

ICANN 40
San Francisco, USA,
March 13 - 18, 2011

1. High lights in ccNSO

1.1 Delegation & Re-delegation Working Group Report

The DRDWG recommended the ccNSO Council undertake, as a first step, the development of a "Framework of Interpretation" for the delegation and re-delegation of ccTLDs. The DRDWG also recommended that the ccNSO should launch a cc Policy Development Process on the retirement of ccTLDs. At the same time the DRDWG advised that the Council consider the development of a Framework of Interpretation as a higher priority than the ccPDP for retirement of ccTLDs. The ccNSO Council further resolved to create the Framework of Interpretation Working Group (Fol WG) as recommended and adopted its charter. This framework should provide a clear guide to IANA and the ICANN Board on interpretations of the current Policy Statements.

Reports are available on <http://ccnso.icann.org/workinggroups/drdwg.htm>
Presentation: <http://svsf40.icann.org/meetings/siliconvalley2011/presentation-drdwg-15mar11-en.pdf>

1.2 Finance and SOP working groups report

The group studied Strategic and Operational plan for FY 2012, will do further ccNSO comments on it.

The details on comments can be found at: <https://www.icann.org/en/public-comment/#op-budget-fy2012>

1.3 Fast Track review and IDN ccPDP session

According to status report: there are currently 34 unique requests – 27 IDN ccTLDs in rootzone – 9 more approved strings in IANA delegation process.

During the ccNSO meeting the results of the review process of the Fast Track were presented and issues discussed, in particular the issues pertaining to string confusion. The session included presentations on the IDN applications from Bulgaria and Greece on the issues they have encountered regarding string confusion - their IDN application failed string evaluation by given the reason "string confusion". Both of them questioned the transparency on string evaluation process, and required changes on the process. Therefore ccNSO council requested IDN ccPDP

WG1 to develop, as soon as possible, guidelines (within the framework of the existing rules for the Fast Track) to improve the predictability of the evaluation relating to string confusion.

Fast track update ppt can be found at:

<http://svsf40.icann.org/meetings/siliconvalley2011/presentation-idn-cctld-ft-update-15mar11-en.pdf>

1.4 JIG (Joint ccNSO/gNSO IDN Group) Update

Issues of common interest:

- o Single character IDN TLDs

See final report: <http://ccnso.icann.org/workinggroups/jig-final-report-single-character-idns-08mar11-en.pdf>

- o IDN TLDs Variants

See initial report: <http://ccnso.icann.org/workinggroups/jig-idn-tld-variant-policies-initial-report-08mar11-en.pdf>

ICANN formed board/staff study group to coordinate the work.

- o Universal acceptance of IDN TLDs

Both towards end-users and software manufacturers

<http://svsf40.icann.org/meetings/siliconvalley2011/presentation-jig-update-15mar11-en.pdf>

1.5 IDN ccPDP WG II update

How to introduce IDN ccTLDs in the ccNSO

- What bylaw changes are needed to include IDN ccTLD managers as full members in the ccNSO (on equal footing)

- Interim report available here: <http://ccnso.icann.org/workinggroups/idn-pdp-wg2-final-interim-report-22nov10-en.pdf>

- “One vote per territory” – principle is being reviewed and turned into a “one vote per IANA code” principle (open for further discussions)

- „variant issues” will not be taken into account as this would stall the work of this WG for too long
<http://svsf40.icann.org/meetings/siliconvalley2011/presentation-idn-pdp-wg2-update-15mar11-en.pdf>

1.6 Discussion on DNSSEC -After Implementation – Getting Registrar and Registrant Buy-in

ccTLD managers shared experience in difficulties and success on launching DNSSEC, how to promote DNSSEC from different levels: registries, registrars and end-users.

1.7 Changes at the ccNSO

- The ccNSO welcomes Lesley Cowley (Nominet, .UK) as new Chair.
- Byron Holland (CIRA, .CA) and Hiro Hotta (JPRS,.JP) were selected as Vice-Chairs.
- Roelof Meijer (SIDN, .NL) and Keith Davidson (InternetNZ, .NZ) join the ccNSO Council.
- Chris Disspain (AUda, .AU) joins the ICANN Board.
- Erick Iriarte stepped down as GM of LACTLD

The ccNSO thanks three leaving departing councilors : Ondrej Filip, Mohamed El Bashir, Patrick Hosein for their contributions

Get more ccNSO meeting details and ppts on:

<http://www.ccnso.icann.org/meetings/sanfrancisco/agenda.htm>

2. Other high lights during ICANN40

2.1 .xxx registry application by ICM approved

The ICANN Board provided a 20 pages long rationale for its decision to approve the registry agreement with ICM for a .xxx sponsored TLD:

<http://www.icann.org/en/minutes/draft-icm-rationale-18mar11-en.pdf>

2.2 Timeline for the final new gTLD Applicant Guidebook:

- April 15th : changes to the Applicant Guidebook posted for public comment (30 days)
- May 20th : consultation ICANN Board / GAC (conference call)
- May 30th : Applicant guidebook posted
- June 20th : Special Board meeting to approve the Applicant guidebook

2.3 GAC and ICANN board had several consultation sessions during San Francisco meeting

The discussions were mainly focused on the scorecard GAC published on new gTLD outstanding issues.

The GAC scorecard can be found at :

<http://www.icann.org/en/topics/new-gtlds/gac-scorecard-23feb11-en.pdf>

The Board's notes on the GAC scorecard can be found at

<http://www.icann.org/en/topics/new-gtlds/board-notes-gac-scorecard-04mar11-en.pdf>

The GAC Communiqué of the San Francisco meeting can be found at

<http://gac.icann.org/system/files/GAC-communique-SFO.pdf>

2.4 Board meeting

The Board approved the 2011-2014 strategic plan, approved the .xxx application, adopted a timeline for the completion of the new gTLD Applicant Guidebook and the launch of the new gTLD process.

The Board made the decision to move the venue of the upcoming ICANN meeting (June 18-24 2011) to Singapore and approved Toronto as venue for the ICANN meeting (October 14-19 2012).

For all the approved Board resolutions:

<http://icann.org/en/minutes/resolutions-18mar11-en.htm#1.1>

2.5 Toronto to host the October 14-19 2012 ICANN meeting