

# ccNSO meeting strategy review: BACKGROUND PAPER

## About this review

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This review is to assess the duration and shape of the ccNSO Members Meetings. It might lead to recommendations to change how ccNSO Members Meetings work.

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In January 2016, the ccNSO Council approved a [recommendation by the ccNSO Meeting Programme Working Group](#), to hold three (3) ccNSO Members Meetings a year. This recommendation is currently being revised, as part of the review of the ccNSO meeting strategy. The review is conducted by the [ccNSO Meeting Strategy Working Group](#), according to the [Terms of Reference](#) as approved by the ccNSO Council, and based on a consultation with the broader ccTLD community.

The intent of the ccNSO meeting strategy review is to consider whether the current ccNSO meeting strategy, under the overall framework of the ICANN meeting strategy, is adequate and provides a sound basis for the ccNSO to perform its work as envisioned. This review is limited to the ccNSO meeting strategy only. The overall ICANN meeting strategy is not part of this review. Specifically, the ccNSO Meeting Strategy review focuses on:

1. Review goals and formats of the ICANN public Meetings, and review how the ccNSO sessions fit in.
2. Consider other formats for the ccNSO members meetings
3. Establish the need, or lack thereof, to have a ccNSO members meeting in every ICANN Meeting.
4. Consider how best to encourage sharing of ideas and developing relationships between ccNSO members and participants

## About the ICANN Meeting strategy

Consult the overall ICANN meeting strategy here: <https://meetings.icann.org/en/future-meeting-strategy>

The focus and length of ICANN's triannual public meetings was defined as follows:

1. **Community Forum** (Current Duration: 6 Days)
  - Timing of this meeting would be the first meeting in the three-meeting annual cycle
  - There were no recommendations for change to the duration of the Community Forum.
2. **Policy Forum** (Current Duration: 4 Days)
  - Timing of this meeting would be the second meeting in the three-meeting annual cycle
  - Focused on SO/AC policy development work as well as cross community interaction and outreach

- Input suggests one additional day dedicated to outreach should be added for the mid-year Policy Forum for a total of five days.

### 3. Annual General Meeting (Current Duration: 7 Days)

- Timing of this meeting would be the third meeting in the three-meeting annual cycle and would include the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and would have a focus on showcasing ICANN’s work to a broader global audience.
- Days should be optimized to allow some groups to conduct their activities over a shorter duration within the overall meeting timeframe.
- Two potential recommendations for the Annual General Meeting:
  - Keep the Annual General Meeting to seven days, but reorganize the work so that there is better use of participants’ time on day seven.
  - Or
  - Reduce the official dates published for the Annual General Meetings to six days, while keeping day seven available for the community to hold internal working meetings and wrap-ups.

A recent [Public Comment](#) (closed on 01 February 2018) sought community input on proposed incremental changes to the current strategy for ICANN Public Meetings. ICANN.org will provide community leaders with a summary of feedback received from this public comment proceeding to facilitate a final decision on proposed incremental changes to the current strategy for ICANN Public Meetings.

## About the ccNSO meeting distribution at ICANN meetings

### Community Forum

- Total duration of the meeting is 6 days
- The ccNSO meetings are limited to 4 days (highlighted in yellow)
- ccNSO Council related activities that only take place at the Community Forum:
  - New ccNSO councilors take their seats at the ccNSO Council.
  - Chair and vice-chairs of the ccNSO Council are elected at the face-to-face council meeting.

	DAY1: SAT	DAY 2: SUN	DAY 3: MON	DAY 4: TUE	DAY 5: WED	DAY 6: THU
Overall ICANN	Board committees, intra-community work, outreach	Board committees, intra-community work, newcomers	Welcome ceremony, high-interest topics, GDD track, public forum 1	High interest topics, GDD track, SO/AC reports to the community, intra-intercommunity work	High interest topics, GDD track, SO/AC reports to the community, intra-inter community work	Intra-community work and wrap-ups, public forum 2, public board meeting
ccNSO specific		ccNSO WG meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tech Day</li> <li>• ccNSO WG meetings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ccNSO Members Meeting, day 1</li> <li>• ccNSO Cocktail</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ccNSO Members Meeting Day 2</li> <li>• ccNSO Council meeting</li> </ul>	

## Policy Forum

- total duration of the meeting is 4 days
- the ccNSO meetings take place over all 4 days (highlighted in yellow)

	DAY1: MON	DAY 2: TUE	DAY 3: WED	DAY 4: THU
Overall ICANN	outreach	intra-community work	intra-community work	Inter-community work
ccNSO specific	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ccNSO WG meetings</li> <li>• Tech Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ccNSO Members Meeting day 1</li> <li>• ccNSO cocktail</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ccNSO Members Meeting, day 2</li> <li>• ccNSO Council meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PDP WG meeting</li> </ul>

## Annual General Meeting (AGM)

- total duration of the meeting is 7 days
- the ccNSO meetings are limited to 5 days (highlighted in yellow)
- ccNSO Council related activities that only take place at the AGM: In case of elections, a Q&A-session with candidates to the ccNSO Council is being held during the ccNSO Members Meeting.

	DAY1: SAT	DAY 2: SUN	DAY 3: MON	DAY 4: TUE	DAY 5: WED	DAY 6: THU	DAY7: FRI
Overall ICANN	Board committees, intra-community work, outreach	Board committees, intra-community work, newcomers	Welcome ceremony, high-interest topics, GDD track, public forum 1	High interest topics, GDD track, SO/AC reports to the community, intra-intercommunity work	High interest topics, GDD track, SO/AC reports to the community, intra-inter community work	Intra-community work and wrap-ups, public forum 2, public board meeting	Intra-community work, wrap-ups
ccNSO specific		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ccNSO WG meetings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tech Day</li> <li>• ccNSO WG meetings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ccNSO Members Meeting, day 1</li> <li>• ccNSO Cocktail</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ccNSO Members Meeting Day 2</li> <li>• ccNSO Council meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PDP retirement WG</li> </ul>	

## Next steps

An initial report with proposed recommendations by the ccNSO Meeting Strategy review Working Group will be published for comments prior to ICANN61. A further session to consult the ccTLD community will be organised at the [ccNSO Members Meeting](#) in San Juan. Where needed, the recommendations by the Working Group will be adjusted, and submitted for approval to the ccNSO Council, after ICANN61.