Report ccNSO Council Elections
10 December 2021

1. Background

In March 2022, at the conclusion of ICANN73, the 3-year term of the following ccNSO Councillors ends:

- Africa: Biyi Oladipo
- Asia Pacific: Jordan Carter
- Europe: Nick-Wenban Smith
- Latin America/Caribbean: Demi Getschko
- North America: Pablo Rodriguez

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 17 June 2021, taking into consideration the fact that ccNSO members had a possibility to ask direct question to the candidates at the ccNSO members meeting at ICANN72. Joke Braeken was appointed Election Process Manager on 17 June 2021.

2. Launch of Nomination Period

In accordance with the approved timeline, the nomination period was launched on Wednesday, 15 September 2021 (00:01 UTC). The call for nominations was posted on the ccNSO website on 13 September 2021, 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 Wednesday, 6 October 2021 (23:59 UTC). Shortly after the closure of the nomination period, the Election Manager posted an announcement on the ccNSO website and shared it with the the ccnso-members@icann.org and ccnsocouncil@icann.org mailing lists.

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:**

Biyi Oladipo was nominated by Souleymane Oumtanaga (.ci) on Wed, 22 Sep 2021| 13:35 UTC. This nomination was seconded by Hadji Mmadi Ali (.km) on Thu, 23 Sep 2021 | 06:41 UTC and on Thu, 30 Sep 2021 | 13:08 UTC.

No other nominations or secondments were received.

- **Asia-Pacific:**

Jordan Carter was nominated twice: By Lu ai-chin on Wed, 15 Sep 2021 | 01:23 UTC and by Lim Yatal (.hk) on Mon, 27 Sep 2021 | 03:27 UTC. This nomination was seconded by Atsushi Endo (.jp) on Wed, 15 Sep 2021 | 13:24 UTC.
Anil Kumar Jain (.in) was nominated by Rajiv Kumar (.in) on Tue, 5 Oct 2021 | 12:46 UTC. This nomination was seconded twice: By Yudho Giri Sucahyo (.id) on Wed, 6 Oct 2021 | 05:45 UTC and by J. Emmanuel Disini (.ph) on Wed, 6 Oct 2021 | 22:02 UTC.
No other nominations or secondments were received.

- **Europe:**

Nick Wenban-Smith (.uk) was nominated twice: by Roelof Meijer (.nl) on Wed, 15 Sep 2021 | 09:46 UTC and by Carl Piva (.se) Wed, 15 Sep 2021 | 08:56 UTC. The nomination was seconded three times: by Heiki Sibul (.ee) on Wed, 15 Sep 2021 | 10:48 UTC, by Elisabeth Ekstrand (.se) on Wed, 15 Sep 2021 | 10:50 UTC and by Svitlana Tkachenko (.ua) on Wed, 15 Sep 2021 | 11:40 UTC.
No other nominations or secondments were received.

- **Latin America/Caribbean:**

Demi Getschko was nominated by Jenifer Lopez (.pa) on Thu, 16 Sep 2021 | 15:59 UTC. This nomination was seconded by Ernesto Bojórquez (.mx) on Tue, 28 Sep 2021 | 16:01 UTC and by Margarita Valdés Cortés (.cl) on Wed, 29 Sep 2021 | 13:25 UTC.
No other nominations or secondments were received.

- **North America:**

Pablo Rodriguez was nominated by Sean Copeland (.vi) on Wed, 15 Sep 2021 | 20:59 UTC. This nomination was seconded by Stephen Deerhake (.as) on Thu, 16 Sep 2021 | 13:16 UTC.
No other nominations or secondments were received.

5.1. Nomination observations

- **Observation 1**

The nominations or secondments for Nick Wenban-Smith were submitted in a free text format, and the authors did not use the templates included in the instructions-section of the call for nominations. Nonetheless, the content of the emails was clear and did not leave room for doubt.

Examples:
See the nomination by Carl Piva (.se) here, by Roelof Meijer (.nl) here, the secondment by Heiki Sibul (.ee) here and the secondment by Svitlana Tkachenko (.ua) here.

- **Observation 2**

Some of the nominations and secondments were sent either to the Election Manager directly, or to the ccNSO members mailing list, instead of to ccNSO-nominations@icann.org . The Election Manager forwarded those nominations and secondments to the e-mail address as included in the the instructions-section of the call for nominations (ccNSO-nominations@icann.org), with the original

sender in copy. This ensured that the nominations or secondments became publicly available at https://forum.icann.org/lists/ccnso-nominations/

Examples:
See the first nomination of Biyi Oladipo by Souleymane here. Note that Souleymane on 23 Sep 2021 | 08:08 UTC also sent his nomination to ccNSO-nominations@icann.org .
See the nomination of Nick Wenban-Smith by Roelof Meijer (.nl) here, the secondment by Heiki Sibul (.ee) here and the secondment by Svitlana Tkachenko (.ua) here.

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: Biyi Oladipo
Asia-Pacific: Anil Kumar Jain, Jordan Carter
Europe: Nick Wenban-Smith
Latin America – Caribbean: Demi Getschko
North America: Pablo Rodriguez

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 ICANN72 in October 2021.
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 their seats at the end of the ICANN73 ccNSO Council meeting, in March 2022.

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, Anil Kumar Jain and Jordan Carter interacted with the ccNSO members and broader ccTLD community at a Question and Answer session, held during the ccNSO Members Meeting at ICANN72.

7.1. Launch of the elections

The voting started on Wednesday, 10 November 2021 (approx. 8 hours after 00:01 UTC). A formal election notice was published on the ccNSO website on 10 November 2021 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.

7.2. Close of the elections

The election closed on Thursday, 25 November 2021 (23:59 UTC).

7.3. Election observations & recommendations

- **Observation 1**

Voting was supposed to start on Wed, 10 November 2021 (00:01 UTC). However, ballots were sent with a delay of approximately 7 hours after 00:01 UTC on 10 November. Voting was possible from the moment onwards the ballots were distributed. The election manager informed candidates, council and community for this oversight, and extended the deadline to vote with 24 hours, compared to the the [timeline](#) previously approved by the ccNSO Council.

- **Observation 2**

At the time the ballots were distributed, the Asia-Pacific region counted 53 ccNSO members. Please find included below the list of ccTLDs, sorted in alphabetical order, that received a ballot in this election round:

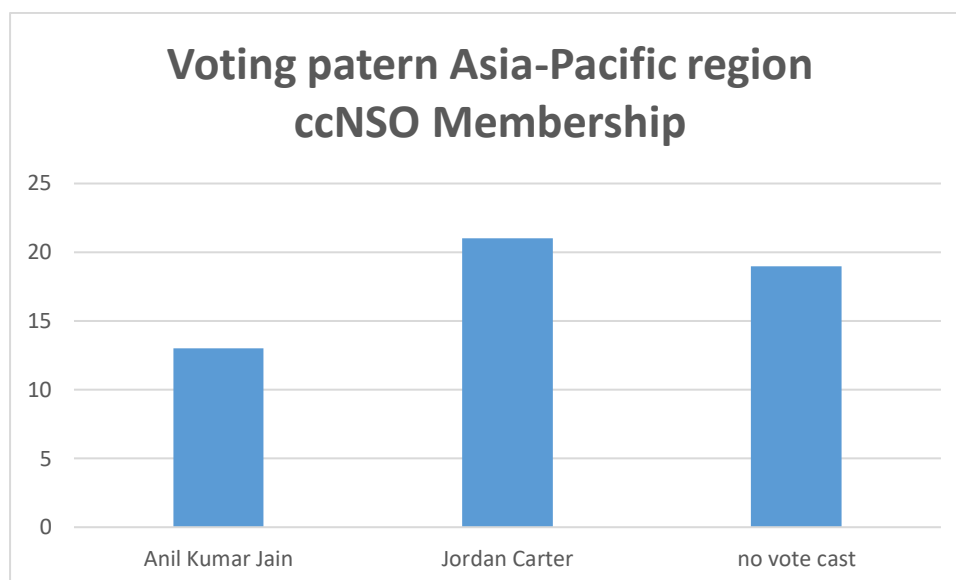|			
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.hk	Hong Kong	.sa	Saudi Arabia
.id	Indonesia	.sb	Solomon Islands
.il	Israel	.sg	Singapore
.in	India	.th	Thailand
.iq	Iraq	.tk	Tokelau
.ir	Islamic Republic of Iran	.tl	Timor-Leste
.jo	Jordan	.tr	Turkey
.jp	Japan	.tv	Tuvalu
.kh	Cambodia	.tw	Taiwan
.ki	Kiribati	.vn	Viet Nam
.kr	Republic of Korea	.vu	Vanuatu
.kw	Kuwait	.ws	Samo
.la	Lao People's Democratic Republic		

- **Observation 3**

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 Election Process Manager forwarded two ballots to an alternative email address, based on the request of the respective ccTLD manager.
Tally, the tool used to send the ballots, reported delivery errors for two ccTLDs. The Election Process Manager therefore reached out to the IANA administrative contact and the IANA tech contact of the respective ccTLD managers. For none of the aforementioned ccTLD managers, the primary contact was adjusted before closure of the elections.

7.4. Election results

Out of 53 ccNSO members from the Asia-Pacific region, 34 members (64%) cast their votes: Anil Kumar Jain received 13 votes and Jordan Carter received 21 votes.

8. Closure of the Election Process

The elected candidates are: Biyi Oladipo (Africa), Jordan Carter (Asia-Pacific), Nick Wenban-Smith (Europe), Demi Getschko (Latin America - Caribbean), and Pablo Rodriguez (North America). The Council Election process 2022 will formally close 7 days after adoption and publication of this report. The ccNSO Council Chair is requested to provide the ICANN Secretary prompt written notice of the selection of ccNSO Council members under section 10.4 (i) of the ICANN Bylaws. The Secretariat is requested to publish the report on the ccNSO website.