

ICANN76 ccNSO post-meeting report

Decisions and Outcomes

During ICANN76, the ccNSO held various sessions which included Tech Day, ccNSO Members Meetings, and ccNSO Council sessions. The ccNSO Council re-elected its leadership team for the upcoming year: Alejandra Reynoso (LAC region) as its Chair, and Jordan Carter (AP region) and Biyi Oladipo (AF region) as the Vice-Chairs. The ccNSO Council also voted on the recommendation to adopt the proposed policy on the mechanism for the review of the specific decisions on the delegation, transfer, revocation, and retirement of ccTLDs. As a next step, Council's recommendation will be put forth to the ccNSO members to vote on. The ccNSO Council also agreed on next steps regarding the proposed roadmap for the ccNSO and Universal Acceptance. To learn more, go to the [ccNSO Council workspace](#).

Additional Activities

During ICANN76, the ccNSO held two ccTLD News Sessions: a general and a themed session. In the latter session, presenters from different regions shared their experiences and explored the impact of the digital divide in their country on their ccTLD and ccTLD Managers. Digital divide refers to gaps between demographics and regions in terms of access to modern information and communications technology. The general ccTLD News Session provided a global platform for both experienced and new people to meet, share experiences, and discuss ccTLD-related aspects. The agenda featured a mixture of topics, ranging from cybersecurity, digital identity and inclusivity to management matters and other issues.

At the ICANN76 ccNSO Members Meeting the year-long ccNSO 20th anniversary celebrations started. Previous ccNSO leaders reflected on the evolution and major milestones in the history of the ccNSO. To help us share the ccNSO story in an unforgettable way, ccTLDs and others are now invited to submit their ccNSO anniversary video, as a unique and memorable way to celebrate. [Read more](#).

ccNSO policy development working groups and other committees met during ICANN76. The various working groups and committees prepare [updates](#) for each ccNSO Council meeting. The updates include information about the current status, next steps, and background.

Please refer to the [ccNSO ICANN76 session highlights](#) for detailed agendas and more information.

Next Steps

ccPDP3 Review Mechanism

The Council's recommendation to adopt the proposed policy on the mechanism for the review of the specific decisions on the delegation, transfer, revocation, and retirement of ccTLDs will be put forth to the ccNSO members to vote on. Voting will start mid-April. Participation by ccNSO members in this vote is important: only if at a minimum 87 ccNSO members vote and a supermajority of the votes cast support the recommended Review Mechanism Policy it is

deemed to be approved by the ccNSO members and will be presented to the ICANN Board of Directors for their consideration.

ccPDP4 IDN ccTLD (de)selection

This ccPDP defines the criteria, process, and procedures for (de)selecting IDN ccTLDs associated with the country codes assigned to countries, territories, or other areas of geopolitical interest listed in the ISO 3166-1 standard. The results of this ccPDP4 will eventually replace the IDN ccTLD Fast Track Process. The group is expected to finalize its policy recommendations by ICANN77.

ccNSO & Universal Acceptance

Since ICANN75, the ccNSO explored its potential role in Universal Acceptance (UA), by adding value to the ccTLD and broader community and avoiding overlap with already existing work by the Internet community. During ICANN76, the ccNSO Council sought feedback from the country code top-level domain (ccTLD) managers on the proposed roadmap for the ccNSO and UA. The roadmap is aligned with the ccNSO core responsibilities and focuses on three elements that are expected to benefit ccTLD managers:

- Activate the UASG liaison
- Create a ccNSO UA committee
- Explore further actions

The Terms of Reference for the ccNSO UA Committee will now be drafted. Following adoption by Council, a call for volunteers will be launched.

Governance of the ccNSO

- *ccNSO Guidelines Review Committee (GRC)*

The GRC collected input from the ccTLD community on the proposed ccNSO statement of interest and conflict of interest processes. Future consultation rounds are expected. In addition, the committee will continue to explore the ccNSO role with respect to the implementation of policies developed through a ccPDP.

- *ccNSO Council*

The ccNSO Council will start with the ccNSO Council 360 degree feedback process, as per the applicable guideline. The aim is to improve the overall quality of the Council. To initiate the cycle of review, the peer review of Councilors whose term ends by the AGM in 2023 and in March 2024 will now start. Reviews are expected to be completed by ICANN77. Moreover, Council previously agreed that as part of its succession planning process, the roles and responsibilities of Councilors and others in key areas will need to be reviewed and possibly be updated. Council members present also agreed that the current assigned roles and responsibilities will be carried forward until May 2023 and the Council will establish a small team to continue the review and suggest these to Council at a follow-up meeting during ICANN77.

ccNSO at ICANN76

	Sat, 11 March	Sun, 12 March	Mo, 13 March	Tue, 14 March	Wed, 15 March	Thu, 16 March			
Block 1 (60') 14:00-15:00 UTC 09:00-10:00 local	SO/AC Roundtable [C]	ccPDP4-IDN	Welcome ceremony	* ccNSO welcome & Policy updates	* ccNSO & UA Roadmap				
Block 2 (90') 15:30-17:00 UTC 10:30-12:00 local	DASC	ccNSO Council prep	* Tech day	Q&A ICANN executives	* ccTLD news session: general	Plenary session	Public forum		
Lunch									
Block 3 (75') 18:15-19:30 UTC 13:15-14:30 local	GRC	SOPC	* Tech day	Listening Session Board Search Committee on Future of ICANN & Next President & CEO	* ccTLD news session: digital divide	* ccNSO Council			
Block 4 (60') 20:00-21:00 UTC 15:00-16:00 local		Tech WG	CSC RT	* Tech day	IGLC (informal)	* Governance Session: SOI/COI & policy implementation	*DASC	MPC ICANN76 wrap-up	Public ICANN Board
Block 5 (60') 21:30-22:30 UTC 16:30-17:30 local	IGLC	TLD OPS	CSC	* Tech day	Joint: ccNSO & GNSO Councils [C]	* 20 years of ccNSO	* ccNSO & ccTLD-related Board members	Geopolitical forum	
					ccNSO networking event		ICANN76 closing cocktail		