ccNSO Council Meeting 200
16 November 2023

Attendees:

AF
Biyi Oladipo, .ng (Vice-Chair)
Ali Hadji Mmadi, .km

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

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

LAC
Jenifer Lopez, .pa
Demi Getschko, .br
Alejandra Reynoso (Chair)

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

NomCom
Olga Cavalli
Tatiana Tropina

Liaisons/Observers
Barrack Otieno
Wafa Dahmani

ICANN Staff
Bart Boswinkel
Kimberly Carlson
Claudia Ruiz
Joke Braeken

Apologies: Chris Disspain

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.

Action Item 200-01:
Councilors to complete SOI

2. **Relevant Correspondence (https://ccnso.icann.org/en/about/statements.htm)**
Relevant correspondences posted to the above statement page.

3. **Minutes & Action Items**
Official meeting transcript was circulated in place of meeting minutes.

The Chair of the ccNSO reviewed action items.

Regarding action item 199-08 (ccNSO leadership conversation with RySG leadership on exchange of liaisons), the Council agreed to invite people that are already active in this area. e.g. Chris Disspain, Wenban- Smith & David Mcauley

4. **Intermeeting Decisions (since meeting 199, October 2023)**
    a. Decision to support Fundamental Bylaws
    b. Decision leadership program

5. **Intermeeting decisions Triage Committee**
Jordan Carter provided an update, stating the Triage Committee continues to document decisions in one place, providing a comprehensive record.

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 noted the review team met with members of the OISC in Hamburg. After some frank discussions, it seems there is support for the OISC to continue but with a much more focused, refined mandate – tried to do too much, including items other entities were already engaged in. Review will continue through the first of 2024.

Pablo Rodriguez added his thanks to Nick and the rest of the review team.

11. **Update ccNSO Website redesign**
Stephen Deerhake provided the update. Small team is meeting regularly; currently working on personas and user journeys in preparation for the requirements phase.

12. Update Chair, Vice-Chairs, Councillors, RO's and Secretariat

    a. **Invitation to meet with Ombudsman search Committee (listening)**

        The Chair of the ccNSO reminded Council of the invitation to join the Board listening session regarding the Ombudsman search. Additionally, a draft of the requirements for the Ombudsman was shared and Council is requested to share comments.

        Nick Wenban-Smith asked if the Ombudsman service had been used.

        Stephen Deerhake added the Ombudsman serves a very useful purpose to mediate and defuse issues [before blowing up publicly] – there is value in having an Ombudsman.

        Tatiana Tropina shared her agreement with Stephen and noted (to her knowledge) the service has been used extensively. The reason for not hearing about this service [as Stephen stated], it's due to the fact that the issues are resolved prior to them being known to the public. The service was also agreed upon as part of the "transition".

        Biyi Oladipo voiced his support for the role of the Ombudsman – an issue was discussed and solved without additional intervention.

Action Item 200-02:
Council to provide feedback on ombudsman's position description

    b. **SO/AC Leadership Roundtable Washington DC**

        The Chair of the ccNSO provided an overview of what will potentially be discussed at the in-person leadership round table. This meeting will take place in January in Washington, DC.

13. Update 360 Feedback Councilors
The Chair of the ccNSO gave an update on the 360-feedback. Council agreed on reviewing the terms of reference or the guidelines that will be followed. She reviewed the changes to the feedback form.

14. Appointments to WG and Committees

    a. **Appointment panelist Excellence Award selection committee**

        The Chair of the ccNSO noted the Council was requested to appoint two panelists. There are preference panelists serving no longer than two consecutive terms. Olga and Pablo were both appointed last year, so are eligible to serve again – and suggestions to reappoint both.

RESOLUTION 200-01:
The ccNSO Council appoints Olga Cavalli (NomCom Councillor) and Pablo Rodriguez for their second term to serve on the Excellence Award selection committee. The chair of the Council is requested to inform ICANN org accordingly. This resolution becomes effective upon publication.

Mover Irina Danelia
Seconder Stephen Deerhake

Resolution passed
Abstain Pablo Rodriguez and Olga Cavalli

Action Item 200-03:
Appointment of Olga Cavalli and Pablo Rodriguez to serve their second term on the Excellence Award selection committee. The chair of the Council is requested to inform ICANN org accordingly. This resolution becomes effective upon publication.

b. Appointment ccNSO NomCom appointed Councilor to Travel Funding Committee
The Chair of the ccNSO Council noted Javier Rua was a member of the ccNSO travel funding committee, as he is no longer a Councilor a replacement must be selected.

RESOLUTION 200-02:
The ccNSO Council appoints Wafa Dahmani, NomCom appointed Councillor to serve on the ccNSO travel Funding Committee, replacing Javier Rua, fulfilling Javier's term until March 2024.

Moved by Tatiana Tropina
Seconded by Olga Cavalli
Abstain Wafa Dahmani

15. Contacting members CCWG-AP recommendations and other issues pertaining to the Grants Program

The Chair of the ccNSO summarized, ccNSO was requested, whether ICANN org could contact former members Of CCWG-AP to assist ICANN org with interpretation of the cross-community group Auction Proceeds recommendations. At the time the following persons were appointed to the CCWG-AP by Council: Pablo Rodriguez, Stephen Deerhake, Peter Vergote, Ching Ciao (ccNSO appointed co-chair, NomCom appointed Councillor)

However the point of contacting former CCWG-AP members has been overtaken by events. The Board has resolved that - instead of pursuing a Bylaw change to limit access to accountability mechanisms such as the IRP in context of the Grant Program as suggested by the CCWG-AP and supported among others by the ccNSO, and initially by the Board - the limitation of access should be achieved through another mechanism: the terms and conditions of the Grant Program.

Irina Danelia stated support for how ICANN is dealing with the issue.

Bart Boswinkel: In the rationale to the Board decision it is noted that the Board is interested in discussing with the community how the Bylaws might be changed to support future community recommendations by clarifying within the Bylaws the potential for the community to recommend limitations of access to ICANN's accountability mechanisms and for the Board to accept and direct implementation of those recommendations. The Board will pursue a fundamental Bylaws change:
If (1) through a Final Report of a Cross-Community Working Group, which is supported by all chartering organizations, it is recommended that one or more Bylaws-defined accountability mechanisms should not be available to resolve disputes in specified circumstances; and
(2) the Board agrees that the community recommendation is in the global interest,

Then the Board shall be authorized to direct ICANN Org to implement the CCWG recommendation that limits access to the Bylaws-defined accountability mechanism(s).

Action Item 200-04:
Monitor progress on Fundamental Bylaw Amendment relating to limitation of access to ICANN's accountability mechanisms

16. Update Council Election and Board Nomination Process.
Joke Braeken provided an update.

Update Council Election

17. Confirm no role of the Council or ccNSO to discuss individual cases if invited to comment on specific ccTLD cases in press or otherwise
The Chair of the ccNSO reinforced that the Council agreed not to discuss individual cases as a Council nor individual Councilor in public. The Council confirmed this agreement.

18. Portfolio of Activities monitor (Triage Committee)
Jordan Carter added the monitor was previously circulated. There are some new activities coming up next year and the Triage Committee will do work on the resourcing impact of the activities.

19. Role, if any, of IGLC, ccNSO Council and / or ccNSO with respect to WSIS +20
The Chair of the ccNSO reminded the Council of the WSIS+20 session in Hamburg, organized by the IGLC – how this affects the ccNSO and ccTLD communities; is there a role for the ccNSO and ccTLDs? There was additional discussion with the ICANN Board (CEO goal #6).

Jordan Carter stated one thing that can be done is encourage members of the ccNSO to engage with their local governments, either with the regular or digital economy ministry. If there is no current relationship, this is an opportunity to start one.

Stephen Deerhake agreed with Jordan's statement and wondered if the IGLC could serve as a "clearinghouse or repository" of what cc's are doing with their governments (to have a global overview).

Tatiana Tropina agreed there should be "some" role and should be engaged. In the broader community there are growing concerns with WSIS+20 – but work is being done in silos.

Annaliese Williams stated ccTLDs should engage with their governments, and many from the IGLC already do this. A mapping exercise was done in Hamburg to identify hot topics across various regions. The committee can work on forming a clearinghouse and document what others are doing.

Nick Wenban-Smith noted it would be helpful if we had a clearer consensus as a community as to what we are advocating for. Is it a continuation? Is it a continuation with variation? If so, what variations? We need to be clear on this if we're going to be successful.

Additionally, it would be helpful to share information because there is a lot of duplication of work and to make sure all are in the same direction. A clearer objective needs to be developed.

Anil Kumar Jain supported the statement of the Councilors. Noted agreement with communication channels. He also suggested interacting with the GAC.

Jordan Carter added countries have quite diverse and opposing views sometimes, whether multilateral or multi stakeholder based. ccNSO must be conscious of what to say to those disagreements. CEO goal 6 is applicable from 1 July 2023 to July 2024. little time left, and potential CEO transition. we should expect to be hearing more from ICANN regarding their WSIS messaging. If not clear by roundtable in January, we should ask.

The Chair of the ccNSO also noted that the ccNSO is perceived as a key player, due to its global reach and diversity. It's important to have voices heard from everyone. Louder voices are anglo-saxon voices currently.

Jiankang Yao stated the ccNSO or ccTLDs should play a role in WSIS. Everyone should promote inclusiveness. So, one topic may be universal acceptance and the role of the ccNSO and a multilingual internet.

The Chair of the ccNSO noted the IGLC will be tasked to gather information. Additionally, there should be a simpler message, something more targeted and a consolidation of overall ICANN strategy.

Action Item 200-05:
IGLC is requested to gather information on what cc's are doing in respect to WSIS and provide simpler/more targeting messaging to the ccTLDs.

20. Transition ABR process in regular Budget process
The Chair of the ccNSO noted this topic was extensively discussed on the mailing list. There needs to be a way to distinguish between process and substance. This proposal is about the process and how to submit a budget request. For efficiency and transparency to include the ABR procedure in the annual budget process, a simplification of the process is being proposed. She suggests the Council indicate support for this but requests a template to distinguish between budget requests and comments on the budget operating plans. The Council agreed.

Action Item 200-06:
Inform ICANN org of the Council support for the simplification of the ABR process. Will ask for clear instruction on the process including a template to distinguish between budget requests and comments on the budget/operating plans.

21. AOB

22. Next Council Meetings
   a. Meeting 201, 21 December – 21:00 UTC
   b. Meeting 202, 18 January 2024 -12.00 UTC
   c. Meeting 203, 15 February 2024 - 18.00 UTC
   d. prep for ICANN79, 22 February 2024 -18.00 UTC

23. Adjourn