Report ccNSO Council Elections

12 December 2019

1. Background

In March 2020, at the conclusion of ICANN67 in Cancun, the 3-year term of the following ccNSO Councillors ends:

- Souleymane Oumtanaga (Africa)
- Hirofumi Hotta (Asia-Pacific)
- Giovanni Seppia (Europe)
- Alejandra Reynoso (Latin America/Caribbean)
- Stephen Deerhake (North America)

The ccNSO opened a call for nominations to fill those seats. The timeline of the launch of the nomination period was defined following the ccNSO Rules and Guidelines and was approved by the ccNSO Council on 22 August 2019, taking into consideration the fact that ccNSO members had a possibility to ask direct question to the candidates at the ccNSO members meeting in Montreal (ICANN66). Joke Braeken was appointed Election Manager on 22 August 2019.

2. Launch of Nomination Period

In accordance with the approved timeline, the nomination period was launched on Tuesday, 24 September 2019 (00:01 UTC).   The call for nominations was posted on the ccNSO website on 23 September 2019, and shared on the same day with the ccnso-members@icann.org   and ccnsocouncil@icann.org mailing lists.

3. Close of Nomination Period

In accordance with the approved timeline, the nomination period closed on Tuesday, 15 October 2019, 23:59 UTC.

4. Nomination Results

The nomination archives can be found at: https://forum.icann.org/lists/ccnso-nominations/
At the close of the call, the following nominations and secondments were received:

- **Africa:**

Souleymane Oumtanaga was nominated by Felix Ndayirukiye (.bi) on Mon, 30 September 2019 | 17:30:13 UTC. This nomination was seconded by Alex Corenthin (.sn) on Tue 1 October 2019 | 10:14:48 UTC. No other nominations or secondments were received.

- **Asia-Pacific:**

Atsushi Endo was nominated by Hirofumi Hotta (.jp) on Tue 24 September 2019 | 14:38:52 UTC. This nomination was seconded by Boyoung Kim (.kr) on Wed 2 October 2019 | 09:10:57 UTC.
Ai-Chin Lu was nominated by Ian Chiang (.tw) on Mon 7 October 2019 | 02:04:28 UTC. This nomination was seconded by Queh Ser Pheng (.sg) on Mon, 7 October 2019 | 09:26:44 UTC.
No other nominations or secondments were received.

- **Europe:**

Giovanni Seppia was nominated by Irina Danelia (.ru) on Thu 26 September 2019 | 13:21:26 UTC. This nomination was seconded by Daiva Tamulioniene (.lt) on Tue 1 October 2019 | 08:35:40 UTC
No other nominations or secondments were received.

- **Latin America/Caribbean:**

Alejandra Reynoso was nominated by Demi Getschko (.br) on Tue 24 September 2019 | 15:07:31 UTC. This nomination was seconded by Margarita Valdés (.cl) on Tue 24 September 2019 | 16:27:56 UTC. No other nominations or secondments were received.

- **North America:**

Stephen Deerhake was nominated by Doris Sparks DeBlanc (.vi) on Thu 26 September 2019 | 19:02:24 UTC. This nomination was seconded by Byron Holland (.ca) on Mon 30 September 2019 | 13:35:35 UTC, and by Pablo Rodriguez (.pr) on Mon 30 September 2019 | 18:03:00 UTC.
No other nominations or secondments were received.

5. Acceptance Nominations

In accordance to the applicable rules, the following candidates were nominated, seconded and have accepted their nomination for the council election:

Africa:	Souleymane Oumtanaga
Asia-Pacific:	Atsushi Endo, Ai-Chin Lu
Europe:	Giovanni Seppia
Latin America / Caribbean:	Alejandra Reynoso
North America:	Stephen Deerhake

6. Elected Councillors: Africa, Europe, Latin America, North America

As only one candidate was nominated and seconded within the nomination period for the African, European, Latin American / Caribbean and North American regions, no elections needed to be held in those regions. The nominated and seconded candidates accepted their nomination, and agreed to participate in a Q&A session with the community at ICANN66 in Montreal. Since at the close of nominations there are no more valid candidates in the aforementioned geographic regions than there are seats on the ccNSO Council available for those regions, then the nominated candidates shall be selected to serve on the ccNSO Council. The elected Councillors will take his seat at the end of the ccNSO Council face-to-face meeting during ICANN67.

7. Elected Councillors: Asia-Pacific

In accordance with the applicable rules, two candidates from the Asia-Pacific region were nominated, seconded and have accepted their nomination. Consequently, an election needed to be held among the ccNSO members of the asia-Pacific Region according to the timeline previously agreed upon by the ccNSO Council. Only ccNSO members from a Geographic Region are allowed to vote for candidates to the ccNSO Council from that Geographic Region.

The two candidates, Atsushi Endo and Ai-Chin Lu, interacted with the ccNSO members and broader ccTLD community at a Q&A session, held during the ccNSO Members Meeting at ICANN66 in Montreal.

7.1. Launch of the elections

In accordance with the approved timeline, the voting started on Tuesday, 19 November 2019 (00:01 UTC). A formal election notice was published on the ccNSO website on 18 November 2019 and shared that same day with the ccnso-members@icann.org and ccnsocouncil@icann.org mailing lists. The election notice contained, among others, the following information:
- The names of the candidates and their candidate statements
- Information on how the election will be conducted
- Election opening and closing dates

The ballots were sent by the e-mail address tally@icann.org, to the e-mail address of the primary contact of each Asia-Pacific region ccNSO Member, as listed in the ccNSO Members database. As per the relevant ccNSO guideline, new ccNSO members are able to participate in the process if the ccNSO membership application has been approved by the ccNSO Council one day prior the nomination process starts, i.e. latest on 23 September 2019.

7.2. Close of the elections

In accordance with the approved timeline, the election closed on Tuesday, 3 December 2019 (23:59 UTC).

7.3. Election observations

- **Observation 1**

At the time the ballots were distributed, the Asia-Pacific region counted 56 ccNSO members. As per the relevant ccNSO guideline, new ccNSO members are able to participate in the process if the ccNSO membership application has been approved by the ccNSO Council one day prior the nomination process starts, i.e. latest on 23 September 2019. Out of the 56 ccNSO members from the Asia-Pacific region, 55 members were eligible to participate in the elections. One additional ccTLD from the Asia-Pacific region joined the ccNSO on 11 October 2019, namely Telecommunication Regulator of Cambodia | .kh (Cambodia). This ccTLD Manager was not eligible to vote in this election round.

Please find included below the list of countries/ccTLDs, sorted in alphabetical order, that received a ballot in this election round:

.ae	United Arab Emirates	.iq	Iraq
.af	Afghanistan	.ir	Iran
.am	Armenia	.jo	Jordan
.au	Australia	.jp	Japan
.az	Azerbaijan	.ki	Kiribati
.bh	Bahrain	.kr	Korea
.bn	Brunei	.kw	Kuwait
.cc	Cocos (Keeling) Islands	.la	Lao People's Democratic
.ck	Cook Islands	Republic	
.cn	China	.mh	Marshall Islands
.cx	Christmas Islands	.mn	Mongolia
.fj	Fiji	.mv	Maldives
.fm	Micronesia, federated states	.my	Malaysia
.ge	Georgia	.nc	New Caledonia
.gu	Guam	.np	Nepal
.hk	Hong Kong	.nr	Nauru
.id	Indonesia	.nu	Niue
.il	Israel	.nz	New Zealand
.in	India	.om	Oman

.pf	French Polynesia	.th	Thailand
.pg	Papua New Guinea	.tk	Tokelau
.ph	Philippines	.tl	Timor-Leste
.pk	Pakistan	.tr	Turkey
.ps	Palestinian Territory, occupied	.tv	Tuvalu
.pw	Palau	.tw	Taiwan
.sa	Saudi Arabia	.vn	Vietnam
.sb	Solomon Islands	.vu	Vanuatu
.sg	Singapore	.ws	Samoa

- **Observation 2**

The ballots were sent by the e-mail address tally@icann.org, to the e-mail address of the primary contact of each eligible Asia-Pacific region ccNSO Member, as listed in the ccNSO Members database. The nomination manager forwarded 3 ballots to an alternative email address, based on the request of the respective ccTLD managers.
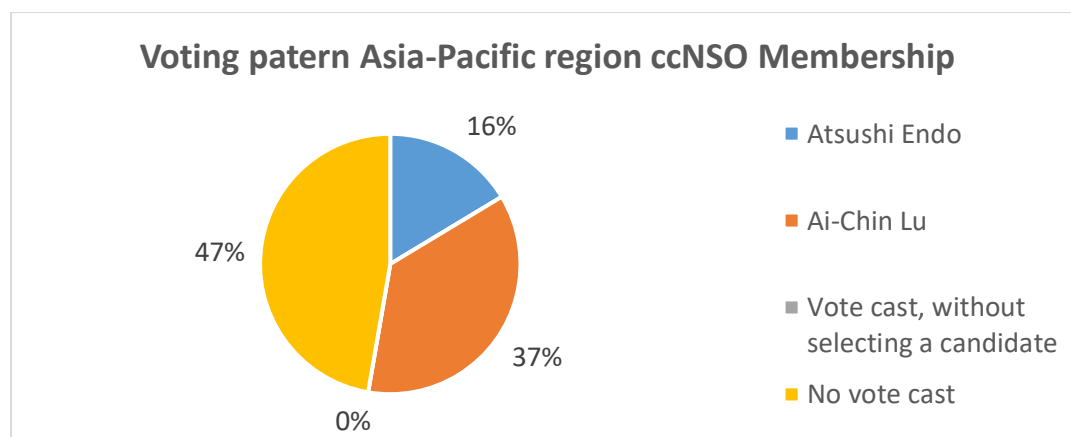
Tally, the tool used to send the ballots, reported delivery errors for 6 ccTLDs. The nomination manager therefore reached out to the IANA administrative contacts for all eligible ccTLD managers. See observation 3 and Annex A for further information. Moreover, colleagues from ICANN org Global Stakeholder Engagement team were requested to assist in reaching out to those 6 ccTLD managers for which tally reported a delivery error. For one of the 6 aforementioned ccTLD managers, the primary contact was adjusted and the ballot was re-sent to the new primary contact.

- **Observation 3**

In an effort to ensure the quota requirement was being met, the election manager not only published the election notice on the ccNSO website and shared the notice with the ccNSO Council and ccNSO members mailing lists, but an email was sent as well to each eligible primary contact individually, and each IANA administrative contact corresponding to those eligible ccTLD managers. These additional emails were sent on 18 November 2019, and a reminder was sent on 27 November 2019. Example emails are included in Annex A.

7.4. Election results

Out of 55 ccNSO members from the Asia-Pacific region, 29 members (52.7%) casted their votes: Atsushi Endo received 9 votes, Ai-Chin Lu received 20 votes. There were no members that voted without selecting any of the candidates.

Voting patern Asia-Pacific region ccNSO Membership

- Atsushi Endo — 16%
- Ai-Chin Lu — 37%
- Vote cast, without selecting a candidate — 0%
- No vote cast — 47%

8. Closure of the Election Process

The Council Election process 2019 will formally close 7 days after adoption and publication of this report.

ANNEX A

Email sent on 18 November to all eligible IANA administrative contacts. The fields in yellow were personalized on a per ccTLD basis.

From: Joke Braeken <joke.braeken@icann.org>
Date: Monday, 18 November 2019 at 15:30
To: email IANA admin c
Subject: invitation to vote: ccNSO Council elections Asia-Pacific Region

Dear .ccTLD IANA administrative contact,

This e-mail was sent to you by the ccNSO Secretariat. It is an invitation to vote in the elections for the position of ccNSO council member for the Asia-Pacific region. Voting starts on **Tuesday, 19 November 2019 (00:01 UTC)**, and closes on **Tuesday, 3 December 2019 (23:59 UTC)**. The ccTLD Manager for country (.ccTLD) is eligible to vote in this election. The ballot was sent by tally@icann.org to the following email-address: email primary contact, which is listed as the primary contact for the cctld ccTLD.

In accordance with the applicable rules, two candidates from the Asia-Pacific region were nominated, seconded and have accepted their nomination. Consequently, an election will be held among the ccNSO members of the Asia-Pacific Region according to the timeline previously agreed upon by the ccNSO Council. Only ccNSO members from a Geographic Region are allowed to vote for candidates to the ccNSO Council from that Geographic Region.

Candidates

In alphabetical order:
Atsushi Endo
Ai-Chin Lu

The two candidates were invited to submit candidate statements to the ccNSO members. They interacted with the ccNSO members and broader ccTLD community at a Q&A session, held during the ccNSO Members Meeting at ICANN66 in Montreal. A recording of the Q&A session held during the ccNSO Members meeting at ICANN66 in Montreal is available here (last 45 min of this session).

Election opening and closing

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Election procedure

·   The vote will be by confidential email.
·   Since the election is for one seat, each Asia-Pacific region ccNSO member will be entitled to vote for up to one candidate.
·   The winner is the candidate who receives more votes. A majority of all ccNSO members in the Geographic Region entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum, and the selected candidate must receive the votes of a majority of those cast by ccNSO members within the Geographic Region.
·   Voting ballots will be sent by tally@icann.org to the e-mail address of the primary contact of each ccNSO Member belonging to the Asia-Pacific region, as listed in the ccNSO Members database. For country (.ccTLD), the ballot was sent to email primary contact.
·   Contact Joke Braeken (joke.braeken@icann.org) if you have questions or concerns regarding the email address of the primary contact for your ccTLD.
·   As per the relevant ccNSO guideline, new ccNSO members are able to participate in the process if the ccNSO membership application has been approved by the ccNSO Council one day prior the nomination process starts, i.e. latest on 23 September 2019.

Please note:

- · Voting ballots will be sent by the e-mail address **tally@icann.org**, to the e-mail address of the primary contact of each Asia-Pacific region ccNSO Member, as listed in the ccNSO Members database.
- If you are unable to locate the ballot, please consider checking your spam folder.
- Contact Joke Braeken (joke.braeken@icann.org) if you have questions or concerns regarding the email address of the primary contact for your ccTLD.
- For each ballot, a maximum of 1 candidate can be selected
- There is a possibility to submit your ballot without selecting any of the candidates
- Each primary contact will receive 1 ballot only. You can vote an unlimited number of times, but only the last vote submitted will be counted.

Next Steps

The election closes on **Tuesday, 3 December 2019 (23:59 UTC)**. The Election Manager will announce the voting results on Wednesday, 4 December 2019. If there is a tied vote, a runoff election will be held, according to the following timeline:
- · Start run-off elections, if any: Fri, 6 December 2019 (00:01 UTC)
- · Close run-off elections, if any: Fri, 13 December 2019 (23:59 UTC)

The Election Report, which includes the results of the election, will be sent latest 17 December 2019 to the ccNSO Council for adoption. The Chair of the ccNSO Council shall inform the ICANN Secretary of the selection.

Links

- · Candidate statement by Atsushi Endo
- · Candidate statement by Ai-Chin Lu
- · Start nominations and secondments: Consult the <u>announcement</u> for details on the requirements for candidates, the acceptance of nominations, and next steps
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- · Recordings Q&A session, ccNSO Members meeting ICANN66, Montreal: https://66.schedule.icann.org/meetings/1116880 (last 45 min of this session)

Best regards,

Joke Braeken

Reminder sent on 27 November to all eligible primary contacts. The fields in yellow were personalized on a per ccTLD basis.

From: Joke Braeken <joke.braeken@icann.org>
Date: Wednesday, 27 November 2019 at 09:33
To: email primary contact
 Subject: ccNSO Council Elections Asia-Pacific region: let your voice and vote be heard!

Dear name primary contact,

This e-mail is an invitation to vote in the elections for the position of ccNSO council member for the Asia-Pacific region. You have a choice to determine the direction of the ccNSO Council and who will represent you. Let your voice and vote be heard by casting a ballot for the ccNSO Council candidate that best represent you. In case you voted already, you may ignore this email.

Voting closes next week, on **Tuesday, 3 December 2019 (23:59 UTC)**. The ccTLD Manager for country (ccTLD) is eligible to vote in this election. The ballot was sent by tally@icann.org to your e-mail address (email primary contact), which is listed as the primary contact for the .ccTLD ccTLD.

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