# Cross Community Working Group on the Use of Country and Territory Names (CCWG-UCTN)

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# Background

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- The Cross-Community Working Group on Use of Country and Territory Names (CCWG-UCTN) was established in 2014

- The GNSO and ccNSO are both Chartering Organizations for the CCWG, though participation extended to other community groups (e.g., GAC, ALAC, etc.)

# What's this CCWG about?

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# What's this CCWG about?

- The purpose of CCWG:
  - Determine whether a harmonized framework for the use of country and territory names is feasible
  - If so, develop such a harmonized framework

- The scope of the CCWG is limited to country and territory names as listed on or eligible to be listed on ISO 3166-1
  - E.g., 2 letter, 3 letter, full name

# What's the current status of this CCWG?

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# What's the current status of this CCWG?

- CCWG considered 2 and 3 letter country codes:
  - 2-letter strings - Preliminary consensus in support of status quo; exclusively reserved for ccTLDs
  - 3-letter codes on the ISO 3166-1 list – wide range of views, unable to reach consensus
  - Did not discuss full names

- Conclusion CCWG - harmonized framework is not feasible:
  - Multiple parallel work stream ongoing in the community, should be combined (GAC WG, New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP WG)
  - CCWG's mandate/scope is too limited
  - No clear connection between CCWG and Policy Develop Process (ccNSO and/or GNSO)

# CCWG-UCTN Recommendations

- A substantial majority of the members supported the following recommendations to chartering organizations (ccNSO & GNSO):
    1. Close this CCWG: No harmonized framework feasible under current circumstances
    2. ICANN community advised to consolidate all policy efforts relating to geographic names (as that term has traditionally very broadly been defined in the ICANN environment to this point) to enable in-depth analyses and discussions on all aspects related to all geographic-related names.
    3. Future policy development work must facilitate an all-inclusive dialogue to ensure that all members of the community have the opportunity to participate.

- No consensus with respect to recommended course on how to organize future work (i.e. how to effectuate recommendation 2).

# CCWG-UCTN Report

- ⊙ Published Interim Report for public comment on 24 February
  - ○ Received 15 comments related to the recommendations of the CCWG, the text of the Interim Report, as well as input related to 2-letter, 3-letter, and full names of country and territories as TLDs

- ⊙ Integrated comments and completed Final Report in June of 2017
  - ○ Sent to ccNSO and GNSO, as chartering organizations, for next steps

# What are the next steps?

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# What are the next steps

- ⊙ ccNSO and GNSO Councils will consider the Final Report
    - ○ Currently, still in consideration by the respective Councils

- ⊙ Feedback/input will be integrated into the Final Report

# How to get involved

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# How to get involved

- The CCWG-UCTN is essentially closed at this point, so participation in this particular working group not possible

- However, there is more work to be done on the topic of country and territory names, or possibly more broadly, geographic names. The community needs to determine how it will work together:
  - Work Track 5 in New gTLD Subsequent Procedures?
  - Different CCWG with a new charter?

# Q&A

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