

# Status updates by ccNSO Working Groups, Committees and more

## December 2023 edition

### ***About this document***

This document contains the written updates of the various ccNSO working groups and committees, as well as other ICANN initiatives with ccNSO involvement or relevancy. Updates are provided in written format ahead of every ccNSO Council meeting, to allow sufficient time for discussions during the Council meeting itself. The document allows the ccNSO Council and ccTLD community to remain informed about the current status and next steps of the various committees and working groups. To consult previous editions, go to: <https://community.icann.org/x/4QciCw>

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# Updates: ccNSO Working Groups or Committees

## ccPDP3-Review Mechanism

### Current status

Council adopted the recommended policy at its meeting on 16 March 2023 at ICANN76. The ccNSO membership supports the ccNSO Council's recommendation to adopt the proposed review mechanism policy for ccTLDs.

Read more: <https://ccnso.icann.org/en/announcements/announcement-11may23-en.htm>

A report on the voting was sent to the Issue Manager. The report has been included in the Draft Board Report, which - following approval by the ccNSO Council at ICANN77 - has been submitted to the ICANN Board of Directors, as per [Annex B, section 14 of the ICANN Bylaws](#).

### Next steps

The proposed policy was sent to the ICANN Board, for its consideration and adoption.

See <https://ccnso.icann.org/sites/default/files/field-attached/reynoso-to-sinha-26jun23-en.pdf> and <https://ccnso.icann.org/sites/default/files/field-attached/board-report-proposed-policy-ccrm-26jun23-en.pdf>

Board launched a request for comments, which closed 28 September. Read more here:

<https://www.icann.org/en/public-comment/proceeding/ccnso-proposed-policy-for-a-specific-cctld-related-review-mechanism-01-08-2023> For a recording of the submissions, see [here](#).

### What is this about

The goal of the third ccNSO Policy Development Process Review Mechanism working group (ccPDP3-RM) is to report on and recommend a policy for a review mechanism with respect to decisions pertaining to the delegation, transfer, revocation and retirement of the delegated Top Level Domains associated with the country codes assigned to countries and territories listed in the ISO 3166-1 and within the framework of the ccNSO Policy Development Process.

This policy will introduce a review mechanism with respect to decisions pertaining to the delegation, transfer, revocation and retirement of the delegated ccTLDs. It offers ccTLD managers, and applicants for new ccTLDs - as direct customers of the IANA Naming Function - an independent review mechanism for specifically identified IANA Function Operator (IFO) decisions, and it increases the predictability and legitimacy of those decisions. In developing the proposed policy, the ccPDP3 Review Mechanism working group ensured that the following objectives were met: low cost, fast and fundamentally fair.

- Read more [here](#).
- ccNSO Councillor, appointed as liaison to the WG/C: *Stephen Deerhake*

## ccPDP4-IDN

### *ccPDP4 Working Group on the (de)selection of IDN ccTLD strings (ccPDP4-IDN)*

#### Current status

The full ccPDP4 Working Group completed its review of the 2013 policy proposals for the IDN ccTLD string selection process in September 2021 and worked on questions pertaining to the review mechanism. At the request of the ccNSO Council, the full working group discussed and assessed the need for review mechanisms pertaining to decisions under the proposed policy.

Since September 2021, three subgroups focused on specific areas:

- *variant management*  
This subgroup closed its work in September 2022, and the full working group accepted the recommendations. The variant management subgroup worked in close coordination with the GNSO EPDP per Board request.
- *de-selection of IDN ccTLDs*  
This subgroup completed its work in December 2021 and the recommendations were accepted by the full group in January 2022. The subgroup defined the trigger event(s) that will cause the start of the retirement process for an IDN country code top-level domain (ccTLD) and its variants. The proposals of the group dove-tails with the ccNSO recommended policy on the retirement of ccTLDs.
- *confusing similarity review*  
This subgroup started in September 2022, and reviews the confusingly similar work undertaken under the Fast track Process and taking into account the outcome of the variant management discussions. In addition, it defined a specific review mechanism, parallel to the ccPDP3 review mechanism. The confusing similarity subgroup finalised its initial proposals as well.

The ccPDP4 Working Group met with the GNSO EPDP working group, and completed the stress testing phase. At ICANN77, the group updated the community on the proposed policy.

#### Next steps

The ccNSO Policy Development Process (PDP) 4 Working Group sought community input and comments on the initial policy proposals. The deadline for comments was 27 September. Read more: <https://www.icann.org/en/public-comment/proceeding/ccnso-pdp4-initial-report-on-the-de-selection-of-idncctlds-16-08-2023> The ccPDP4 working group met in November and December to discuss the strawman paper with the analysis of the public comments.

#### What is this about

This fourth ccNSO Policy Development Process (ccPDP4) defines the criteria, process, and procedures for (de)selecting IDN ccTLD strings. These strings are the IDN TLDs that are 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.

- Read more [here](#).
- ccNSO Councillor, appointed as liaison to the WG/C: *Ai-Chin Lu*

# DASC

## DNS Abuse Standing Committee (DASC)

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### Current status

The DASC typically meets on a monthly basis. Additionally, two subgroups meet in parallel:

#### **Repository subgroup**

The group launched its Repository, and invites contributions. During ICANN78, the group launched an email list, as an additional useful resource for ccTLDs.

- Consult the repository: <https://community.icann.org/x/Ege7Cg>
- Contribute to the repository: <https://community.icann.org/x/DoWZDg>
- [Repository launch](#), announcement prior to ICANN77 by David McAuley. May 2023
- Interview with David McAuley, DASC Repository Subgroup Chair, and Adam Eisner. View the video [here](#) or read the interview [here](#). August 2023

#### **Survey subgroup**

The group launched a survey, to better understand the ccTLD DNS abuse landscape, and better serve ccTLDs. Part 3 of the survey results will be shared prior to ICANN78, during a webinar held on 28 September. The next edition of the DASC survey will be at the end of 2024.

- [Survey launch](#): September 2022
- [Survey extension](#): November 2022
- [Survey closure](#): December 2022
- [Survey results, part 1, ICANN76](#) March 2023
- [Announcement prior to ICANN77](#), by DASC Chair Nick Wenban-Smith and Vice Chair Bruce Tonkin. May 2023
- [Survey results, part 2, ICANN77](#). June 2023
- [Survey results, part 3](#). Find here the [invite](#) to the webinar held on 28 September 2023, prior to ICANN78.

### Next steps

The DASC will hold a working session at ICANN79, and will start preparing early 2024 for a capacity building session around DNS Abuse, to be held at ICANN80 in June in Kigali (RW).

### What this is about

The ccNSO DNS Abuse Standing Committee (DASC) is intended to maintain a dedicated forum for ccTLD Managers to discuss the important topic of DNS Abuse and to share information, insights, and practices. The overarching purpose is to raise understanding and awareness of the issues pertaining to DNS Abuse, promote open and constructive dialogue, and ultimately to assist ccTLD Managers in their efforts to mitigate the impact of DNS Abuse.

- Read more [here](#).
- ccNSO Councillor, acting as liaison to the WG/C: *Nick Wenban-Smith*

# GRC

## Guidelines Review Committee (GRC)

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### Current status

Since ICANN75, the GRC developed proposals for a limited Statement of Interest (SOI) process, and a Council-specific Conflict of Interest (COI) process. The proposals were reviewed by ICANN legal, and were adopted by the ccNSO Council during its meeting on 20 July. They were implemented and went live post ICANN78.

GRC also kicked off its work regarding policy implementation. The group was informed about the GNSO implementation process and started discussing the organization of GRC work on implementation. The implementation guideline was circulated first to Council and then to community, to seek their feedback and comments. The guideline was adopted by the Council and ICANN org was informed accordingly.

### Next steps

At ICANN78, The ccNSO GRC organized an Open Space meeting to explore participants' perspectives and views on what continuous improvement means for the ccNSO. This was a closed workshop with in-person participation only. A virtual meeting will be scheduled as a follow up on 14 February 2024, prior to ICANN79.

Next work items include:

- Simplification and harmonisation of the guidelines. This includes a review and update of the ccNSO guideline on Council Roles and Responsibilities.
- Self-evaluation framework
- Continuous improvement framework
- Board recall & board member removal procedures
- Consolidation/simplification Rejection Action & Approval Action Guideline

### What is this about

The purpose of the ccNSO Guidelines Review Committee (GRC) is to review the current guidelines and to ascertain whether they reflect current practices and working methods, identify potential gaps, and based on this analysis propose changes to the current guidelines to the Council.

- Read more [here](#).
- ccNSO Councillor, appointed as liaison to the WG/C: *Sean Copeland*

# IGLC

## *Internet Governance Liaison Committee (IGLC)*

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### **Current status**

The IGLC prepared an [FAQ](#) prior to ICANN78, in preparation for its session on WSIS+20. The WSIS+20 FAQ for ccTLDs is a comprehensive guide to understanding the significance of the 2025 review of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS+20) for ccTLDs. During ICANN78, the IGLC held a working session where ccTLD community members and ICANN's Government and Intergovernmental Organization Engagement (GE) team explored what the hot issues in Internet governance are on a regional basis. The IGLC compared the input with previous trends exercises.

### **Next steps**

As per its recently adopted workplan, IGLC will organise a session on internet fragmentation at ICANN79. A small team of IGLC members met twice in November-December, to start preparations for the session. The ccNSO Secretariat is currently in the process of verifying whether the existing membership intends to continue to serve on the committee. This is an annual reminder, as per the committee charter. At the start of 2024, IGLC will launch a call for new members to join the committee. The IGLC Chair will hold a webinar, to inform interested ccTLD community members about the work of the committee, and how to join. At its December meeting, IGLC launched a call for nominations for a new IGLC Vice Chair, following the change of affiliation of former Vice Chair Anil Kumar Jain. Following the nominations by IGLC members, the Vice Chair will be appointed by Council. The process is expected to be completed by end January.

### **What is this about**

The IGLC has been established to coordinate, facilitate, and increase the participation of ccTLD managers in discussions and processes pertaining to Internet Governance. The ccNSO Council and individual ccTLD Managers, collectively or individually, will be invited to support the position or input of the IGLC. The Committee will take a proactive role in seeking and fostering participation and input into the processes and provide regular feedback to the ccNSO Council, ccNSO members and broader ccTLD community.

- Read more [here](#).
- ccNSO Councillor, appointed as liaison to the WG/C: Javier Rua

# MPC

## *Meetings Programme Committee (MPC)*

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### **Current status**

The MPC will continue its planning for ICANN79, to ensure a relevant program for ccTLDs globally. MPC currently welcomes presentation proposals for the ICANN79 ccTLD News Session.

### **Next steps**

The ccNSO Secretariat is currently in the process of verifying whether the existing membership intends to continue to serve on the committee. This is an annual reminder, as per the committee charter. At the start of 2024, MPC will launch a call for new members to join the committee. The MPC Chair will hold a webinar, to inform interested ccTLD community members about the work of the committee, and how to join. The MPC will continue its planning for ICANN79, to ensure a relevant program for ccTLDs globally.

### **What is this about**

The objective of the ccNSO Meetings Programme Committee (MPC) is to coordinate and manage the high-level schedule of the ccNSO-related sessions, including the ccNSO Members Meeting agenda at ICANN public meetings, and related matters.

- Read more [here](#).
- ccNSO Councillor, appointed as liaison to the WG/C: *Alejandra Reynoso*

# OISC

## ***Outreach and Involvement Standing Committee (OISC)***

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### **Current status**

During the first quarter of 2022, the Outreach and Involvement Committee (OISC) discussed a customer journey, including exploring the use case of how to increase ccTLD participation to and contributions in ccNSO working groups, committees and sessions. The group has not met since Q1 2022. There are currently no activities to report.

### **Next steps**

The review of the ccNSO Outreach and Involvement Standing Committee effectiveness is currently ongoing.

### **What is this about**

The ccNSO OISC is established as a standing committee and will have a permanent nature, to ensure a continued and ongoing coordinated approach regarding the existing and potential outreach and involvement efforts by and targeted at the ccNSO and ccTLD community as well as ccTLDs awareness of and involvement in the aforementioned efforts.

- Read more [here](#).
- ccNSO Councillor, appointed as liaison to the WG/C: *Biyi Oladipo*

# SOPC

## *Strategic and Operational Planning Committee (SOPC)*

### Current status

ICANN published the draft ICANN FY25 Operating Plan and Budget and the draft PTI FY25 Operating Plan and Budget and the draft 5-Year Plans for Public Comments. For more details, go to <https://www.icann.org/en/public-comment>

SOPC kicked off its work regarding the comment procedures: Small teams were formed each having a Coordinator and Vice-coordinator. Team 1 is focused on IANA/PTI and technical aspects, Team 2 deals with Multistakeholder model governance and Geopolitics, Team 3 focuses on Finance&Planning and Budgets. SOPC agreed on an overall timeline to ensure a timely submission of the SOPC comment.

### Next steps

Here are the SOPC milestones in the December-February timeframe:

- 13 December – Webinar about the Draft ICANN Fiscal Year (FY) 25–29 Operating and Financial Plan and the Draft ICANN FY25 Operating Plan and Budget
- 21 December 2023 – Overall coordinators reach out to the team coordinators to check-in and whether additional assistance is needed
- 11 January 2024 - Overall coordinators reach out to the team coordinators to check on progress and whether there is a need for assistance
- 23 January 2024 - Deadline for teams to send findings to overall coordinators
- 1 February 2024 – Overall Coordinators to circulate draft to SOPC to seek comments from members
- 6 February 2024 | 20:00 or 21:00 UTC - SOPC to sign off on the final draft
- 7 – 09 February - SOPC leadership to share proposed submission with community (not seeking feedback, but informing about the direction of travel)
- 09 February 2024 - SOPC leadership to submit comments to ICANN
- 12 February 2024 – Closure public comment period

SOPC plans to hold a working session at ICANN79.

### What is this about

The Strategic and Operational Working Group (SOPWG) was created at the Cairo ICANN meeting in November 2008. In November 2017 it was renamed the Strategic and Operational Standing Committee (SOPC) to reflect its permanent nature. The aim of the Committee is to coordinate, facilitate, and increase the participation of ccTLD managers in ICANN and PTI's strategic and operational planning processes and related budgetary processes. The ccNSO Council and individual ccTLD managers, collectively or individually, will be invited to support the position or input of the Committee. Membership of the Committee is open to all ccTLD managers (whether members or non-members of the ccNSO). The Committee may submit a relevant Rejection Action Petition against the ICANN and IANA budgets, as well as their Strategic and operating Plans as defined in the ICANN Bylaws, Annex D, section 2.1 (f), (g), (h) and (i) to the ccNSO as Decisional Participant.

- Read more [here](#).
- ccNSO Councillor, appointed as liaison to the WG/C: *Irina Danelia*

# Tech WG

*ccNSO Technical Working Group*

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## Current status

The Tech Working Group organised Tech Day as part of ICANN78, featuring technical and operational registry topics, security, and other Domain Name System (DNS)-related work. This workshop was open to all community members with an interest in technical, operational, and security topics.

## Next steps

The group will organise Tech Day at ICANN79.

## What is this about

The purpose of the Tech Working Group is to provide the country code Top Level Domain community with advice and to share information on the technical and operational aspects of running a ccTLD.

- Read more [here](#).
- ccNSO Councillor, appointed as liaison to the WG/C: *Stephen Deerhake*

# TLD-OPS SC

## *TLD-OPS Standing Committee*

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### **Current status**

TLD-OPS held an internal working session at ICANN78 to discuss its work plan, including future workshops.

### **Next steps**

- Replay the last Workshop (Montreal ICANN66) with some modifications
- Recruit a TLD-OPS Workshop committee
- Plan the next series of Workshops during the the ICANN79 Puerto Rico meeting
- Improve the contact repository system whose Database located in the mailman server itself

### **What is this about**

The TLD-OPS Standing Committee is the oversight body of the [TLD-OPS mailing list](#). The purpose of the Standing Committee is to govern the daily operation of the TLD-OPS email list; and, when deemed necessary, to develop and implement progress plans for future improvements and developments of the TLD-OPS email list, including its ecosystem.

- Read more [here](#).
- ccNSO Councillor, appointed as liaison to the WG/C: *Ali Hadji Mmadi*

# UASC

## *Universal Acceptance Standing Committee*

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### **Current status**

Following a call for volunteers, the UAC met for the first time mid-September. UAC members nominated a chair and a vice chair: the UAC leadership team was appointed by Council. Following conclusion of ICANN78, UAC started exploring upcoming work items and focus points.

Following the discussions during the UAC meeting held on 13 December, UAC seeks one (1) volunteer from the UAC, to join the UA Day 2024 Proposal Review Panel. Following closure of the application deadline, no volunteers stepped forward.

### **Next steps**

UAC members are currently reviewing and refining the UAC repository/library terms of reference doc as well as the draft UAC workplan. UAC plans to hold a working session at ICANN79.

### **What is this about**

Universal Acceptance (UA) refers to the concept of treating all domain names equally and ensuring that they are recognized, accepted, and functional across all internet applications, systems, and devices.

The purpose of the ccNSO Universal Acceptance Committee (UAC) is to provide the ccTLD community a platform to interact and share information at a global level and with other groups under the ICANN umbrella on topics related to UA and acceptance of IDNs. The initiative should not overlap with other related efforts. In keeping with the nature of the ccNSO, the purpose of the Committee is not to formulate any policy or standards, recognising that these issues are within scope of individual ccTLDs and out of scope of the ccNSO.

- Workspace
- ccNSO Councillor, appointed as liaison to the WG/C: *TBC*

# Triage Committee

## Current status

The Triage Committee helps the Council with developing and managing the ccNSO Work Plan and Activity Portfolio, and also acts to quickly review incoming requests for input and make a suggestion to the Council on how to react to the requests. Its recent work has involved improving ccNSO prioritisation approaches, including proposing a high level Strategic Plan and 2023-2025 Council work plan.

Read more:

- [ccNSO 2023-2025 Activity Portfolio](#)
- [ccNSO Purpose and Goal Statement](#)

## Next steps

The Triage Committee met at the start of November and updated its Activity Portfolio report for the ccNSO Council. This report shows progress on the agreed significant work items and is part of the ccNSO Council agenda meeting #200.

Following a closed Council workshop during ICANN78, the ccNSO Council mandated a small team of ccNSO Councilors and ccTLD community members to prepare an ICANN79 session on the possible ccNSO work relating to consolidation of policies, identifying gaps in current policies and practices, and on how to address future undefined issues in the ccTLD post-delegation process.

The Triage Committee did not meet in December. Its next meeting will be held in January '24.

## What is this about

The Triage Committee is dedicated to quickly review incoming requests for input and make a suggestion to the Council on how to react to the requests. This Council Committee is chaired by Jordan Carter (ccNSO Vice Chair).

- [Graphical overview of the triage process](#)
- [Decisions on the requests for input](#)
- [Workspace](#)
- ccNSO Councillor, appointed as liaison to the WG/C: *Jordan Carter*

# Updates: other

## ECA

### *Empowered Community Administration (ECA)*

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#### **Current status**

On the 17th of November the ECA notified ICANN Secretary that all Decisional Participants supported the Approval Action relating to the Fundamental Bylaws Amendments to Articles 18 and 19 of the ICANN Bylaws (per Board resolution 2023.09.10.05).

#### **Next steps**

[Approval Action Guideline](#) and [Rejections Action Guideline](#)

#### **What is this about**

The Empowered Community Administration is the administrative body through which the Empowered Community acts. Each of the Decisional Participants of the Empowered Community designates one representative to the Empowered Community Administration.

- Read more [here](#).
- ccNSO Councillor, appointed as liaison to the WG/C: *Alejandra Reynoso*

# CCG WS2 Implementation

## *Community Coordination Group on Work Stream 2 Implementation*

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### Current status

The Cross-Community Working Group on Accountability (CCWG-Accountability) Work Stream 2 (WS2) recommendations that appear to benefit from community coordination are

- Recommendation 1.1 (seven proposed elements of diversity),
- Recommendation 1.7 (on a process for handling complaints about diversity), and
- Recommendation 2.3 (on a standalone framework for exercising Empowered Community powers).

The CCG may also wish to share information about implementation efforts related to Recommendation 3 (Human Rights Framework). In addressing community-wide implementation of Recommendations 1.1, 1.7, and 2.3, the WS2 CCG is expected to share information about and discuss each of its appointing communities' views on the following:

- The relevant priority of these recommendations in the context of other WS2 recommendations implementation and overall community workload.
- The scope of and opportune timing for additional community consultations (as needed).
- How to reach broad community agreement on these recommendations; and
- What each individual community group will need to carry out any agreed implementation.

To facilitate the diversity related WS2 recommendations, ICANN org provided diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) consulting services to the CCG to help with the implementation of Recommendation 1.1 and Recommendation 1.7.

### Next steps

The CCG WS2 has wrapped up discussions regarding Recommendation 1.1, including the seven proposed elements of diversity, from the [WS2 Final Report](#): Geographical/regional representation, Language, Gender, Age, Physical disability, Diverse skills, Stakeholder group or constituency.

The CCG WS2 has also wrapped up work on recommendation 1.2 to identify diversity elements mandated in community governance documents and has built a survey template as a part of the toolkit that will assist groups in assessing their diversity in an appropriate manner. It plans to publish an update on its work periodically to inform the ICANN community about its progress.

With respect to Recommendation 1.7, the CCG WS2 is considering whether the ICANN Complaints Office together with the ICANN Office of Ombudsman is sufficient to handle diversity-related complaints. Thus far the consensus seems to be that they are, although there is some support for helping each SO/AC/Group to consider the establishment of a diversity body. The CCG WS2 hopes to wrap up work on Rec. 1.7 on July 20th, 2023.

### What is this about

This Community Coordination Group serves as an information sharing and coordinating forum for the community's implementation of certain specific recommendations from the Cross Community Working Group on Enhancing ICANN Accountability (CCWG-Accountability) Work Stream 2 (WS2). Each Supporting Organization, Advisory Committee, Regional At-Large Organisation, and GNSO Stakeholder Group appointed one representative (and alternate, if appropriate).

- Read more [here](#).
- ccNSO appointee: David McAuley

## CSC

### *Customer Standing Committee (CSC)*

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#### **Current status**

PTI's performance over June was again Excellent - PTI met all of the currently 64 defined thresholds.

#### **Next steps**

The CSC continues its ongoing work. CSC will also start updating its internal procedures to accommodate member alternates.

#### **What is this about**

The CSC ensures the satisfactory performance of the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) naming function. It is responsible for monitoring Public Technical Identifier's (PTI) [performance](#) of the IANA naming function against the service level expectations in the IANA Naming Function Contract.

- Read more [here](#).
- ccNSO appointee:

# Community Representatives Group to nominate members to the IRP Standing Panel

## *Independent Review Process Standing Panel*

### Current status

[Recent blog post by the Independent Review Process Community Representatives Group:](#)

*[...] Since March, we have been meeting regularly. You can follow our progress on this [wiki](#), although much of the substance of our work will remain confidential in light of the personal details and backgrounds that we are reviewing. On the [wiki](#), you can also see the terms of engagement of the various participants in this process, as well as the terms of reference for our work.*

*Our initial phase of work was organizational and administrative such as choosing an administrative chair and deciding the meeting times and format. More substantively, after ICANN org presented a short list of potential firms, we selected an external expert consultant, Odgers Berndtson, to help us in our work. Odgers Berndtson is an executive search consulting firm based in Brussels and has experience in rendering such services to the ICANN NomCom.*

*We recently moved into a new phase of analyzing the backgrounds of applicants for membership to the standing panel in a largely anonymized fashion. While we only see information about various applicants' qualifications, gender and ICANN regional residency, we do not at this point know the identity of the candidates. These are data points to assist our winnowing process and our endeavor to achieve cultural, linguistic, gender and legal diversity. Diversity by geographic region is indicated in ICANN's Bylaws.*

*While we have not yet completed the initial phase of background analysis, it is clear that among the applicants there is a sizable group of individuals with impressive and suitable backgrounds for the standing committee – this makes our work difficult in selecting potential candidates from among them. [...]*

### Next steps

The group conducted virtual interviews in November and December of 2022 and maintained a regular follow-up schedule in the first quarter of 2023. The CRG's rules of engagement prevent it from giving much detail about candidates. It is noted that the ICANN Board Accountability Mechanisms Committee met on April 20, 2023, and received an update on the IRP Standing Panel. Further, at its [meeting](#) on June 2d, the BAMC acknowledged receipt of the nominations from the CRG and decided upon next steps. The CRG members remain engaged to answer any questions the BAMC may have. It is expected that the BAMC will make its recommendations to the full Board very shortly.

### What is this about

The IRP is a form of arbitration, which provides for third-party review of ICANN Board and organization actions (or inactions) that are alleged to be inconsistent with the ICANN Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws. The IRP is an essential mechanism for holding the ICANN Board and the organization accountable, and the seating of an omnibus standing panel to hear these claims is an important component of achieving a consistent, binding outcome.

The Independent Review Process (IRP) Community Representatives Group is responsible for supporting the SOs and ACs in proposing a slate of nominees, for confirmation by the ICANN Board of Directors, to constitute an omnibus standing panel that will hear and resolve disputes filed under the IRP described in the [ICANN Bylaws](#).

- Read more [here](#).
- ccNSO appointee: *David McAuley*

# Planning Prioritization Process

## Current status

The FY24 Planning Prioritization exercise was held in October-November 2022. The final Prioritised List of activities is available [here](#), and the planning Prioritisation Framework v3 was published in March 2023. The Planning Prioritization Framework v3 is an update of the Planning Prioritization Framework v2, and includes feedback and lessons learned from the FY24 planning prioritization process that concluded in October 2022.

In April 2023, ccNSO Council nominated Irina Danelia as the ccNSO appointee on the Planning Prioritization Group and Chris Disspain as the alternate.

The FY25 Planning Prioritization exercise was completed in June 2023. See <https://community.icann.org/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=244945188>

## Next steps

## What is this about

Planning at ICANN is one of the 15 operating initiatives included in ICANN's operating plan since FY21. A key goal of this operating initiative is to improve ICANN organization's (org) ability to prioritize during the annual planning process. As part of this initiative, the ICANN org Planning team led the creation of a Draft Planning Prioritization Framework to help the ICANN ecosystem prioritize its work within the planning cycle in a manner that is transparent, inclusive, and efficient.

ICANN's planning department is leading the creation of a Planning Prioritization Framework to help the ICANN ecosystem prioritize its work within the planning cycle in a manner that is transparent, inclusive, and efficient.

The Prioritization Framework needs to:

1. Be broadly adopted by the community, Board, and org as the basis for decision-making on how to prioritize work in scope of the project
2. Enhance effective decision-making without hampering workflow and day-to-day operations
3. Be implemented in the annual planning cycle subject to Public Comment

The planning department is responsible for facilitating prioritization at an organizational level in order to include the prioritized projects into the annual Operating and Financial plans.

- [Link](#) to the Planning Prioritization Framework Publications
- [Link](#) to Planning Prioritization Framework Pilot (March 2022-April 2022) webpage.
- [Link](#) to Becky Nash's March 2022 blog on ICANN's Draft Planning Prioritization Framework.
  
- Read more on the ICANN Planning and Finance workspace [here](#).
- ccNSO appointee: *Irina Danelia, with Chris Disspain as alternate*