Charter
ccNSO Finance
Working Group
Adopted by ccNSO Council
19 October 2010

1.   Background

At its meeting in Nairobi, Kenya, in March 2010, the ccNSO Council
a) noted the gap between ccTLD contributions to ICANN in ICANN's fiscal year 2009 and the amount ICANN attributed to ccTLDs according to ICANN expense area group analysis;
b) noted that ccTLD contributions to ICANN have risen by almost 150% over time;
c) reaffirmed the current ICANN ccTLD contribution guidelines, developed by the ccNSO in 2006 (http://www.ccnso.icann.org/announcements/announcement-09mar07.htm); and
d) committed to entering into dialogue with both the community and ICANN on the issues of ccTLD contributions and ICANN expenses attributable to ccTLDs.

The ccNSO Council resolved to set up a working group on the issues set out in a) above.

Furthermore, the ccNSO Council noted the need to increase the coordination, facilitation and participation of ccTLD managers in the financial aspects of ICANN's planning and budgetary processes.

2.   Objective

The objective of the working group is:

I.) a.to discuss with ICANN (i.) the amounts attributed to ccTLDs and (ii) the underlying attribution method(s) to attempt to establish which of those amounts and method(s) are reasonable and may be acceptable to the ccTLD community
   b. to discuss with ICANN a methodology for individual ccTLDs to use to calculate a fair and equitable voluntary financial contribution to ICANN and propose such a methodology to the ccTLD community.
II.) to coordinate, facilitate, and increase the participation of ccTLD managers in the financial aspects of ICANN's strategic and operational planning and budgetary processes.

The WG may as part of its activities sub II.) above take a position and provide input to the public comments fora and relate to ICANN or other Supporting Organisations and Advisory WG's on its own behalf. The ccNSO Council and individual ccTLD managers collectively or individually, will be invited to endorse or support the position or input of the WG.

3.   Scope

The scope of activities of the working group is to do whatever it deems relevant and necessary to achieve its objective whilst taking into account, amongst other things, the current ICANN ccTLD contribution guidelines ICANN's expense area group analysis, and yearly overviews of ccTLD contributions.

The working group will take a proactive role in fostering participation and input from the ccTLD community and provide regular feedback to the ccNSO on its progress.

In achieving its objective the WG will undertake, but is not limited to, the following activities:
- Coordinate its activities with the activities of the Strategic and Operational Planning Working Group (SOP WG);
- Organising ccTLD focused sessions at ICANN events on financial aspects of ICANN's planning and budgetary processes;
- Disseminate and summarise information relevant to the financial aspects ICANN's planning and budgetary processes.

4.   Chair, Members, Experts and Support

Membership of the working group is open to all representatives of ccTLD managers (members and non-members of the ccNSO) who meet the following criteria:
- An ongoing long-term commitment to actively participate in the activities of the working group;
- An involvement in financial area of the ccTLD they represent;
- An ability and willingness to attend face- to face meetings.

The chair of the ccNSO and chair of the SOP WG are appointed ex-officio.

Members of the working group will be appointed by the ccNSO Council taking into account the background of the applicants to reflect the diversity of the ccTLD community.

Regional Organisations may nominate a representative, to be appointed to the working group by the ccNSO council as an observer.

The chair of the working group shall be appointed by the ccNSO Council at the nomination of the members of the working group. The chair, members and observers and experts, if any, of the working group will be listed on the webpage of the working group.

At the request of the chair of the working group, the ccNSO Council may also appoint experts to the working group. Experts are not considered members, but otherwise are entitled to participate on equal footing.

The term of the initial members of the WG ends at 30 June 2012. The term of additional members is two (2) years and ends on 30 June in the second year of their appointment. Members of the WG may be reappointed for a maximum of two (2) more subsequent periods (maximum of 3 terms) At least one of the members on the WG will be a member of the ccNSO Council.

5. Review of charter and activities of the WG

A review of this charter and activities will take place in June 2012 or when considered necessary, for instance when the general ICANN process will change and affects the charter of the WG. One of the criteria for review will be increased participation of ccTLDs in the ICANN planning processes.

6. Reporting

The chair of the working group will report regularly to the ccNSO Council, ccNSO members and the ccTLD community on its progress and at an appropriate time produce a Final Report on its recommendations in respect to items 2 I a) and b) above.

7. Omission in or unreasonable impact of Charter

The chair of the working group shall exercise reasonable discretion in the event that this charter does not provide sufficient guidance and/or the impact of the charter is unworkable with respect to the conduct of business of the working group.