

ccNSO Board Seat 12 Nominations 2024

Nomination Report

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1 Executive Summary

- This Nomination Report, prepared by the Nomination Process Manager, is to be discussed and adopted by the ccNSO Council.
- By adopting the Report, the ccNSO Council the nomination process will be formally closed, and the candidate Katrina Sataki nominated to ICANN Board Seat 12. The Chair of the ccNSO Council will be expected to inform the ECA and ICANN secretary after the ccNSO Council decision has become effective.
- The designation as Nominee by the Empowered Community in accordance with ICANN Bylaw section 7.2, becomes effective after the ccNSO Council decision becomes effective, according to Rules of the ccNSO.

2 Introduction

The term of Katrina Sataki, the ccNSO nominated Director fulfilling ICANN Board Seat 12, will expire at the ICANN81 Annual General Meeting held in October 2024. By October 2024, Katrina will have served one term on the Board: she is eligible for reappointment. Directors to the ICANN Board may serve maximum three consecutive terms.

The ccNSO Council is required to select a candidate in accordance with the relevant ICANN Bylaws and internal rules of the ccNSO applicable at the time of the call for nominations. Based on previous experience, the launch of the nomination process needed to start in July 2023 to ensure that the background check on all candidates would have been concluded before the Q&A session between the members of the ccNSO and the candidate(s). Furthermore, the timeline took the following factors into account:

- the time needed to organise the Nomination Process
- the need to calculate adequate time for the due diligence verifications
- the fact that ccNSO members have the possibility to ask direct question to the candidate(s)
- the election process by Members
- the possible need for a run-off election
- the practical need that a new board member is invited to attend the Board Workshop in May of the year in which the candidates is expected to fill the seat
- the 26 April 2024 deadline for the Empowered Community Administration

3 Nomination Period

3.1 Launch Nomination Period

In accordance with the approved timeline, the nomination period started on Wednesday, 19 July 2023 (00:01 UTC). The Nomination Process Manager published the call for nominations on the ccNSO website and shared it with the ccNSO members and ccNSO Council mailing lists.

Instructions include, among others:

- Start and end time, as per the timeline established by Council
- Templates, as per the guideline
- Where to send nominations/secondments and how to consult the nomination archive

3.2 Closure Nomination Period

In accordance with the approved timeline, the nomination period closed on Wednesday, 9 August 2023 (23:59 UTC). Shortly after the closure of the nomination period, the Election Manager posted an announcement on the ccNSO website, giving a heads up about the Q&A with the candidates. The announcement was also shared with the the ccNSO Members and ccNSO Council mailing lists.

3.3 Nomination Results

At the close of the call, the following nominations and secondments were received:

Bruce Tonkin (.au) nominated Katrina Sataki on Wed Jul 19 05:31:02 UTC 2023. Svitlana Tkachenko seconded the nomination of Katrina Sataki on Wed Jul 19 06:08:47 UTC 2023. Marta Dias (.pt) seconded the nomination of Katrina Sataki on Wed Jul 19 10:18:26 UTC 2023. Javier Rúa Jovet seconded the nomination of Katrina on Wed Jul 19 10:28:45 UTC 2023. Davi Severiano Goia Cabral D'almada (.gw) seconded the nomination of Katrina Sataki on Wed Jul 19 10:57:35 UTC 2023. Dina Barakat (.eg) nominated Katrina Sataki on Sun Aug 6 20:43:10 UTC 2023. Piotr Studziński-Raczyński (.pl) sent an email in support of Katrina's reappointment on Wed Aug 9 10:14:52 UTC 2023.

There have been no further nominations or secondments. Kindly note the Nomination Observations below.

3.4 Nomination Observations

These observations were added for transparency purposes. The election process manager did not receive any questions or comments from the ccTLD community regarding any of the observations.

Nomination Observation 1: Templates

Piotr Studziński-Raczyński (.pl) sent an email in support of Katrina's reappointment on Wed Aug 9 10:14:52 UTC 2023 but did not use the template for nominations or secondments as included in the call for nominations.

Nomination Observation 2: Eligibility to Nominate or Second

The Nomination Process Manager received a nomination template by Javier Rúa Jovet, NomCom appointed ccNSO Councillor, who is not representing a ccNSO Member. As per the ccNSO ICANN Board Seat 11 and 12 Nomination Process Guideline, Section 3.4:

“Nominating and seconding of candidate(s) is limited to ccTLD Managers who are members of the ccNSO on the date the call for candidates is published.”

The ccNSO Board Seat Nomination guideline – in contrast to the ccNSO Council Election guideline - does not include explicit reference regarding “Eligibility to Nominate and Second”, and “Eligibility to Vote”. Furthermore, the ccNSO Council Election Guideline specifies that only the Representative from a ccNSO member will be able to nominate and second candidates to serve as a ccNSO Councillor.

Recommendation

The Council is advised to request the Guideline Review Committee to verify if and how the ccNSO Guidelines should be adjusted, to ensure alignment across all nomination procedures.

3.5 Acceptance Nominations

In accordance to the applicable rules and the timeline adopted by Council, Katrina Sataki was nominated, seconded and accepted her nomination for Board seat 12.

4 Due Diligence Verifications

4.1 Start Due Diligence Verifications

The ccNSO Council calculated sufficient time (minimum 3 months) for the due diligence verifications to be completed, prior to the start of the voting rounds by the ccNSO membership.

The candidate warranted, confirmed she is aware of, and consented to:

- The Country of Citizenship or Domicile included in the nomination form.
- Not to hold a position as an official of a national government or a multinational entity (section 7.4 (a) of the ICANN Bylaws;
- Section 7.4 (b) of the ICANN Bylaws;

- Section 7.4 (d) of the ICANN Bylaws;
- Fully cooperate to undergo a due diligence screening by an external provider, which includes providing necessary consent to ICANN to transmit personal data to the due diligence provider.

The candidate explicitly confirmed she consented to the processing of their personal data in accordance with the ICANN [Privacy Policy](#) for the purposes of providing it to the independent provider to conduct due diligence.

4.2 Completion Due Diligence Verifications

ICANN org's legal department informed Alejandra Reynoso and the ccNSO Secretariat on 23 October 2023 that following the due diligence verifications, there are no red flags for the candidate.

5 Question and Answer Session

During ICANN78, Katrina participated in a Question & Answer session moderated by ccNSO Council Vice Chair Biyi Oladipo (.ng). This session provided the ccNSO members and broader ccTLD community an opportunity to interact with the candidate, prior to the start of the elections.

6 Election

6.1 Launch of the election

There was only one candidate: Katrina Sataki. As per the relevant guideline, an election still needed to be held. A formal Election Notice was published on the ccNSO website and shared with the ccNSO members and ccNSO Council mailing lists. The Election Notice contained, among others, the following information:

- The name of the candidate
- Information on how the election would be conducted
- Election opening and closing dates.
- Candidate statement as submitted by the candidate
- A recording to the Q&A session with the ICANN Board Seat 12 candidate
- The timeline approved by the ccNSO Council
- The relevant guideline

The election started on Tuesday, 7 November 2023 (00:01 UTC), according to the timeline previously adopted by the ccNSO Council. The ballots were sent in a timely manner to the Emissaries of the ccNSO Membership.

6.2 Closure of the elections

The election closed on Tuesday, 28 November 2023 (23:59 UTC), according to the timeline previously agreed upon by the ccNSO Council.

6.3 Election Results

Out of 175 Emissaries, 88 (50%) have cast their votes: Katrina Sataki received 81 votes, whereas 6 Emissaries voted for "None of the above". There was one Emissary that voted without selecting any of the options.

When the ballots were distributed, the ccNSO counted 177 members, corresponding to 175 Territories, and therefor 175 Emissaries. As per Section 10.4(e) of the June 2022 ICANN Bylaws, the Emissary is the Representative selected by the ccTLD Manager for the purpose of voting in the specific cases enumerated in Article 10 & Annex B of the ICANN Bylaws and some of the votings as per the ccNSO Internal Rules and Procedures. There was no quorum requirement for this voting.

The results were shared with the ccNSO Council and ccNSO members mailing lists and were published on the ccNSO website.

6.4 Election Observations

The Nomination Process Manager did not notice any election irregularities.

Election Observation 1: Emissaries

The ballots were sent by the e-mail address tally@icann.org, to the e-mail address of the ccNSO Membership Emissaries, as listed in the ccNSO Members database. Repeated reminders to vote were sent to the ccNSO members and ccNSO council mailing lists, as well as via the voting tool. The nomination Manger used various channels to inform and remind the ccNSO members about the nomination process, to ensure all members were aware of the process, inviting them to participate in the voting. Despite these efforts, there are still ccNSO members with outdated Emissary contact details.

Election Observation 2: Placeholders

The Guideline: ccNSO Nominations Process ICANN Board Seats 11 and 12 currently still contains some placeholders, namely:

- 3.1.2 Initiation of Board Seat Nomination process in case of vacancies (Article 7, Section 7.12(a))
- 3.1.3 Initiation of Board Seat Nomination Process when all Directors are recalled (Article 7, Section 7.12(b))

Recommendation

The Council is advised to request the Guideline Review Committee to complete the various guidelines and suggest procedures for the placeholders in the Guideline: ccNSO Nominations Process ICANN Board Seats 11 and 12.

7 Conclusion

The ccNSO has entered voluntary internal arrangement that the ccNSO members, via their Emissaries, shall propose and elect candidates for the ICANN Board seats 11 and 12. As a next step, the ccNSO Council needs to formally nominate the candidate, as per Section 10.3 (i) of the ICANN Bylaws.

By adopting the Nomination Report, the ccNSO Council the nomination process will be formally closed, and the candidate Katrina Sasaki nominated to ICANN Board Seat 12. The Chair of the ccNSO Council will be expected to inform the ECA and ICANN secretary after the ccNSO Council decision has become effective. The Secretariat is requested to publish the report on the ccNSO website.

ANNEX A: Links

- ICANN Board Seat 12 Nomination Process Timeline
<https://ccnso.icann.org/en/workinggroups/timeline-nomination-icann-board-seat-12-2023-06nov23-en.pdf>
- Call for nominations to ICANN Board seat 12
<https://ccnso.icann.org/en/announcements/announcement-18jul23-en.htm>
- ICANN Board resolution from 2 November 2017 regarding the screening of Directors to the Board
<https://www.icann.org/resources/board-material/resolutions-2017-11-02-en#2.c>
- Candidate List & Statement
<https://ccnso.icann.org/en/announcements/announcement-21aug23-en.htm>
- Election Notice
<https://ccnso.icann.org/en/announcements/announcement-06nov23-en.htm>
- Election Results
<https://ccnso.icann.org/en/announcements/announcement-29nov23-en.htm>
- Question and Answer session ICANN78
<https://sched.co/1T4M3>
- ICANN Bylaws, article 7
<https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/governance/bylaws-en/#article7>
- ICANN Bylaws, article 10
<https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/governance/bylaws-en/#article10>
- ccNSO Council Election Guideline
<https://ccnso.icann.org/sites/default/files/field-attached/guideline-ccnso-council-election-procedure-15dec22-en.pdf>
- ccNSO Board Seat 11 and 12 Nomination Guideline
<https://ccnso.icann.org/sites/default/files/field-attached/ccnso-nominations-icann-board-guideline-15dec22-en.pdf>
- ccNSO Membership Internal Rules
<https://ccnso.icann.org/sites/default/files/field-attached/internal-membership-rules-26oct22-en.pdf>
- Nominate & second: archives
<https://mm.icann.org/pipermail/ccnso-boardnominations/>