

# Meeting Minutes

ccNSO Council meeting 207  
Thursday, 18 July 2024 at 12:00 UTC

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## Decisions

- **Resolution 207-01**

The ccNSO Council appoints the following persons who are related to a ccTLD, as members of the Policy Gap Analysis Working Group: Pablo Rodriguez (.pr), Laura Margolis (ALAC Liaison to ccNSO), Abdalmonem Galila (Egypt IDN ccTLD), Laxmi Prasad Yadav (.np), Mirjana Tasić (.rs), Federica Tortorella (LACTLD), Maria Camila Rojas Azula (.co), Diego Ernesto Luna Quevedo (.co), Rocío de la Fuente

(LACTLD), Peter van Roste (CENTR), Erick Iriarte Ahon (.pe), Irina Danelia (.ru/.pф), Eduardo José Tomé Peralta (.hn), Atsushi ENDO (.jp), Jordan Carter (.au), Svetlana Lobanova (.ru/.pф), Pengyu Zhu (.cn), Peter Koch (.de), Sagar Gupta (observer).

- The Council confirms the persons associated with a Regional Organization as liaisons to the Working Group and the ALAC liaison to the Council is confirmed as participant.
- The person who is not associated with a ccTLD, Regional Organization or invited by the chair, may attend the meetings as an observer.
- The secretariat is requested to inform all volunteers according to the designations above and organise the first meeting of the working group as soon as feasible.

The Council appoints Jordan Carter as initial chair of the Working Group. The Working Group is requested to nominate its chair and a vice -chair as soon as possible, after which the Council will appoint those persons.

Finally, the secretariat is requested to publish this resolution as soon as possible on the ccNSO website. This resolution becomes effective upon publication.

- **Resolution 207-02**

At the nomination of the Tech Working Group Niklas Poussette is appointed as vice-chair of the Tech Working Group for a two-year term, and Ondrej Filip, as vice-chair for a three year term.

The ccNSO Council thanks wholeheartedly Jacques Latour for serving as vice-chair, and hopes he will stay involved in the Tech Working Group. The secretariat is requested to inform the Tech WG accordingly and publish this resolution. This resolution becomes effective upon publication.

- **Resolution 207-03**

The ccNSO Council adopts the proposed timeline for the ccNSO Council Elections 2025 as circulated to the Council on 12 July 2024, and requests the secretariat to publish this timeline and resolution as soon as possible to inform the community accordingly.

The ccNSO Council appoints Joke Braeken, ccNSO Secretariat, as the Election Process Manager.

In accordance with the adopted timeline the ccNSO Council launches the ccNSO Council Election Process and requests the Election Process Manager to open the call for Nominations on 1 October 2024.

This decision becomes effective immediately upon publication.

## Action items

- **Action item 207-01:**

Peter Koch will provide a written report to Council regarding RSS GWG developments. If actions are needed, the Secretariat is requested to reflect this in the agenda for the next Council meeting.

- **Action item 207-02:**

The secretariat is requested to ensure the RSS GWG updates are included in the monthly written updates.

- **Action item 207-03:**

Jordan Carter will prepare a draft plenary session proposal for ICANN 81 on the WSIS+20 strategy.

- **Action item 207-04:**

Alejandra Reynoso will inform the ICANN planning team that a plenary session proposal for ICANN 81 on the WSIS+20 strategy is forthcoming.

- **Action item 207-05:**

The Secretariat shall inform all volunteers of the outcome of the Council's decision to appoint the volunteers and the initial Chair of the PGA WG and shall publish the decision as soon as possible.

- **Action item 207-06:**

The Secretariat shall send a draft resolution for online decision to Council, regarding the appointment of Chris Disspain (Council), Nick Wenban-Smith (.uk) as members of the ccNSO PGA WG, and Peter Van Roste (CENTR) as Liaison.

- **Action item 207-07:**

The Secretariat shall inform all volunteers about the outcome of the Council's decision to appoint the Tech WG Vice Chairs and shall publish the decision as soon as possible.

- **Action item 207-08:**

The Secretariat shall publish the Council decision to adopt the Council election timeline and the appointment of the Election Process Manager as soon as possible.

- **Action item 207-09:**

Secretariat and Councillors to draft letter on deferral 3rd CSC Effectiveness Review and to revisit decision in 1 year. To be shared with the Council in 2 weeks, in time for the next Council meeting.

- **Action Item 207-10:**

The Travel Funding Committee, with assistance from the secretariat, should propose updates to the ccNSO travel funding process, using the ccNSO Continuous Improvement Framework. The committee should provide an update on progress by the next Council meeting, and with

aspiration to conclude the update by the next round of travel funding requests (for ICANN82 or ICANN83).

- **Action Item 207-11:**

A Council drafting team will prepare a draft response to the request for input on the “how we meet” paper. The proposed draft will be circulated by 26 July 2024 to Council for review and adoption.

- **Action Item 207-12:**

Sean Copeland is requested to circulate background materials and questions to Council. Councillors are requested to respond in a timely manner.

- **Action Item 207-13:**

Alejandra Reynoso will circulate the initial draft of the ICANN81 ccNSO block schedule to the Council mailing list.

## Attendees

### Africa

- Ali Hadji Mmadi, .km
- Biyi Oladipo, .ng (Vice-Chair)
- Molehe Wesi, .za

### Asia/Australia/Pacific

- Jordan Carter, .au (Vice-Chair)
- Ai-Chin Lu
- Jiankang Yao, .cn

### Europe

- Chris Disspain
- Peter Koch, .de
- Nick Wenban-Smith, .uk

### Latin America/ Caribbean

- Demi Getschko, .br
- Jenifer Lopez, .pa
- Alejandra Reynoso (Chair)

### North America

- Sean Copeland, .vi
- Stephen Deerhake, .as
- Pablo Rodriguez, .pr

### NomCom appointed Councillors

- Olga Cavalli
- Wafa Dahmani

Tatiana Tropina

Liaisons to ccNSO, appointed by ALAC and GNSO

- Desiree Miloshevic, GNSO liaison to ccNSO Council
- Laura Margolis, ALAC liaison to ccNSO Council

ICANN Staff

- Joke Braeken
- Bart Boswinkel
- Claudia Ruiz

Invited Guests

- None

Apologies received

Joke Braeken  
Wafa Dahmani  
Molehe Wesi

Background and supporting documents

- Council workspace for this meeting:  
<https://community.icann.org/x/7QAZew>
- ccNSO correspondence: statements and responses:  
<https://ccnso.icann.org/en/about/statements.htm>

Agenda

**1. Welcome and roll call**

Welcome by Alejandra Reynoso, the Chair of the ccNSO.  
There are no objections to the proposed agenda as circulated.

***a. Establish whether meeting is Quorate***

Claudia Ruiz, ccNSO Secretariat, confirmed the meeting was quorate as soon as Biyi Oladipo joined during agenda item 8.

***b. Update Statement of Interest***

No updates were disclosed.

**Administrative matters**

## 2. Relevant Correspondence

See item 10.3 on this agenda: the Council letter to ICANN regarding ICANN's WSIS+20 strategy

## 3. Minutes & Action Items

### *a. Minutes Meeting 206: Circulated 26 June 2024*

The prior meeting's minutes are approved.

### *b. Action items*

All action items are completed. No questions or comments were raised regarding these agenda items. Action Item 206-04 was discussed during the meeting.

- Action Item 206-01 (Completed) - Regarding the approval of the Board Report on the Proposed Policy on the (de-)selection of IDNccTLD strings and related variants:
  - The Secretariat is requested to publish this decision as soon as possible on the ccNSO website and inform the ccNSO membership accordingly.
  - The Council Chair is requested to submit the Board Report to the Chair of the ICANN Board of Directors as soon as possible after publication of this resolution.
- Action Item 206-02 (Completed) - Regarding the ccNSO FY25-26 Portfolio of ccNSO activities:
  - The Secretariat is requested to publish the Portfolio on the ccNSO website.
  - The ccNSO Triage Committee is requested to review and update the Portfolio quarterly.Additionally, the ccNSO Council Triage Committee is requested to add resourcing – volunteers and staff - to the FY25-26 Portfolio of ccNSO activities.
- Action Item 206-03 (Completed) - The ccNSO Secretariat is requested to publish the decision to adopt the proposed charter for the ccNSO Policy Gap Analysis Working Group as soon as possible and take all the necessary steps to establish the working group.
- Action Item 206-04 (Completed - see item 11 on the agenda) - The ccNSO Secretariat is requested to take all necessary steps regarding the launch of a call for volunteers or expression of interest, for the following roles:
  - Members ccNSO Policy Gap Analysis Working Group (PGA WG)
  - At least three (3) and maximum six (6) Council members to the ccNSO Onboarding and Mentoring Committee (OMC), including one (1) NomCom appointed Councillor and one member from the broader ccTLD community
  - One (1) ccNSO appointed liaison to ALAC
  - One (1) ccNSO appointed liaison to GNSO Council
  - One (1) ccNSO appointed liaison to UASG
  - One (1) ccNSO delegate to NomCom
  - One (1) ccNSO Member and one (1) Alternate to Customer Standing Committee (CSC)

- Action Item 206-05 (Completed) - Council is expected to prepare a Council statement regarding ICANN's role in the coordination efforts by the technical community, in support of the Multistakeholder Model.

#### **4. Intermeeting Decisions (since meeting 206, June 2024)**

- a. 206-A**  
Order of preference candidates Pilot Holistic Review.
- b. 206-B**  
Approval timeline Councillors 360 evaluation
- c. 206-C**  
Approval of Council statement regarding ICANN's role in the coordination efforts by the technical community, in support of the Multistakeholder Model

Alejandra Reynoso, Council Chair, gave a heads up about the upcoming next round of Council 360 reviews, and invites all Council members to respond to the survey. Councillors under review are Biyi Oladipo, Jordan Carter, Nick Wenban-smith, Demi Getschko, Pablo Rodriguez. No questions or comments were raised regarding this agenda item.

#### **5. Intermeeting Decisions Triage Committee**

No decisions were made since the last meeting.  
No questions or comments were raised regarding this agenda item.

#### **Updates**

#### **6. Update ECA, IFRT & CSC**

Written updates were provided. No questions or comments were raised regarding this agenda item.

#### **7. Update WGs**

- a. DASC**
- b. GRC**
- c. IGLC**
- d. MPC**
- e. SOPC**
- f. Technical WG**
- g. TLD-OPS Standing Committee**
- h. UAC**
- i. IRP Panel selection**
- j. CCG WS2 Implementation**
- k. CIP-CCG**
- l. Prioritization Framework group**

Peter Koch, one of the 2 ccNSO appointees to the RSS GWG, provided an oral update on the latest work by the Root Server System Governance Working Group (RSS GWG), referring to the challenges in finding sufficient and qualified candidates for the steering group, once the proposed structure has been adopted by all.

- ***Action item 207-01:***

Peter Koch will provide a written report to Council regarding RSS GWG developments. If actions are needed, the Secretariat is requested to reflect this in the agenda for the next Council meeting.

- ***Action item 207-02:***

The secretariat is requested to ensure the RSS GWG updates are included in the monthly written updates.

Alejandra noted that from now onwards also the newly created PGA will be included in the written updates.

## **8. Update liaisons**

- a. Update ALAC Liaison***
- b. Update GNSO Liaison***
- c. Update UASG Liaison***

These were provided as written updates, if any. No questions or comments were raised regarding this agenda item.

## **9. Update ccNSO Website redesign**

Alejandra Reynoso mentioned the wireframing phase kicked off. No questions or comments were raised regarding this agenda item.

## **10. Update Chair, Vice-chairs, Councillors, Regional Organisations and Secretariat**

- a. ICANN81 Planning Call (Block schedule, plenary topics)***

Alejandra Reynoso mentioned ICANN org shared a draft block schedule and referred to discussions about the ccNSO block schedule under agenda item 17, including considerations regarding submitting a proposal for a plenary session.

- b. Takeaway meetings with GNSO Council***

Alejandra Reynoso briefed Council on the discussions regarding the deferral of the CSC Effectiveness Review, the kick-off of the ccNSO Policy Gap Analysis Working Group, workload management, concerns regarding the SO/AC leaders role in the "how we meet" discussion, and finally ICANN's WSIS+20 strategy. To be determined whether there will be a potential joint



session with the GNSO Council at ICANN 81 or online. Topics for discussion might include WSIS+20, how we meet, and the CSC Review.

### **c. WSIS+20 Conversation**

Councillors after the meeting in Kigali felt that ICANN org needed a more proactive approach in defense of the multistakeholder model, and in its support to the community. Following the 15 July Council letter to ICANN org, Alejandra Reynoso briefed Council regarding the conversation a subset of Councillors had with Sally Costerton, ICANN Interim CEO and ICANN org staff members. ICANN org acknowledged the concerns raised by Council. Staff will provide a summary of the discussions, for Council review.

Jordan Carter, Council Vice Chair, stressed the urgency of the request, especially in light of the January commitments by ICANN org in this respect. Jordan suggests organising a plenary session at ICANN 81 to showcase successful engagement. Chris Disspain is concerned that actions are deferred until the plenary is being held, and raised the idea to address the topic during the geopolitical session at ICANN 81. Jordan recognises the risk, and mentioned that the way the proposal is framed is key.

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No further questions or comments were raised regarding this agenda item, and no further updates were provided.

### **Administrative Matters - Discussions & Decisions**

- **Appointment members to committees and working groups**

- **Progress Selection CSC member and alternate**

Alejandra Reynoso referred to the call for volunteers. The CSC Selection Committee will soon need to select the candidate and coordinate with the RySG.

- **Approval appointment members Policy Gap Analysis Working Group**

Alejandra Reynoso referred to the good response to the call for volunteers, and the webinar to promote the launch of the call for volunteers. Alejandra mentioned the requirements for appointment as stipulated in the charter, and asked Jordan Carter to be the inaugural chair of the PGA WG. Jordan accepted

Chris Disspain and Nick Wenban-Smith added that they would also like to volunteer as members of the PGA WG.

The ccNSO Council adopted the decision to appoint the volunteers and the initial chair to the PGA WG. The resolution was moved by Pablo Rodriguez, seconded by Jordan Carter. No further questions or comments were raised regarding this agenda item.

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- **Schedule other calls for volunteers/expression of interest**

Alejandra Reynoso provides an update regarding the timing for the next calls for volunteers and Eol.

No further questions or comments were raised regarding this agenda item.

- **Tech Working group appointment of Vice Chairs**

Stephen Deerhake, Council liaison to Tech WG, provided a written update. The ccNSO Council adopted the decision to appoint the Tech WG Vice-Chairs. The resolution was moved by Pablo Rodriguez, seconded by Jordan Carter.

- **Resolution 207-02**

At the nomination of the Tech Working Group Niklas Poussette is appointed as vice-chair of the Tech Working Group for a two-year term, and Ondrej Filip, as vice-chair for a three year term. The ccNSO Council thanks wholeheartedly Jacques Latour for serving as vice-chair, and hopes he will stay involved in the Tech Working Group. The secretariat is requested to inform the Tech WG accordingly and publish this resolution. This resolution becomes effective upon publication.

No further questions or comments were raised regarding this agenda item.

- **Action item 207-07:**

The Secretariat shall inform all volunteers about the outcome of the Council's decision to appoint the Tech WG Vice Chairs and shall publish the decision as soon as possible.

- **2025 annual Council election: approval timeline and appointment Election Process Manager**

The ccNSO Council adopted the proposed timeline for the Council election and appoints the Election Process Manager. The resolution was moved by Pablo Rodriguez, seconded by Peter Koch. No further questions or comments were raised regarding this agenda item.

- **Resolution 207-03**

The ccNSO Council adopts the proposed timeline for the ccNSO Council Elections 2025 as circulated to the Council on 12 July 2024, and requests the secretariat to publish this timeline and resolution as soon as possible to inform the community accordingly.

The ccNSO Council appoints Joke Braeken, ccNSO Secretariat, as the Election Process Manager.

In accordance with the adopted timeline the ccNSO Council launches the ccNSO Council Election Process and requests the Election Process Manager to open the call for Nominations on 1 October 2024.

This decision becomes effective immediately upon publication.

- **Action item 207-08:**

The Secretariat shall publish the Council decision to adopt the Council election timeline and the appointment of the Election Process Manager as soon as possible.

## **Substantive Matters - Discussions & Decisions**

- **3rd CSC Effectiveness Review: how to handle the review**

Alejandra Reynoso refers to the discussions and rationale in support by CSC and GNSO Council for deferring the CSC review. The ccNSO and GNSO Council will draft a joint letter to be adopted in August, stating that the Councils defer the 3rd CSC Effectiveness Review. Alejandra asks for volunteers for the drafting team. Olga Cavalli volunteered. No further questions or comments were raised regarding this agenda item.

- **Action item 207-09:**

Secretariat and Councillors to draft letter on deferral 3rd CSC Effectiveness Review and to revisit decision in 1 year. To be shared with the Council in 2 weeks, in time for the next Council meeting.

- **Review Travel Funding**

Peter Koch provided an update regarding the latest travel fund committee meeting, when the committee discussed the distribution of the slots for ICANN 81, and suggested using the framework for continuous improvement to review the travel funding process. No further questions or comments were raised regarding this agenda item.

- **Action Item 207-10:**

The Travel Funding Committee, with assistance from the secretariat, should propose updates to the ccNSO travel funding process, using the ccNSO Continuous Improvement Framework. The committee should provide an update on progress by the next Council meeting, and with aspiration to conclude the update by the next round of travel funding requests (for ICANN82 or ICANN83).

- **Discussion on ICANN's "How we meet" initiative**

Alejandra Reynoso referred to the discussion paper circulated by Mary Wong, ICANN org. The paper includes 3 elements: why we have the discussion, what the process and timeline looks like, and which topics should be considered. The topic was also an agenda item during the joint meeting between ccNSO and GNSO Councils. Alejandra referred to concerns regarding the process, and the limited role of the SO/AC chairs, which was raised previously with ICANN org. Chris Disspain referred to the previous reviews of the meeting strategy and that the right environment to discuss this should be a cross-community environment, with sufficient time to provide a response.

Nick Wenban-Smith raised environmental sustainability concerns regarding ICANN public meetings, which should ideally be reflected into the meeting strategy. This was missing from the paper in his view.

Jordan Carter agreed that "how we meet" should be addressed by a meeting strategy working group, taking into account various factors, such as costs, effectiveness, environment, and volunteer time.

Alejandra concluded that a letter should be sent to ICANN org, stating that firstly, the SO/AC chairs should not be the sole forum for consultations regarding high-impact matters, secondly, the timeline should allow SO/ACs to consult with community members, and thirdly the letter

could include proposed alternatives on how the process could look. Several Council members (Jordan Carter, Chris Disspain, Alejandra Reynoso, Sean Copeland and Nick Wenban-Smith) volunteered to prepare an initial draft of such a letter, for review and approval by Council. No further questions or comments were raised regarding this agenda item.

- **Action Item 207-11:**

A Council drafting team will prepare a draft response to the request for input on the “how we meet” paper. The proposed draft will be circulated by 26 July 2024 to Council for review and adoption.

- **Continuous Improvement Program Cross Community Group (CIP-CCG)**

Sean Copeland and Irina Danelia, ccNSO appointees to the CIP CCG, provided an update on progress to date and issues for potential council consideration on the proposed general framework for continuous improvement.

- **Action Item 207-12:**

Sean Copeland is requested to circulate background materials and questions to Council. Councillors are requested to respond in a timely manner.

- **Tentative ccNSO block schedule ICANN 81**

Due to time constraints, Alejandra Reynoso suggested circulating the initial draft of the ICANN81 ccNSO block schedule to the Council mailing list.

- **Action Item 207-13:**

Alejandra Reynoso will circulate the initial draft of the ICANN81 ccNSO block schedule to the Council mailing list.

- **AOB**

There were no items for discussion

- **Next Council Meetings**

22 August 2024 | 18:00 UTC, Meeting 208  
19 September 2024 | 12:00 UTC, Meeting 209  
17 October 2024 | 21:00 UTC, Meeting 210  
14 November 2024 | time TBD, Meeting 211 (at ICANN 81)  
12 December 2024 | 12:00 UTC, Meeting 212  
16 January 2025 | 18:00 UTC, Meeting 213  
13 February 2025 | 12:00 UTC, Meeting 214

- **Adjourn**