

ALAC Updates ----Jan 2022

Policy development activities

Statements approved by the ALAC

[ccNSO Proposed Policy on the Retirement of ccTLDs](#)

The ALAC appreciates the opportunity to provide its input in relation to the ccNSO proposed policy on the retirement of ccTLDs to the ICANN Board.

In general, the ALAC supports the approach, definition and process descriptions. However, we would like to highlight the importance of:

- Assessing the impact of the retirement of a ccTLD on national interests and registrants.
- Having a clear review process for the two issues that could trigger a review mechanism.

Finally, we do not have any concerns pertaining to the proposed ccNSO retirement process of ccTLDs, but would like to ensure a transparent and smooth process that considers all stakeholders in its implementation.

In particular, the ALAC would like to see a more formal impact assessment performed on the ccTLD, prior to its retirement. In the past, the implications for registrants have varied considerably and coming up with a more formalized process for notification and relocation, seems prudent. In addition, details of the communication plan that advises registrants of the ccTLD need to ensure that both the interests of the registrants, and the national interests of the country are taken into consideration.

Thank you.