

3.4 Regional Organisations Update

The Regional Organisations were thanked for their updates to the ccNSO meeting. No other updates from the Regional Organisations were noted.

3.5 Secretariat Update

Bart Boswinkel reported that he had participated in a panel discussion on Community Guidance and Advice Processes.

4 Progress Council Elections

Gabriella Schitteck reported that there would be an election for both the Asia Pacific and European regions and that the elections would start on 29th October and end on 12th November.

The Chair encouraged all members of those regions to vote in the elections.

5 ccNSO Statements

5.1 GNSO Metrics Working Group Advice Consumer Trust and Choice and Metrics Update

The Chair advised that the report from the GNSO Metrics Working Group was still in draft form and that a ccNSO or Council statement would be considered once it was published in its final form.

5.2 Need for ccNSO Statement on ICANN Consolidated Meetings Strategy Proposal

The Chair advised that the ICANN meeting operations department had submitted a proposal on a Consolidated Meetings Strategy for ICANN Public Meetings, open for public comments. She noted that the purpose of the proposal is to provide feedback to the ICANN community on the process for selecting ICANN Public Meeting locations.

In order to meet the deadline of 17 November, the Chair asked the Council to pass a resolution to launch a ccNSO Council Statement procedure.

Resolution 78-01:

THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to launch a ccNSO Council Statement procedure. The Secretariat is to seek Council volunteers for the drafting team as soon as possible and the Council will appoint the members by email vote.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

Action 78-01:

The Secretariat to seek Council volunteers for a drafting team in order to submit a ccNSO Council Statement regarding the ICANN Consolidated Meetings Strategy Proposal.

6 Future of ccTLD Local Events Calendar

The Chair noted that the maintenance of the Local Events Calendar on the ccNSO Website had been time consuming for the Secretariat.

She noted that one way to keep the local events calendar up to date would be for the community members to be directly enabled to submit relevant events to it. This would be arranged by having a link on the ccNSO website for community members to submit the events themselves.

The Council further decided to send out a call to the members to provide information on local events and agreed that the Secretariat would provide an evaluation update on the success of the new method at the Beijing meeting.

Action 78-02:

The Secretariat to post a link on the ccNSO website in order for the ccTLD community to upload entries to the local events calendar and to send out a reminder to the email lists to provide information on upcoming events.

7 Update on Impact of Bylaw Change Regarding Board Appointments

Bart Boswinkel reported that the Bylaw change on Board appointments would have no effect on the ccNSO process to select Board members.

8 Procedure Appointment ccNSO Members for ATRT # 2

The Chair announced the suggested process for appointing ccNSO members for the second ATRT Review.

Procedure:

- Closure application 5 December 2012
- The ccNSO Council will be informed on 5 December 2012
- The ccNSO Council needs to reveal names of endorsed candidates to the selectors by 17 December 2012
- Endorsement is foreseen for the 11 December Council call

She noted that the final decision would be made by Chair of the GAC and the Chair of the ICANN Board.

The Chair further presented the endorsement criteria:

According to the call for volunteers the Applicants should possess the following professional and personal skills:

- Knowledge of ICANN and its working practices and culture;
- Knowledge of the subject area of the review;
- Team spirit, adaptability, consensus-seeking attitude;
- Willingness to learn;
- Capacity to reason objectively, putting aside personal opinions or preconceptions;
- Analytical skills;
- Ability to interpret quantitative and qualitative evidence;
- Capacity to draw conclusions purely based on evidence;
- Commitment to devote sufficient personal time to the review process.

The chair underlined the importance of the last point and encouraged any candidates to come forward with an application.

9 ccNSO Improvements

The Chair explained that the ccNSO Improvement recommendations 2 and 3 to translate ccNSO related documentation were based on a survey from early 2010 and noted that a more up-to-date result would be needed for the way forward.

The Chair asked the Council to pass a resolution to launch a new survey on this topic.

Resolution 78-02:

THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to direct the support staff to:

- Launch a survey to seek a better understanding from the ccTLD community of the current need for translations.
- Provide an overview of the different methods for translation of documentation, including the costs associated, the quality of the translation, the supported languages and the financing aspects.

The results from the survey and the overview will be presented at the Beijing meeting to the community present, whereupon the Council will revisit the implementation of the recommendations.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

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10 Workplan Update

Bart Boswinkel informed the Council that the ccNSO Workplan would be updated to a more user-friendly version. It would include different sections such as policy, strategic and operational planning, administration etc.

Bart asked the Councillors to provide feedback to the Workplan on the email list before it would be distributed to the ccTLD community.

Action 78-05:

The Councillors to provide feedback to the ccNSO Workplan on the email list.

11 Working Group and Other Updates

11.1 Finance Working Group

Byron Holland referred to the updates provided earlier during the meeting.

11.2 SOP Working Group

Roelof Meijer referred to the update provided during the ccNSO Members Meeting.

11.3 Framework of Interpretation Working Group

Keith Davidson noted that the Framework of Interpretation Working Group would meet face-to-face the following day.

11.4 Joint ccNSO/GNSO IDN Working Group (JIG)

Bart Boswinkel reported that the Working Group is working on a final report on the topic of universal acceptance and that the group would seek approval at Beijing group to become a standard committee.

11.5 Joint Security & Stability Working Group (DSSA)

Bart Boswinkel reported that there had been no new development since the last Council and that the group would meet face-to-face the following day.

11.6 Meetings Programme Working Group

Vika Mpisane reported that the Programme Working Group would take time after the meeting to evaluate the survey results and also start working on the agenda for Beijing.

11.7 Study Group on Use of Names for Countries and Territories

Young-Eum Lee reported that the Study Group had started analysing the results of the UNESCO survey, although the survey would be open until the Beijing meeting. She further reported that the group had started discussing the framework for a final report.

11.8 Study Group on Capacity Building

Fernando Espana reported that the Study Group on Capacity Building had its first face-to-face meeting on Sunday in Toronto, at which the members discussed different ways to prioritise workload, such as a triage model. He noted that the group is aiming to finalise its work for Beijing and that all findings would be submitted to the ccNSO Council.

11.9 IDN PDP Working Group 1

Bart Boswinkel referred to the update provided during the ccNSO Members Meeting the day before.

11.10 Tech Working Group

The Council agreed to approve Christian Hesselman, .nl as a new member of the Tech Working Group.

The Council was informed of the new observer Erwin Lansing, .dk.

Other updates:

11.11 ICANN Outreach Program

Sokol Haxhiu reported that the Outreach Working Group had met the same day and been presented with a workbook with collated input from the group members. He noted that the next steps would be to do an inventory on ICANN's current outreach efforts and also to discuss the financing involved.

11.12 ICANN Academy

Hong Xue reported that the Academy group had met the same day and decided that the SO/AC communities should be consulted on preferable timeline and candidates etc. before launching any training program. She mentioned that a drafting team had been created to draft a list of options for circulation to the SOs and ACs.

It was noted that no action is needed from the council at this point.

11.13 Update ccNSO Travel Funding Committee

The Chair reported that the Travel Funding Committee had lately looked into ways to improve the application process and its transparency and that this discussion would continue.

12 Liaison Updates

12.1 GNSO Liaison

The Chair noted that Han Chuan Lee was attending the GNSO Council at the time for the meeting and that his report would follow subsequently.

12.2 ALAC Liaison

The Chair thanked Ron Sherwood for his report on recent ALAC activities.

13 Dates of Next Meetings

The Chair reminded the Councillors of the upcoming Council calls:

23 October 2012 Informal Council Call 11.30 UTC
20 November 2012 12.00 UTC
11 December 2012 12.00 UTC

14 Thank You's

Resolution 78-03:

THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to:

Welcome Mary Wong as the new NomCom appointed ccNSO Councillor, formally taking her seat at the end of the meeting.

Thank Juhani Juselius, .fi, elected in 2008 and stepped down in September 2012 for his outstanding contributions to the work of the ccNSO Council, with hope he will remain involved in the work of the ccNSO.

Thank Becky Burr, NomCom appointed ccNSO Councillor for two consecutive terms, stepping down at the end of the Council meeting, for her outstanding work and guidance in the ccNSO and ccNSO related matters with hope that she will remain involved in the work of the ccNSO.

Thank the sponsor for the lunch, CNNIC and the co-sponsors for the ccNSO dinner: Norid, CENTR, SIDN; Nominet, JPRS; auDA and CIRA.

On behalf of the ccTLD community present, thank the host of the Toronto meeting: CIRA, the ccTLD manager for .CA for organizing an outstanding final ccNSO dinner, for hosting the ccTLD meetings and their warm hospitality. In particular, the Council thanked Byron Holland, and his team of professional staff for their support, warm welcome and wonderful organisation skills.

The resolution was passed by acclamation.

15 AOB

No other business was noted.

The meeting ended.