Accuracy verifications ccNSO Member Database

1.   Introduction

As a follow-up of the discussions during the ICANN65 Marrakech ccNSO Council meeting (26 June 2019), the ccNSO Secretariat reached out to
- the 11 ccTLD managers referred to under heading 2 of the current document,
- to 18 further ccTLDs, as listed under heading 3.

As approved by the Council in Marrakech, the approach for each ccTLD was determined on a case-by-case basis, under the auspices of the ccNSO membership application manager, Souleymane Oumtanaga.

As a result of the action, the following 6 ccTLDs were informed they are not member of the ccNSO:

ccTLD	Country
.ec	Ecuador
.ml	Mali
.tg	Togo
.vg	Virgin Islands, British
.vu	Vanuatu
.zm	Zambia

According to the ICANN Bylaws, ccNSO membership is limited to ccTLD Managers (originally Sponsoring Organisation), which are the entities listed as ccTLD Manager in the IANA TLD Delegation record.

The ccNSO now numbers 166 members: the number of members was reduced from 172.

1.   ccTLD Transfers since 2003

The ccNSO Secretariat reached out to IANA services staff and received a list of all ccTLD transfers since 2003 – the year the ccNSO was established – to 12 June 2019. According to the overview, in total 59 ccTLDs underwent a transfer. The ccNSO Secretariat checked whether the organisation listed as ccTLD Manager in the IANA delegation record, matched with the entry as member in the ccNSO Member Database. Based on this analysis, 11 ccTLD manager entries may need to be adjusted i.e. require special attention, as the entry in the IANA delegation record and the ccNSO Member Database are not identical.

A list of the ccTLDs that were approached, and the status of the database adjustments is included below.

Clear mismatch (7 ccTLDs):

ccTLD	Country	Status 19 August 2019
.bn	Brunei Darussalam	RESOLVED
.cx	Christmas Island	RESOLVED
.ml	Mali	TERMINATED
.pt	Portugal	RESOLVED

ccTLD	Country	
.tg	Togo	TERMINATED
.vg	Virgin Islands, British	TERMINATED
.vu	Vanuatu	TERMINATED

Minor mismatch (4 ccTLDs):

ccTLD	Country	Status 19 August 2019
.bb	Barbados	RESOLVED
.bf	Burkina Faso	RESOLVED
.iq	Iraq	RESOLVED
.mk	Macedonia, The Former Yugoslav Republic Of	RESOLVED

2. Extended verifications ccNSO member database

Furthermore, the ccNSO Secretariat verified all records in the ccNSO membership database and approached those organisations listed as ccNSO members in the database, in case there was no match with the ccTLD Manager as listed in the IANA delegation record. This was done under auspices of the ccNSO membership application manager Souleymane Oumtanaga and with the help of ICANN's Global Stakeholder Engagement colleagues.

A list of the ccTLDs that were approached, and the status of the database adjustments is included below.

ccTLD	Country	Status 19 August 2019
.be	Belgium	RESOLVED
.bj	Benin	ONGOING
.ec	Ecuador	TERMINATED
.gi	Gibraltar	ONGOING
.gr	Greece	RESOLVED
.ki	Kiribati	ONGOING
.kr	Korea	RESOLVED
.lc	Saint Lucia	ONGOING
.me	Montenegro	RESOLVED
.ps	Palestinian Territory, occupied	ONGOING
.tt	Trinidad and Tobago	RESOLVED
.tv	Tuvalu	ONGOING
.ua	Ukraine	RESOLVED
.ve	Venezuela	RESOLVED
.vi	US Virgin Islands	ONGOING
.vn	Vietnam	ONGOING
.ws	Samoa	ONGOING
.zm	Zambia	TERMINATED

3.   Status overview

"resolved" (green) means that the ccNSO member record matches the IANA delegation record. No further action is required.

"terminated" (red) means that ccNSO membership has ended, for instance after completion of the ccTLD transfer process to a new ccTLD manager or because the entity listed as ccNSO member has never been the ccTLD manager according to the IANA delegation record. The ccNSO member primary contact was informed about the status of their ccNSO membership. The current ccTLD manager – as specified in the IANA delegation record - was invited to join the ccNSO.
According to the ICANN Bylaws, ccNSO membership is limited to ccTLD Managers (originally Sponsoring Organisation), which are the entities listed as ccTLD Manager in the IANA TLD Delegation record.

"ongoing" (orange) means the primary contact in the ccNSO member database, IANA admin-c and IANA tech-c were contacted. Conversations are ongoing, and the ccNSO secretariat is awaiting further feedback

4.   Next steps

The ccNSO Secretariat will undertake the following actions:
- Continue to follow up with those ccTLDs marked in orange (status "ongoing") in close collaboration with the membership application manager.
- Deliver a next status update by the September ccNSO Council meeting.
- Ensure the list of ccNSO members on the ccNSO website is adjusted, to reflect the termination of the 6 aforementioned ccTLDs
- Unsubscribe possible e-mail addresses from terminated ccTLDs from the ccNSO mailing lists
- Reach out to all current ccNSO members' primary contacts and IANA admin-c e-mail addresses, providing each ccTLD with a personalized overview of the data contained in the ccNSO member database, including instructions on how to update possibly outdated data.

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