Communiqué of the ccNSO meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

0. INTRODUCTION

The ccNSO is pleased to present its second communiqué, covering the second members meeting and its inaugural Council meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on the 19th and 20th July 2004. .

Represented at the meeting were 19 members of the ccNSO, 19 non-member ccTLD managers and several dozen observers. All of those present express their appreciation for the work done in facilitating the meeting by the members of the local host organising committee.

1. ELECTION OF ccNSO COUNCIL

The ccNSO received a report on the recent election of the inaugural ccNSO Council,. The Council members are:

Region: Africa.

Victor Ciza, Paulos B. Nyirenda, Yann Kwok

Region: Asia/Pacific

Hirofumi Hotta, Christopher Disspain, Young Eum Lee,

Region: Europe

Bart Boswinkel, Olivier Guillard, Petr Kral

Region: Latin America

Patricio Poblete, Eduardo Santoyo, Oscar Robles

Region: North America

Dotty Sparks De Blanc, Bernard Turcotte, Fernando Espana

Chris Disspain from .au has been elected the interim Chair.

The ccNSO thanked Glen de Saint Géry, the ccNSO Election Manager and the election supervisors Hartmut Glaser, Ken Fockler and Jim Higgins for their work in conducting successful elections.

2. ccNSO OPERATIONS

The ccNSO discussed how it will function and its proposed rules of operation. Among other things It was agreed that it will operate openly and without discrimination, will

principally make decisions online to allow maximum participation, and will also have a public discussion list.

3. ACCOUNTABILITY FRAMEWORKS.

The ccNSO had a productive discussion with the ICANN Chair and staff on development of a template for an accountability framework to allow an individual ccTLD and ICANN to detail their mutual accountabilities, and welcomed this approach in preference to the past policy of insisting on contracts.

4. GAC

The joint ccNSO and GAC meeting was well attended by GAC members, ccNSO members and others. The ccNSO and GAC have agreed to set up a joint working group to discuss future liaison between the two organisations.

5. GNSO

The meeting with the members of the GNSO Council was also welcome, again with enthusiasm to co-operate and appoint liaisons.

6. ICANN BUDGET

The ccNSO meeting believes it is appropriate to appoint representatives to ICANN's Budget Advisory Committee, but noted participation is without prejudice to the ccNSO's position with respect to accepting any suggested fees arising out of a budget The ccNSO has formed no view as to whether the proposed ICANN budget is at an appropriate level, or whether the proportion sought from ccTLDs is acceptable. Many requests were made to ICANN for a more detailed breakdown of the costs involved with ccTLDs such as IANA and root servers, noting that many ccTLDs, which are members of the ccNSO, were willing to contribute more if further details are provided.

Apart from the appointments to the Budget Advisory Group, the ccNSO will set up Working Group on ccTLD Contributions to ICANN and liaise with ICANN staff with a view to developing an acceptable and sustainable model.

7. IANA

A very productive meeting with IANA staff was held and the ccNSO welcomed the significant improvements in service from IANA and congratulated IANA Manager Doug Barton on performance to date. The ccNSO also welcomed the news that IPv6 glue has now been placed into the root zone.

8. WSIS

Following the WSIS workshop organised by a cross-constituency grouping, the ccNSO further discussed the main WSIS principles and recent developments. The ccNSO expressed the wish to effectively contribute to the development of a unified WSIS position. Support was shown for the bottom-up development of a common ccNSO position, which will be led by a dedicated ccNSO working group. All ccTLD

members are encouraged to provide input and the ccNSO WSIS working group is looking forward receiving wide ranging responses.

9. STABILITY AND SECURITY

A productive exchange of ideas took place on the way established industry best practice could be followed and the responsibilities both the child zones and parent zone bear in terms of interoperability and administrative changes.

The ccNSO welcomed the data reports on the recent IANA achievements and the operational improvements it shows. The ccNSO also is encouraged by the overall developments ICANN has shown to date and reinforces its support for ICANN meeting the relevant milestones.

Useful information and experiences were shared with respect to ensuring operational and particularly business continuity. In this respect the ccNSO welcomes and supports ICANN's intended contingency arrangements.

A discussion followed on maintaining stability by enforcing redundancy measures through a contractual framework. The ccNSO also received an informative report on the findings in the SSAC's Wild Card Report. The ccNSO takes notice of SSAC's recommendations, notably the recommendations regarding the application of wild card implementations under any TLD, including ccTLD's. In addition the ccNSO welcomed the further development of DNSSEC.

10. ccNSO SECRETARIAT

The ccNSO has discussed various organisational, operating and funding models for a ccNSO secretariat. Attention was given to the guiding principles of independence from ICANN of staff and accounts. The meeting gave clear guidance to the ccNSO council, which will subsequently work out a detailed proposal. There was also discussion of various methods to ensure limited legal liability to protect ccNSO members and councillors.

11. OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST

Mirjam Kühne (ISOC) gave an interesting update on a very successful four-day workshop, in which technical training was given to various ccTLD operators, providing them with assistance and support in running stable operations and in developing solid policies and procedures. Finally attention was drawn to the ISOC agenda for future workshops.

12. ccNSO COUNCIL

The Council held its first meeting on 20 July 2004 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The meeting was a public open meeting. Following confirmation from members, the Council will undertake the following actions:-

Set up Working Groups on Accountability Frameworks, ccTLD fees to ICANN, WSIS, GAC/ccNSO Liaison, the ccNSO Secretariat and ccNSO fees and, By Laws.

Nominate Alf Hansen as our appointment to the Nominating Committee.

Appoint cross liaisons with ALAC and gNSO.

Appoint ccNSO representatives to the ICANN Budget Advisory Group.

As soon as the members have finalised the ccNSO Rules and Procedures, the Council will move on to dealing with various other matters including the appointment of officers and nominations for ICANN Board seats 11 and 12.

13. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND THANKS

The ccNSO extended its thanks to the APTLD Secretariat and to .my for their excellent work in supporting the meeting. Malaysia.tv was thanked for the webcasting.

Neulevel and Affilias were thanked for their sponsorships

Finally thanks were recorded to the members of the ccNSO Assistance and Launching Groups..

14. ATTENDANCE

ccNSO member			Non-ccNSO members		
	ccTLD	Region		ccTLD	Region
1.	.au	AP	1	.ae	AP
2.	.br	LA	2	.af	AP
3	.ca	NA	3	.bf	AF
4	.cl	LAC	4	.bi	AF
5	.CZ	EU	5	.br	LAC
6	.gi	EU	6	.cn	AP
7	.jp	AP	7	.co	LAC
8	.kr	AP	8	.CX	AP
9	.ky	EU	9	.fr	EU
10	.mr	AF	10	.hk	AP
11	.mw	AF	11	.ir	AP
12	.mx	LAC	12	.my	AP
13	.nl	EU	13	.mu	AF
14	.nu	AP	14	.pw	AP
15	.nz	AP	15	.sa	AP
16	.pe	LAC	16	.th	AP
17	.tw	AP	17	.tk	AP
18	.vi	NA	18	.vn	AP
19	.us	NA	19	.za	AF