

Agenda & Draft Resolutions ccNSO Council Meeting

19 September 2019

18.00 UTC

1. Welcome and roll call

2. Minutes & Action Items

Minutes

Minutes of Council meeting 22 August 2019 have been circulated on 16 September 2019.

Action items

152-08

Council to draft statement to send to other DP's and ICANN Secretary - how to improve rejection and approval action process handled by the Empowered Community and Legal.

On-going

Action Item 153-01:

The Secretariat is requested to publish the NomCom report on the ccNSO website.

Completed

Action Item 153-02

The ccNSO Council requests the Chair to ensure RZERC is informed accordingly of appointment.

Completed

Action Item 153-03

The Secretariat is requested to publish the amended Guideline as soon as possible on the ccNSO Website and inform the ccNSO members accordingly.

Completed: <https://ccnso.icann.org/sites/default/files/field-attached/ccnso-nominations-icann-board-guideline-22aug19-en.pdf>

Action Item 153-04

The Secretariat is requested to publish this resolution (on Board nomination process) on the ccNSO website as soon as possible.

Completed

Action Item 153-05

The Secretariat is requested to propose next steps by the September Council meeting under assumptions of:

1. implementation of the recommendations of IDN PRT and
2. the Board accepting the proposal to conclude ccPDP 2 and the evolution of the Fast Track Process.

To be completed

3. Intermeeting decisions (since 22 August 2018)

- Submission Council Statement Draft report 2nd ccNSO Review.

- Proposal to appoint Frederico Neves as the ccNSO appointed co-chair of the IFRT.
- Approval of membership application ccNSO of .cg, .bj, .zm and .gl
- Submission letter to the ICANN Board of Directors on IDN ccTLD policy
- Submission ccNSO Council ATRT 3 survey

4. Update “ccNSO membership” following transfer of management of ccTLD

For information

Background paper

- Total membership per 13 September 2019 is 169 (was 172 before the clean-up started)
- Accuracy of contact details:
 - 15 ccTLD all details are accurate.
 - 41 ccTLDs requested changes to the ccNSO membership details.
 - 113 ccTLDs, no response received.
- Match of details organization in membership database and IANA database:
 - 7 ccTLD appeared to be no longer members (and were informed)
 - 6 ccTLDs still pending and awaiting further action

5. Update ccNSO related ICANN Bylaw Change Repository

For information: the Bylaw change repository has been updated to reflect adoption of the Fundamental Bylaw change re IFRT by the ICANN Board of Directors at its meeting on 8 September 2019 (<https://www.icann.org/resources/board-material/resolutions-2019-09-08-en#1.e>).

For discussion: need for community forum and /or outreach to seek support from at least 2 of the 4 other decisional participants (ALAC, ASO, GAC, and GNSO)?

The proposed Bylaw change is defined as Fundamental and needs to be approved by ECA.

6. Update CSC membership (members and liaisons) approval process

Background: The candidate envisioned by RySG has stepped down due to change of employment. RySG is seeking new candidate, and they prefer to select one before the approval procedures start, effectively implying deferral of approval.

For information

7. Update ccNSO Selection Boards seat 11 & Council Election procedures

Informational

8. Update IANA Function Review

Appointment Frederico Neves (.br) ccNSO appointed co-chair of the IANA Function Review team

For decision

Draft Resolution

The ccNSO Council was informed that Frederico Neves (.br) was nominated as co-chair of the first IANA Function review team (IFRT) by chair's email of 5 September 2019. The cNSO Council confirms appointment of Frederico as ccNSO appointed co-chair to the IFRT, and request the secretariat to inform relevant staff of ICANN Org and the ccNSO appointed IFRT members of the appointment

9. Emoji SG Final report

For adoption

Background: The Emoji Study Group intends to submit its final report by the Council meeting of 19 September 2019 for adoption. It is suggested to either take an email vote or decision at the September Council meeting. For you information the report will be shared before the upcoming meeting for informational purposes. The draft Observations and Recommendations are:

Observations:

- Potential for confusability with emoji is significant but is currently contained given the small number of registries which accept the registration of domain names which include emoji.
- Some in the emoji domain name industry have proposed Whitelisting as a potential solution to address confusability

Recommendations

1. Dialogue

Following the Study Group's efforts to liaise with as many relevant parties as feasible (including ccTLDs) one of the findings is that a full and frank dialogue with ccTLDs accepting emojis as second level domains should be continued and fostered. It should be ensured that both potential harms of and the reasons for accepting emojis should be well understood. This dialogue, however, will only succeed if all relevant parties participate. The ccNSO Council is requested to share the Study Group's final report with the ccTLD community, and in particular with those ccTLDs that have been identified by the Study Group as accepting emojis in second level domains.

2. Define and communicate consistently what is and what is not an Emoji.

To understand the breadth of use and issues associated with the use of emoji in domain names the Study Group looked at the definitions of emoji which are currently available. One of the observations made was that In trying to arrive at an authoritative and all-encompassing definition of what is an emoji one may, at least for the moment, have to settle on referring to the latest version of emoji as documented by the Unicode Consortium (see above). However the Study Group is aware that this definition is unsatisfactory for many reasons. It is therefore recommended that the issue of definition of what is and what is not an emoji be further explored by the broader community.

3. Identification of cc's and others accepting Emojis in second level domains.

As mentioned in the report, the Study Group used a variety of ad-hoc methods to identify ccTLDs that include emojis in second level domains. However the Study Group is well aware that these methods were not systematically developed, nor

applied consistently across namespaces. One of the underlying issues is definitional in nature (see the previous point and related findings of the Study Group). To understand the full scope of the issues, a systematic and consistent research approach is advised to provide a sound basis for well-informed and evidence based discussions and recommendations. The Study Group therefore recommends that the ccNSO Council advises ICANN that, prior to taking further steps, ICANN and the broader community consider clearly delineating what it considers emoji and develop systemic methods to identify (cc)TLDs who include emoji (however defined) as second level domains.

Draft Resolution

The ccNSO Council adopts the Final report of the Emoji Study Group and supports the recommendations contained in it. The Council requests its chair to inform the ICANN Board of Directors accordingly in response to ICANN Board resolutions ICANN Board resolutions 2017.11.02.10 and 2017.11.02.11. The membership of the ESG is thanked wholeheartedly for its work.

10. IDN ccTLD policy development and related efforts: next steps

See Action item 153-05.

11. ccNSO Organisational Review: Next Steps

For discussion

Background: The Meridien Institute has submitted its final report (<https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/ccnso-review-assessment-recs-final-29aug19-en.pdf>).

12. PDP 3 Part 1 Retirement – Update

Informational

13. Council Workshop Montreal (ICANN66)

- a. *Topics for Council Workshop,*
- b. *Organizing the workshop*

14. Regular Agenda Montreal (ICANN66)

- a. *Council meetings*
 - i. *Prep meeting*
 - ii. *Council meeting*
 - iii. *Joint meeting with GNSO Council*
 - iv. *Joint meeting with ALAC*
- b. *Tech Day & Members meeting*
 - i. *Tentative agenda members meeting*
 - ii. *Plenary topics*
- c. *WG meetings*
- d. *Joint meeting with the Board*
- e. *Outreach & On-boarding ccTLDs: Introduction to ICANN66 (Webinar 2 or 3 October, TBC)*

15. Update ECA, CSC and RZERC

- a. ECA
- b. CSC
- c. RZERC [placeholder]

16. Updates chair, vice-chairs and Councillors, Regional Organisations, secretariat.

17. Updates WGs.

- a. *GRC*
- b. *IGLC (progress to date)*
- c. *SOPC*
- d. *Meeting Programme Committee*
- e. *Auction Proceeds*

18. Update liaisons

- a. *Update ALAC Liaison (written update)*
- b. *Update GNSO Liaison (written update)*

19. Next meetings

- October 17
- November -Montreal (2-7 November)
- December 19

20. AOB

21. Closure