

Specific Requirements for the NomCom appointee to the ccNSO Council

Background Information

The ICANN Bylaws do not set any specific requirements for NomCom appointees to the ccNSO Council. During a call between the Nominating Committee (NomCom) and the Chair of the ccNSO, leadership of the NomCom reiterated the need for regular information exchange and closer collaboration between the two groups in order to explore the needs of the ccNSO with respect to positions filled in by the NomCom. The NomCom stressed the value of ccNSO input on additional requirements from a ccNSO perspective for appointing NomCom appointees to the ccNSO Council.

The Country Code Names Supporting Organisation (ccNSO) is a body within the ICANN structure created for and by ccTLD managers. The ccNSO provides a platform to nurture consensus, technical cooperation and skill building among country code Top Level Domain registries (ccTLDs) and facilitates the development of voluntary best practices for ccTLD managers.

It is also responsible for developing and recommending global policies to the ICANN Board for a limited set of issues relating to ccTLDs, such as the introduction of Internationalised Domain Name ccTLDs (IDN ccTLDs).

The ccNSO Council is a well-balanced in terms of regional and ccTLD representation: it is made up by 15 Councillors elected by the ccNSO membership (3 from each ICANN Geographic Region). Additional 3 Councillors are appointed by the Nominating Committee and they add a non-ccTLD perspective to the work of the ccNSO Council. Further, the Regional ccTLD Organisations (AFTLD, APTLD, CENTR and LACTLD) have all appointed an observer to the ccNSO Council. The observers actively participate in the work of the ccNSO Council though do not participate in voting.

Requirements for NomCom Appointees

To maintain the current balance of the ccNSO Council and add the necessary diversity of skills and views, the ccNSO Council advises the Nominating Committee not to appoint members who are directly or indirectly associated with a ccTLD manager (either as a Board member, employee or advisor) nor Board member or employee of a Regional Organisation.

As the NomCom appointed Councillors actively participate in the work of ccNSO committees and working groups, the following skills would be beneficial:

- General knowledge about ICANN, its mission and structure,
- Experience with non-for-profit organisations,
- Experience with evaluating candidates,
- Experience with policy work.

Further, the NomCom is advised that the candidate should be able to commit sufficient time, i.e., 2-3 hours a week plus face-to-face meetings three times a year (ICANN meetings) to the work of the ccNSO.