Why are ccTLDs important?

7 of the top 10 largest TLDs are ccTLDs: .com, .cn, .de, .net, .uk, .org, .nl, .ru, .br. and .au
Composition of the ccNSO

**ccNSO Members**: ccTLD managers that have agreed in writing to be so.

**ccNSO Council**: administers and coordinates the affairs of the ccNSO.
176 ccNSO members (August 2023)

- Europe: 47
- Asia/Australia/Pacific: 54
- Africa: 40
- Latin America/Caribbean islands: 29
- North America: 6
What does the ccNSO Council do?

- Administers and coordinates the affairs of the ccNSO.
- Manages the development of policy recommendations.
- The Councilors are actively involved in:
  - Setting the course of the ccNSO
  - Leading and participating in various ccNSO working groups
  - Engaging the community in topical issues
  - Developing positions based on community input
What it means to be a councillor?

Time  
Knowledge  
Experience
What it means to be a councillor?

- On-boarding sessions
- Teleconferences
- Face-to-face meetings
- Prep-sessions
- Workshops
- Extra work
What it means to be a councillor?

Average time commitment: 4-6 hours a week

Travel support to meetings:
- 1 Councillor per region per meeting
- Economy class ticket, hotel, per diem
What does it mean to be a Councillor?

- **Review** documents
- **Discuss** position
- **Prepare** statements
- **Vote** in meetings or online
What does it mean to be a Councillor?

Diversity of views, skills & experience is what makes the ccNSO stronger.
Council Committees

Read the latest on https://community.icann.org/x/40ciCw

Council Triage Committee
• Prioritisation of incoming requests and Council work plan

Outreach & Involvement Standing Committee
• Community onboarding and outreach (pending review)
• Travel Funding: addressed by Council sub-team

Selection committees and other smaller ad hoc teams

Roles & responsibilities: https://ccnso.icann.org/en/about/guidelines.htm
ccNSO policy development

- **ccPDP3 Retirement** of ccTLDs [Awaits implementation]
- **ccPDP3 Review Mechanism** [Board Report submitted]
  for decisions pertaining to:
  - delegation,
  - transfer,
  - revocation and
  - retirement of ccTLDs
- **ccPDP4 IDN** [Initial Report out for Public Comments]
  to define the criteria, process, and procedures for (de)selecting Internationalized Domain Name country code Top Level Domain strings (IDN ccTLDs)
  - The results of this ccPDP4 will eventually replace ICANN’s IDN ccTLD Fast Track Process.
Working Groups and Committees

http://ccnso.icann.org/workinggroups

- Universal Acceptance Committee (UAC) - New!
- DNS Abuse Standing Committee (DASC)
- Meetings Programme Committee (MPC)
- Guidelines Review Committee (GRC)
- ccNSO Internet Governance Liaison Committee (IGLC)
- Strategic and Operational Planning Committee (SOPC)
- Outreach and Involvement Standing Committee (OISC)
- Technical Working Group (Tech Day)
- TLD-OPS Standing Committee (TLD-OPS)
Who sits on the Council?

- Individuals elected in their personal capacity and serve the ccTLD community.
- Councillors do not represent the views and interests of their employers.
Who can be a Councillor?

Anyone who has been:

1) **nominated** by a ccNSO member
2) **seconded** by a ccNSO member (same region)
3) **accepted** the nomination
4) **elected** by ccNSO members (from that region, if needed)
Election Timeline

- **Nominations & Secondments**: 12 Sep - 3 Oct
- **Acceptance of Nominations**: 11 Oct
- **List of Candidates**: 12 Oct
- **ICANN 78 Q&A with candidates**: 26 Oct
- **Elections (if any)**: 9 Nov - 30 Nov
- **Term Starts**: End of ICANN 79
Recommended reading

Guideline: ccNSO Council Roles and Responsibilities
- https://go.icann.org/3u1zCJz

Guideline: ccNSO Council Practices
- https://go.icann.org/3tX9u2K

All guidelines:
https://ccnso.icann.org/en/about/guidelines.htm
ICANN 78 links to bookmark now

ccNSO Schedule
https://community.icann.org/x/doDxDg

ccNSO Session Highlights
https://community.icann.org/x/K4LxDg
Thank you!

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