ccNSO Council Meeting 201
21 December 2023

Attendees:

AF
Biyi Oladipo, .ng (Vice-Chair)

AP
Ai Chin Lu, .tw
Jiankang Yao, .cn
Jordan Carter, .nz (Vice-Chair)

EU
Irina Danelia, .ru
Nick Wenban-Smith, .uk

LAC
Demi Getschko, .br
Alejandra Reynoso (Chair)

NA
Stephen Deerhake, .as
Sean Copeland, .vi
Pablo Rodriguez, .pr

NomCom
Tatiana Tropina
Wafa Dahmani

Liaisons/Observers
Everton Rodriguez
Laura Margolis

ICANN Staff
Bart Boswinkel
Claudia Ruiz
Joke Braeken

Apologies: Chris Disspain, Olga Cavalli, Jenifer López (.pa) & Ali Hadji Mmadi (.km)

1. **Welcome and roll call**
Welcome and agenda review by Chair of the ccNSO. No objections received.

Meeting was quorate.

No conflict of interest was declared.

Administrative matters
2. **Relevant Correspondence (https://ccnso.icann.org/en/about/statements.htm)**

3. **Minutes & Action Items**
   a. Minutes Meeting 200 - circulated to Council on 18 December

   b. Action items
   Open action items were reviewed by the Chair.

   Joke Braeken spoke on behalf of the IGLC regarding WSIS open action item.

   The Chair of the ccNSO spoke regarding exchange of liaisons with the Registries Stakeholder Group. It was agreed to meet at ICANN79.

   The Chair of the ccNSO noted she is in contact with the GAC Chair regarding liaisons. Will follow up on this.

   Irina Danelia informed the Council of the Public Comment period for the ICANN FY25 Operating Plan and Budget has started. ICANN suggests the additional budget request be submitted as a public comment. Question: does the ccNSO Council anticipate requesting an ABR? The Chair of the ccNSO noted there are no requests to date.

   Bart Boswinkel clarified the SOPC is the only committee mandated to comment directly on any of the Public Comment documents. The Council should note for the record, if there is a budget request, it must go through the Council.

Action Item 201-01:
Council informs groups, if there are any budget requests, these must go through Council.

Action Item 201-02:
SOPC to note support for use of a template for the ABRs.

4. **Intermeeting Decisions (since meeting 200, November 2023)**
   a. Decision on comment to revised terms of reference Pilot Holistic review
   b. Decision to support GRC submission re Continuous Improvement Framework- CCG (CIP-CCG)
   c. Appointment Sean Copeland member CIP-CCG
   d. Decision to support GRC response on retirement of non-policy recommendations

5. Intermeeting decisions Triage Committee
The Triage Committee has made no decisions since meeting 200.

Updates
6. Update IDN ccPDP4 (written update)

7. Update ECA & CSC (written update)

8. Update WGs (written updates)

9. Update liaisons (written updates)

10. Update OISC Review
Nick Wenban-Smith provided an update noting a constructive, engaging meeting with the OISC in Hamburg. Recommendation to restructure the group with a narrower set of outreach. A formal report will be submitted in the new year.

11. Update ad-hoc Council Group GAP Analysis
Jordan Carter noted the group decided to split the work into two channels - assessing gaps and community engagement in San Juan. The group has met a few times since the Hamburg meeting to better understand the issues within the policy framework, looking for possible gaps. Bart has pulled together in one place a document that brings all the ccTLD-related policies and practices. There is clean-up required of RFC1591 because some parts are obsolete or out of date. There will be a community engagement at ICANN79.

Pablo Rodriguez commended and congratulated this group for the exceptional work done to-date.

12. Update ccNSO Website redesign
Stephen Deerhake provided an update noting the small team has built user journey personas. In the process of scheduling the small team as well as the wider group call with org staff representatives.

Bart Boswinkel added examples of a user journey/persona.

13. Update Bylaw change repository
The Chair of the ccNSO added the ccNSO does maintain a repository of Bylaw changes. Recently, Article 18 and 19 were adjusted. In our previous call, Council discussed a little bit on the issues on the Recommendation 7 of the Auction Proceeds Working Group. And also the Board resolution did provide some discussion on fundamental Bylaw changes, and one of the actions coming out of that discussion was the need to update this repository.

Bart Boswinkel provided an update on changes and proposed changes. [Change repository](.).

Nick Wenban-Smith asked a question in the context of the Auction Proceeds whether the Board may deviate from specific community recommendations on how to limit an accountability mechanism.

Jordan Carter added his understanding - The CCWG that designed the auction proceeds said the decision about grants should be excluded from the IRP process by means of a Bylaw change - trying to write a Bylaw change that was so narrow proved to be impossible. ICANN decided to implement that restriction in a contractual way - so when people apply for a grant,

they are signing up to exclude themselves from being able to access those mechanisms. Is this something ccNSO should be involved in?

Tatiana Tropina noted that ccNSO should find the bandwidth to engage.

Bart Boswinkel added this was discussed at the last Council meeting and no issues were found regarding substance. There was concern of the process itself. The ccNSO should continue to monitor.

Nick Wenban-Smith clarified he is ok with a contractual limitation as a mechanism itself.

Tatiana Tropina added the request was submitted by the IPC. The Registries and Registrars are also discussing. Should ccNSO (Chris, Jordan, Nick) reach out to them and ask how unhappy they are and is there any explanation as to how in the future it can enhance collaboration.

The Chair of the ccNSO confirmed no decision or position is required at this time - and the ccNSO will continue to monitor.

Action Item 201-03:
Staff to monitor how discussion re exclusion of IRP through contractual arrangement or Bylaw change evolves.

14. Update Chair, Vice-Chairs, Councillors, RO's and Secretariat
● Listening Session with the ICANN Board Ombuds Search Committee
The Chair of the ccNSO summarized the conversations. What is wanted is to create a safe environment not only for the person but the office. Be more proactive than reactive. Competence and confidentiality are important, as well as cultural awareness.

● Meeting with Interim CEO
The Leadership had a call with Sally Costerton. Looking forward to the in-person roundtable in DC and topics such as WSIS+20.

● Upcoming in person Round Table
Topics will include improved relations between Board and Community, responsibility and mutual expectations around the SOAC chairs group and shared priorities.

Biyi Oladipo added the need to further discuss WSIS+20; the need for understanding and patience and how it affects things around the ICANN ecosystem. Issues are not just technical.

Administrative Matters & Decisions
15. Council Election and Board Nomination Process Reports
   a. Adoption Board Nomination process report
       Joke Braeken provided an update.

RESOLUTION 201-01:
The ccNSO COUNCIL adopts the Nomination Report, which concludes the 2024 Board Seat 12 ccNSO nomination process. By adopting the Nomination Report the ccNSO Council also supports the recommendation of the Nomination Process Manager to request the Guideline

Review Committee to verify if and how the ccNSO Guidelines should be adjusted, to ensure alignment across all nomination procedures.

The Chair is requested to inform the ECA and ICANN Secretariat of the nomination of Katrina Sataki as the ccNSO nominated candidate for Board Seat 12 to take her Seat at the end of the 2024 AGM. The Chair is also requested to inform the ccNSO GRC of the recommendation. This decision becomes effective immediately upon publication. The ccNSO Council thanks Joke Braeken for her work as Nomination Process Manager.

Moved by Irina Danelia
Seconded by Pablo Rodriguez
Sean Copeland abstained
Resolution passed

Action Item 201-03:
Chair is requested to inform the ECA and ICANN Secretariat of the nomination of Katrina Sataki as the ccNSO nominated candidate for Board Seat 12.

Action Item 201-04:
GRC to review recommendations from Board Seat 12 election report.

Action item 201-05:
Staff to post Nomination Report

   b. Adoption Council Election process report
       Joke Braeken provided an update.

RESOLUTION 201–02:
The ccNSO Council adopts the Council election report as proposed, which closes the 2024 Council Election Process. The Council congratulates Ali Hadji, Jiankang, Peter, Jennifer and Sean with their election and wholeheartedly thanks Sami, Irina, and Nicklas for standing. The Council thanks Joke Braeken for her work as Election Process Manager. This decision becomes effective upon publication.

Moved by Demi Getschko
Seconded by Stephen Deerhake
Sean Copeland abstained
Resolution passed

Action Item 201-06:
GRC to review recommendations from Council election report.

Action Item 201-07:
Staff to inform ICANN Secretary of election ccNSO Councillors

Action Item 201-08:
Staff to post Election Report

16. Update 360 Review Councillors
The Chair of the ccNSO reviewed the update to the 360-review procedure.

RESOLUTION 201-03:
The ccNSO Council adopts version 2 of the Terms of Reference ccNSO Council internal 360 review procedure (Document circulated 18 December 2023). The amended procedure becomes effective upon publication of the resolution and procedure on the ccNSO Website.

Moved by Tatiana Tropina
Seconded by Pablo Rodriguez
Passed unanimously

Action Item 201-09:
Secretariat to post updated version 2 of the 360 Review and prepare the 360 review timeline for approval.

17. Appointments to WG and Committees
  a. Appointment Jenifer Lopez (.pa) SOs/ACs to Nominate Fellowship Program Mentors
  b. Appointment Wafa Dahmani as a member to the DASC, IGLC and SOPC.

RESOLUTION 201-04:
The ccNSO Council appoints Jennifer Lopez (.pa) as Fellowship mentor for the calendar year 2024. The secretariat is requested to inform relevant ICANN staff. This resolution becomes effective upon publication

RESOLUTION 201-05:
The ccNSO appoints.Wafa Dahmari as member of the ccNSO DASC, IGLC and SOPC for the duration of her appointment as NomCom appointee to the Council The secretariat is requested to inform the relevant Committees. This resolution becomes effective upon publication

Moved by Jordan Carter
Second by Sean Copeland
Wafa Dahmani abstained
Resolution passed

Action Item 201-10:
The secretariat is requested to inform the Fellowship program and relevant ccNSO Committees, accordingly. (Jenifer López and Wafa Dahmari appointments)

18. Participation and/or comments ccNSO or Council in/on the Community Consultation on Public Interest Commitments/Registry Voluntary Commitments.

The Chair of the ccNSO informed Council of a letter received from Tripti Sinha requisition input from the ccNSO on the framework document, which proposes a path for implementing the Public Interest Commitments and Registry Voluntary Commitments in the New gTLD Program and Next Round.

In the past, the ccNSO has refrained from commenting - should the ccNSO comment or refrain (as what was done in the past)?

Stephen Deerhake - no involvement from Council.
Irina Danelia - no involvement from Council.

Action Item 201-11:
Chair/Secretariat to inform Tripti of Council decision regarding participation and/or comments ccNSO or Council in/on the Community Consultation on Public Interest Commitments/Registry Voluntary Commitment.

19. Tentative Block schedule & meetings ICANN79
Chair of the ccNSO reviewed the early ccNSO-related block schedule.

Action Item 201-12:
Councilors to send suggestions on topics and format of the meeting with ccNSO related Board members.

20. Closure 20th Anniversary
Pablo Rodriguez shared his belief the 20th anniversary (starting in Cancun) through Hamburg was very enriching with the set of activities. ccNSO should continue to explore how to share and energize people.

Nick Wenban-Smith noted it was "an amazing series of events". Lovely content and celebrations.

The Chair of the ccNSO stated the outcomes from the World Cafe sessions will be shared and the OISC, if renewed, should take over outreach, closing the ad-hoc group, thanking the participants.

21. AOB
Stephen Deerhake thanked Katrina Sataki for her update on the Board review mechanism.

22. Next Council Meetings
a.   Meeting 202, 18 January 2024 -12.00 UTC
b.   Meeting 203, 15 February 2024 - 18.00 UTC
c.   prep for ICANN79, 22 February 2024 -18.00 UTC
d.   Meeting 204, March 2024 - ICANN 79 (TBD)

23. Adjourn