ccNSO News June 2024 | Issue 54

Missed the ccNSO Newcomers Webinar?

Are you new to the ccNSO, or would like to learn more? Perhaps you know about colleagues or peers who would benefit from an introductory session to the ccNSO? The recording of the latest webinar is out now.

ccNSO Council Vice Chair Biyi Oladipo (.ng) helped to gain an understanding of the work of the ccNSO, what to expect from the ccNSO at the ICANN80 Policy Forum, as well as how ccTLD community representatives can participate in the important work that affects you and your region.

Consult the recording

ccNSO members adopt the proposed ccPDP4-IDN policy

The ccNSO membership supports the ccNSO Council recommendation to adopt the proposed IDN policy. After ICANN80, the ccNSO Council expects to submit the proposed policy to the ICANN Board of Directors for its consideration.

Read more

Keep informed about the work of the ccNSO

In preparation of each ccNSO Council meeting, a written update regarding the work by the various working groups and committees is drafted. It includes information about the current status, next steps and what the activities are about. The May edition is out now.

Read more

ccNSO welcomes Lebanon ccTLD as member

At its 204th meeting held on Thursday, 18 April 2024, the ccNSO Council approved the ccNSO membership application by the Lebanon (.lb) ccTLD manager. With the addition of the .lb ccTLD Manager - Internet Society Lebanon - the ccNSO currently numbers 177 members.

The ccNSO warmly welcomes .lb to its membership and looks forward to a fruitful collaboration!

Read more

Get ready for ICANN80

The ICANN80 Policy Forum will be held **10 - 13 June 2024** at **Kigali Convention Centre** (KCC), Rwanda.

RICTA (.rw) welcomes ICANN80 participants to Rwanda

Message from the CEO

INGABIRE MWIKARAGO GRACE, RICTA CEO

"My names are INGABIRE MWIKARAGO GRACE, CEO of the Rwanda Internet Community and Technology Alliance (RICTA), a non-profit organisation that represents the interests of the Internet community and manages both the .rw country code top level domain (ccTLD) and the Internet Exchange point of Rwanda (RINEX).

Welcome to the ICANN80 Policy Forum here in our beautiful Kigali, Rwanda, having returned to Africa after being held in Morocco in 2016. This forum provides a venue for people to connect, negotiate business deals, learn about the latest policies and best practices, but also to interact with members of the ICANN community.

I encourage all travellers to catch a glimpse of the magnificent gorillas, take time to visit the beautiful hills and volcanoes, and not to forget to join the ccNSO Memorial Visit on Tuesday afternoon, organised in partnership with RICTA (.rw), ZADNA (.za) and NIRA (.ng)."

ccNSO at ICANN80
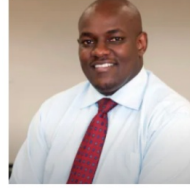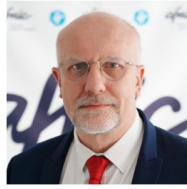### * ccNSO sessions with interpretation (AR, EN, ES, FR)

	Mo, 10 June		Tue, 11 June	Wed, 12 June	Thu, 13 June
Block 1 (75') 07:00-08:15 UTC 09:00-10:15 local	* Tech Day (1/2)		* ccNSO Welcome Session, Updates and ccTLD News Part 1	* ccNSO Universal Acceptance Standing Committee (UAC): work plan, ccTLD UA readiness, UA Day	World Café (1/2): explore improvements ccNSO Membership voting
Block 2 (90') 08:45-10:15 UTC 10:45-12:15 local	* Tech Day (2/2)		* ccTLD News Session, Part 2	* Policy Update Session	World Café (2/2): explore improvements ccNSO Membership voting
Block 3 (75') 11:45-13:00 UTC 13:45-15:00 local	* DNSSEC Workshop (1/2)	• Policy Session Planning [C]	* ccNSO DNS Abuse Standing Committee (DASC): amendments gTLD RA and RAA, what should ccTLDs be aware of?	* ccNSO Internet Governance Liaison Committee (IGLC): how ccTLDs contribute to a better world (UN Sustainable Development Goals)	* ccNSO Council
Block 4 (90') 13:30-15:00 UTC 15:30-17:00 local	* DNSSEC Workshop (2/2)	ICANN WSIS+20 Session	Visit to Kigali Genocide Memorial	* ccNSO Strategic and Operational Planning Committee (SOPC): ccTLD relevant aspects in ICANN's Strategic Planning	Board Led Community Engagement on Draft FY26-30 ICANN Strategic Plan
17:00-18:00 local	Reception		Reception / ccNSO Cocktail	Reception	Reception

Tech Day

Tech Day is a workshop open to all ICANN community members with an interest in technical, operational, and security topics. Topics on the agenda include among others DNS Abuse Prevention and Mitigation Tools, security management practices, lines of defense to protect registries from bad actors, attacks or malware.

ccNSO Members Meeting · Day 1

ccNSO Welcome
Tuesday, 11 June 2024
07:00-08:15 UTC (09:00-10:15 local)

The ccNSO Chair Alejandra Reynoso, together with ccNSO Meetings Programme Committee (MPC) Chair Everton T. Rodrigues (.br) will welcome the attendees to the ccNSO Members Meeting.
Following the welcome remarks, you will be informed about the ccNSO Activity Portfolio for Fiscal Year 2025 - 2026 and the forthcoming TLD-Ops workshop during ICANN81. Moreover, during this session we will kick off with 2 presentations as part of the ccTLD News sessions.

---

ccTLD News | Part 1

Session chair: Everton T. Rodrigues (.br)
- Collaboration and Partnerships in the ccTLD Landscape, Hildah Maina (.ke)
- Introducing "A Technical Community Coalition for Multistakeholderism", Jodi Anderson (.nz)

ccTLD News | Part 2
Tuesday, 11 June 2024
08:45-10:15 UTC (10:45-12:15 local)

Session chair: Joel Karubiu (AFTLD)
- Digitising South African Public Schools with school.za 2nd level domains, Plantina Tsholofelo Mokone (.za)
- Large scale community projects of a small registry, Dejan Djukic (.rs .срб)
- Driving Digital Innovation: .ng Registry Initiatives, Busayo Balogun (.ng)
- Ten years of broadband measurement: lessons from Canada, Charles Noir (.ca)
- New registrar requirements, Kristian Ørmen (.se, .nu)

gTLD Registrar Accreditation Agreement Amendments: Considerations for ccTLDs
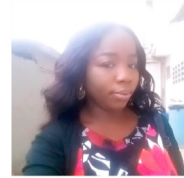Tuesday, 11 June 2024
11:45-13:00 UTC (13:45-15:00 local)

At ICANN80, the ccNSO DNS Abuse Standing Committee (DASC) is organising a session, entitled "ICANN gTLD

registrar agreement anti-abuse amendments: what ccTLD managers need to know." The goal is to explore the implications of the recent ICANN anti-abuse amendments in gTLD registrar accreditation agreements on ccTLDs.

Session Chair: Nick Wenban-Smith (.uk)

- Contract amendments, Samantha Demetriou (RySG)
- Registrar perspectives: James Bladel (GoDaddy), Adeola Raji (Upperlink)
- Regulator perspectives: Babagana Digima, NCC
- Panel discussion facilitated by Barrack Otieno (AFTLD)

HEADS UP

Serving the ccTLD community and understanding the ccTLD DNS Abuse landscape

The next edition of the DASC survey is coming soon!

ICANN | ccNSO
Country Code Names Supporting Organization

Access the ccNSO Library/Repository
FOR INFORMATION/TOOLS
FOR ADDRESSING DNS ABUSE.

You'll find relevant information like presentations and reports, articles, and other tools by and for ccTLD managers in their efforts to address DNS Abuse.

You can also contribute to the library to share information with other ccTLD managers.

Scan this QR code to send your content.

ICANN | ccNSO
Country Code Names Supporting Organization

Join the ccNSO
EMAIL LIST FOR
ADDRESSING DNS ABUSE!

Stay updated on relevant developments that can help ccTLD managers to detect and mitigate DNS abuse incidents.

Scan this QR code to sign up.

ccNSO Members Meeting · Day 2

ccNSO Universal Acceptance

Tuesday, 11 June 2024
07:00-08:15 UTC (09:00-10:15 local)

At ICANN80, the ccNSO Universal Acceptance Committee (UAC) will facilitate a session, focusing on the UAC work plan and promoting the use of the UAC Library and e-mail list, as useful resources for ccTLDs. The UAC will also inform the ccTLDs present on the relevance of UA Day for ccTLDs as well as the results of surveys to date on UA readiness for ccTLDs and the possible need for a dedicated survey.

UAC leadership invites you to the very first ccNSO UAC session at ICANN80!

[Read more]

Session Chair: Abdalmonem Galila, (مصر.)

- About UAC and its work plan | Abdelmonem Galila and Regina Fuchsová
  - promoting the UAC Library and e-mail list
- Relevance of UA Day for ccTLDs
  - Looking back: UA Day 2024 | Dijana Milutinović (.rs .срб)
  - Getting ready for UA Day 2025 | Sarmad Hussain (ICANN org)
- Survey on UA readiness
  - What surveys are available and what are the outcomes? | Seda Akbulut (ICANN org), Regina Fuchsová (.eu, .ею and .ευ)
  - Exploring the need for a dedicated survey by ccNSO UAC

Heard of the ccNSO UA Committee?

Join the ccNSO Universal Acceptance (UAC) mailing list to stay informed about UA events and updates.

You can also share your experiences with other subscribers. Anyone representing a ccTLD (ASCII or IDN) can join.

Scan this QRcode to subscribe.

ICANN | ccNSO

ccNSO Universal Acceptance Committee

The ccNSO Universal Acceptance (UA) Committee Information Library is now online!

Find resources for ccTLDs on UA, Internationalized Domain Names, and Email Address Internationalization. The library serves as a central and open space with relevant information for ccTLDs.

We also welcome your contribution and help to expand the library to make it a go-to resource for ccTLD managers.

Scan this QRcode to access the library.

ICANN | ccNSO

Policy Update Session

Wednesday, 12 June 2024
08:45-10:15 UTC (10:45-12:15 local)

A subgroup of the ccNSO Council reviewed potential policy gaps in the ccTLD post-delegation processes pertaining to the delegation, transfer, revocation and retirement of ccTLDs. At ICANN79, the ccTLDs explored some of these gaps. At the ICANN80 session the group will discuss the next steps with the community.
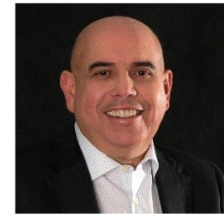
Moreover, ccNSO Council received questions from the ccPDP3-RM ICANN Board Caucus, related to the implementation of the proposed review mechanism policy. Alejandra Reynoso, Council Chair, will update the community on progress to date. Session chair is Jordan Carter (.au), ccNSO Vice Chair.

How ccTLDs contribute to a better world, in pursuit of the UN Sustainable Development Goals

Wednesday, 12 June 2024
11:45-13:00 UTC (13:45-15:00 local)

At ICANN80, the ccNSO Internet Governance Liaison Committee (IGLC) is organising a session entitled "How ccTLDs contribute to a better world: In pursuit of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals".

The goal of the session is to explore how the Global Digital Compact (GDC) and the 20-year review of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS+20) can accelerate progress towards the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) and the unique role ccTLDs can play in this pursuit. The session showcases the relevance of the SDGs to ccTLDs and concrete actions by ccTLDs, as well as partnerships that drive progress towards their achievement.

Session chair: Annaliese Williams, .au

- Sally Costerton, Interim President and CEO at ICANN org
- Anna Neves, Bureau of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD) at UNCTAD
- ccTLD perspectives by Pierre Bonis, .fr; Bonnie Mtengwa, .zw; Alexandre Barbosa, .br

Insights on Internet Governance: ccNSO IGLC Releases Paper

The ccNSO Internet Governance Liaison Committee (IGLC) is pleased to announce the release of its latest paper titled "**Towards WSIS+20: The GDC, SDGs, and Why They Matter to ccTLDs**".

Towards WSIS+20:
The Global Digital Compact, Sustainable Development Goals and Why They Matter

This comprehensive document provides an in-depth examination of the upcoming WSIS+20 review, the Global Digital Compact (GDC), their implications for country code top-level domains and the pivotal opportunity for ccTLDs to influence the future of internet governance.

The document outlines actionable steps for ccTLDs to engage in these global digital governance processes, highlighting the importance of building relationships, participating in consultations, and contributing to the UN SDGs.

IGLC invites all stakeholders to read the paper and join us in this important dialogue.

to ccTLDs

Download the paper here

The paper is a crucial resource for:

- understanding these processes
- identifying ways to engage effectively

ccTLD relevant aspects in ICANN's Strategic and Operational Planning
Wednesday, 12 June 2024
13:30-15:00 UTC (15:30-17:00 local)

The ccNSO Strategic and Operational Planning Committee (SOPC) meets with the ccTLD community, relevant ICANN staff and members of the ICANN Board Strategic Planning Committee to discuss ccTLD relevant aspects in ICANN's FY26-29 Strategic Plan. For more information about the proposed strategic plan, consult the recording of the ICANN80 Prep Week Webinar by ICANN org **here**. Session Chair at ICANN80 is Andreas Musielak (.de) - SOPC Chair, assisted by Irina Danelia (.ru), SOPC Vice Chair.

ccNSO Members Meeting · Day 3

World Café session
Thursday, 13 June 2024
09:00-12:15 local, onsite only

Message from GRC Chair, Sean Copeland, .vi

On behalf of the GRC, we are pleased to invite you to an in-person World Café event in Kigali. The GRC has been greatly impressed with the active participation of our members in these events, and we have selected a topic based on your previous input that we believe you will find engaging. If you are unable to attend in person, we will host a follow-up session online after ICANN80.

World Café | Thursday, June 13 2024
Hosted by the ccNSO Guideline Review Committee

Sustaining Legitimacy: What would you do to enhance participation in ccNSO Decision-Making?

☐ Location: ICANN80, Tent 2
☐ Date: Thursday, June 13, 2024
☐ Time: 09:00 local -12:15 local

(GRC) at ICANN80

Topic for Discussion:
Sustaining Legitimacy: What would you do to enhance participation in ccNSO Decision-Making?

Please join us in a dynamic conversation to explore and share your valuable insights on enhancing participation in ccNSO decision-making. Your active participation is not only welcomed but also highly encouraged as it will significantly contribute to the success of our discussion.

We look forward to your participation and valuable contributions!

On behalf of GRC
Sean Copeland

NOTE:

- starts 09:00 am
- room change (Tent 2)
- no remote participation

Go to "**Session Highlights**" on the ccNSO Meetings Workspace,
for the latest details about the agenda topics.

News from ICANN

New gTLD Pro Bono Applicant Support Program

The Applicant Support Program (ASP) was developed as part of ICANN's New Generic Top-Level Domains (gTLD) Program. The ASP is intended to make applying for a new gTLD or operating a registry more accessible to applicants who would be otherwise unable due to financial and resource constraints. The ASP is for gTLD applicants seeking financial and non-financial support.
Version 2 of the ASP Handbook, taking into account comments received during the Public Comment period (12 February - 2 April), will be forthcoming in early June. The website will be updated to reflect this new version of the ASP Handbook.
Read more

ICANN Releases the 2023 Africa Domain Name Industry Study

ICANN announced the publication of the **2023 Africa Domain Name Industry Study**. This report, commissioned by ICANN and conducted b y PowerSoft Africa, in collaboration with

A New ICANN Project to Measure Metadata on Domain Names

ICANN launched a new project and platform called "ICANN Domain Metrica."
Six years ago, ICANN launched the Domain Abuse Activity Reporting (**DAAR**) system. It was intended to stimulate discussion around Domain Name System (DNS) abuse and serve as a reliable and reproducible measurement methodology to help registrar and registry operators to monitor DNS abuse. Today, both our internal and the community's needs for the DAAR system have outgrown what it is ably providing.
Read more

Pilot Holistic Review

ICANN posted a call for volunteers to participate in the Pilot Holistic Review. Closing date to apply is 19 June 2024.
Read more

Organizational Changes to Ensure ICANN's Financial Stability and

the **Coalition for Digital Africa**, provides a comprehensive analysis of the Domain Name System (DNS) landscape across the continent. It marks significant advancements since the initial 2016 study and aims to inform future growth and development in the region.
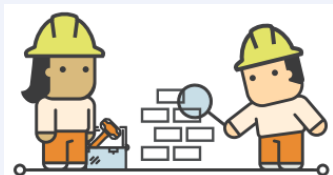**Read more**

Sustainability
ICANN faces a structural deficit. Read the blog post by Sally Costerton, Interim President & CEO, and learn more about the measures taken by the ICANN Executive Team.
Read more

ccNSO Council Highlights

The ccNSO Council most recently met on Thursday, 16 May 2024. For recordings and background materials, consult the **Council workspace**.

The next ccNSO Council meeting will be held on Thursday, 13 June during ICANN80.
Topics for discussion include, among others:

1. Outcomes from the ccNSO session on the policy gaps in the ccTLD post-delegation processes
2. Outcomes from the World Café on membership voting
3. Next steps in the ccNSO Policy Development Process regarding the proposed policy (part A of the Members Report) which aims to provide a framework to ICANN and the broader community for:
- the selection of IDN country code Top-Level Domain (ccTLD) strings and variants thereof,
- the delegation, transfer, revocation, and retirement of the selected IDN ccTLD string and its variants,
- the use of the review mechanism pertaining to decisions concerning the delegation, transfer, revocation, and retirement of IDN ccTLDs.

Additional topics for the ccNSO Council meeting will be made available on its workspace.

All Council meetings are open to observers: Join us at ICANN80, or ask the **ccNSO Secretariat** for details on how to join the meeting.

country code Names Supporting Organisation https://ccnso.icann.org | ccnsosecretariat@icann.org