Report Vote new ccNSO Internal Rules

19 October 2022

1. Background

The ccNSO members voted in October 2022 on the adoption of the proposed new ccNSO internal rules. The timeline of the vote was defined as per the 2004 Rules and adopted by the ccNSO Council. Joke Braeken was appointed Voting Process Manager.

Developments leading up to the vote

The ccNSO has organized various sessions over time to discuss the need and on the proposals to replace the April 2022 ccNSO internal rules. A subgroup of the ccNSO Guideline Review Committee was tasked to develop an update of the April 2022 Rules and consult the community regularly. The ccNSO Council adopted the proposed new Rules (in accordance with section 10.3(k) of the ICANN Bylaws) at its meeting on 18 August 2022.

2. Promoting the vote

- The ccNSO members and council were informed prior to the start of the voting, about the upcoming procedure: An announcement was sent on 2 September to the ccnso-members@icann.org and ccnsocouncil@icann.org mailing lists
- The ccNSO members and other interested parties had an opportunity to learn more about the proposed new rules during an ICANN75 ccNSO Governance Session.
- While the vote was ongoing, several reminders to vote were sent to the the ccnso-members@icann.org and ccnsocouncil@icann.org mailing lists - as well as via the voting tool - to the e-mail addresses of the primary contacts. The e-mail reminders included an intermediary overview on how many members already casted their votes. An FAQ section was made available to those interested.

3. Launch of the vote

In accordance with the approved timeline, the voting started on Tuesday, 4 October 2022 (00:01 (00:01 UTC). A formal vote notice was published on the ccNSO website on 29 September 2022 and shared that same day with the ccnso-members@icann.org and ccnsocouncil@icann.org mailing lists. The vote notice contained, among others, the following information:
- Information on how the vote would be conducted
- Vote opening and closing dates
- Links with additional information regarding the proposed new rules.

The Voting Process Manager sent the ballots via the e-mail address tally@icann.org , to the e-mail address of the primary contacts of each ccNSO Member, as listed in the ccNSO Members database.

4. Closure of the vote and results

In accordance with the approved timeline, the vote closed on Tuesday, 18 October 2022 (23:59 UTC). Within 24 hours after closure of the vote, the ccNSO Secretariat sent an email to the ccnso-members@icann.org and ccnsocouncil@icann.org mailing lists with the results. An announcement was published also on the ccNSO website.

At the closure of the vote, 83 ccNSO members out of 173 (48 %) casted their votes.
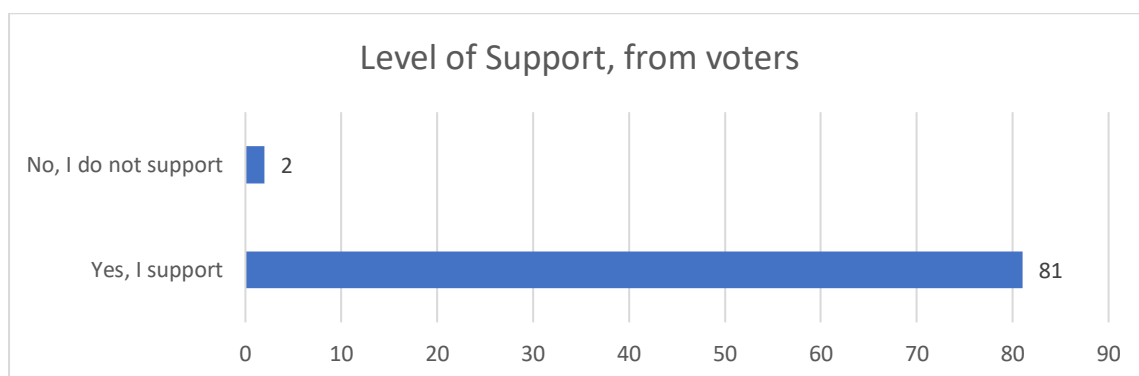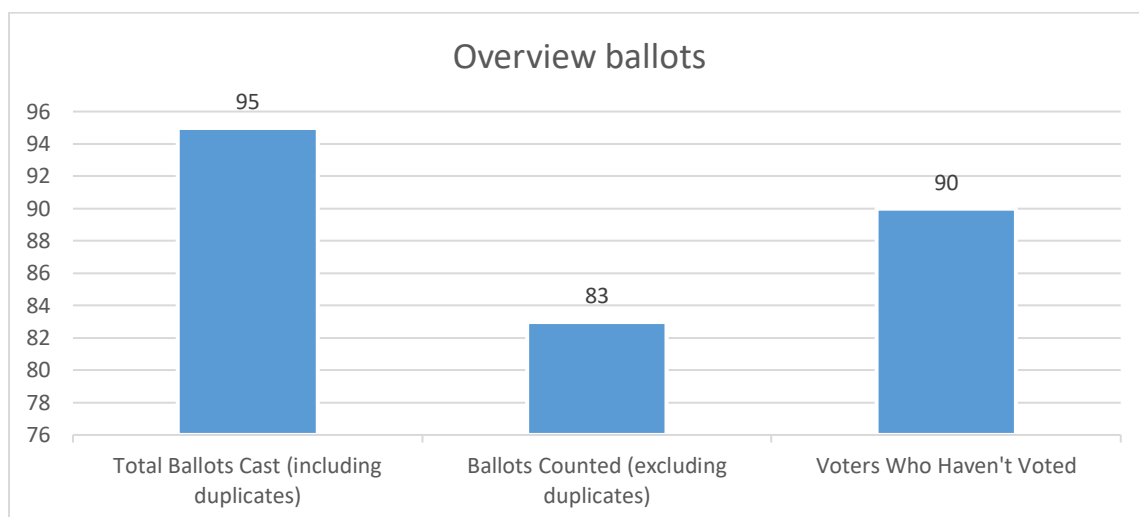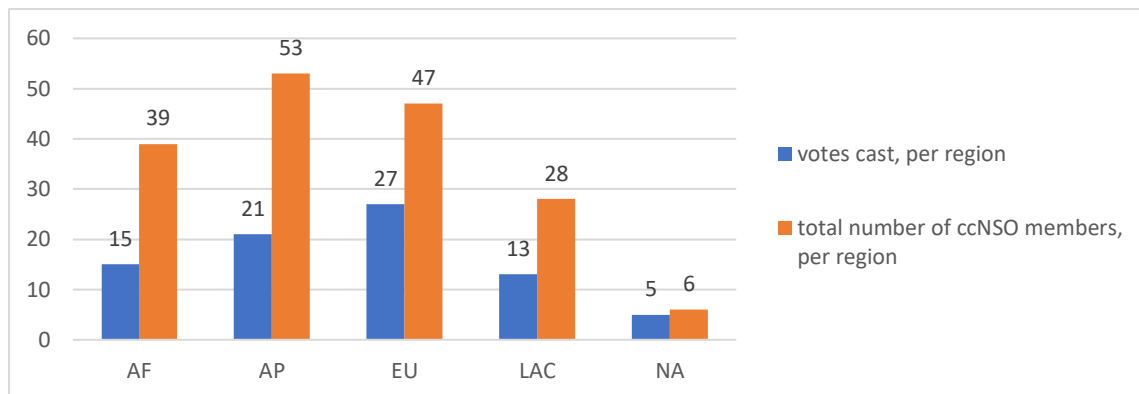Total number of Ballots Cast (including duplicates): 95
Ballots Counted (excluding duplicates): 83
Number of Voters Who Did Not Vote: 90
Number of ballots counted (excluding duplicates): per region
AF: 15 , AP: 21 , EU: 27 , LAC: 13 , NA: 5
81 voters supported the ccNSO Council's recommendation to adopt the proposed new rules, and 2 voters did not support the recommendation.

The vote passed: it met the requirements in section 2.2 and 4.1 of the April 2022 Rules regarding the minimum number of ccNSO members that needed to lodge their vote, and the minimum number of votes in favour. At least 57 ccNSO members (33% of the current membership) and at least three (3) members per ICANN Region needed to cast their votes to pass the quorum threshold. If the vote is quorate, at least 66% of the votes cast needed to be in favour of the proposed new ccNSO internal rules in order for the ccNSO members vote to pass.

5. Observations Voting process Manager

- **Observation 1**

At the time the ballots were distributed, the ccNSO counted 173 members. The number has not changed since.   The ccNSO member list is published [here](#).

- **Observation 2**

The Voting Process Manager sent the ballots through the e-mail address tally@icann.org to the e-mail address of the primary contact of each ccNSO Member, as listed in the ccNSO Members database.
At the request of two ccTLD managers, the Voting Process Manager forwarded their respective ballots to an alternative email address.

ANNEX A

Relevant links:

- Heads up, vote alert:
  https://ccnso.icann.org/en/announcements/announcement-02sep22-en.htm

- New proposed rules
  https://ccnso.icann.org/en/about/ccnso-membership-proposed-version-03-18aug22-en.pdf

- Frequently Asked Questions and Answers
  https://ccnso.icann.org/en/announcements/announcement-02sep22-en.htm

- Timeline vote, as adopted by the ccNSO Council at its meeting on 18 August
  https://community.icann.org/download/attachments/184995755/item16meeting186_timelinevoterules.pdf?version=1&modificationDate=1660582268000&api=v2

- ICANN75 ccNSO Governance Session
  https://75.schedule.icann.org/meetings/wbXxJ2uWbB4EZp8ga

- Vote notice
  https://ccnso.icann.org/en/announcements/announcement-29sep22-en.htm