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Apply now: the ccNSO seeks volunteers

ccNSO Liaison to GNSO

Maarten Simon (.nl) informed Council he intends to step down as ccNSO appointed Liaison to the the Generic names Supporting Organisation (GNSO). The ccNSO now launches a call for volunteers among ccTLD community representatives to fill the vacancy.
Closure: 9 May 2023 (23:59 UTC)

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Second IANA Naming Function Review (IFR) Team

Following a recent request from ICANN org, the ccNSO now seeks three (3) volunteers for the the second IANA Naming Function Review (IFR) team. The IFR is an accountability mechanism required by ICANN's Bylaws to ensure that Public Technical Identifiers (PTI) meets the needs and expectations of its naming customers.
Closure: 9 May 2023 (23:59 UTC)

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Delegate to 2024 NomCom

ccNSO Council is now looking for one (1) volunteer to serve on the 2024 ICANN Nominating Committee (NomCom) on behalf of the ccNSO. Sophie Mitchell (.au) has served a first one-year term on the NomCom. She is eligible to serve another term.
Closure: 12 May 2023

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Keep informed about the work of the ccNSO

In preparation of each ccNSO Council meeting, a written update regarding the work by the various working groups and committees is drafted. It includes information about the current status, next steps and what the activities are about.
The April 2023 edition is out now.

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Call for presentations: ICANN77 Tech Day

This is a reminder that the Tech Working Group is accepting applications for presentations at ICANN77 Tech Day, on technical topics related to security, and registry and DNS work.

The group is especially interested in:

1. DNSSEC, within the African (!) Region and with regards to SHA-1 Transition
2. DNS Abuse Prevention and Mitigation Tools
3. Best (security) management practices, lines of defense, to protect Registries from bad actors, attacks or malware, or even reports of failures

In addition, the group welcomes suggestions for additional topics

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Review Mechanism policy for ccTLDs

We need you to vote!

To meet the quorum, more members need to vote

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Will the ccNSO members accept Council's recommendation to adopt the policy?

ccPDP3-RM Vote| What is this about?

The ongoing ccNSO vote is to determine whether the ccNSO membership supports the ccNSO Council recommendation to adopt the proposed policy, which will introduce a review mechanism with respect to decisions pertaining to the delegation, transfer, revocation and retirement of the delegated ccTLDs. It offers ccTLD managers, and applicants for new ccTLDs - as direct customers of the IANA Naming Function - an independent review mechanism for specifically identified IANA Function Operator (IFO) decisions, and it increases the predictability and legitimacy of those decisions. In developing the proposed policy, the ccPDP3 Review Mechanism working group ensured that the following objectives were met: low cost, fast and fundamentally fair.

Consult the FAQ

Status update

Voting closes on Tuesday, 9 May 2023 (23:59 UTC). At least 50% of the Emissaries (87) need to lodge their votes, and at least 66% of the votes cast need to be in favour. Only if the ccNSO Membership votes in favour of the Council recommendation, the policy recommendations will be submitted to the ICANN Board of Directors for their consideration.

Vote: status update on Friday, 28 April 2023
Total Ballots Cast (including duplicates): 70
Ballots Counted (excluding duplicates): 69
Voters Who Haven't Voted: 104

First IDN ccTLD joins the ccNSO as a member

Interview with Abdalmonem Galila

Abdalmonem currently holds the position of Numbering Planning Manager at the National Telecom Regulatory Authority of Egypt.

Last month, the National Telecommunication Regulatory Authority (NTRA) of Egypt officially joined the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) as a member. This is an important milestone in the history of the ccNSO: Since its creation 20 years ago, NTRA is the very first manager of an Internationalized Domain Name (IDN) country code top-level domain (ccTLD) to join.

The Numbering Affairs department is responsible for operating and maintaining the "مصر." (Pronounced .masr), the Internationalised Domain Name (IDN) ccTLD of Egypt.

Abdalmonem is the first-ever recipient of ICANN's Tarek Kamel Fellowship Recognition. In this interview, he shares what the ccTLD is doing to promote IDNs, and Universal Acceptance. He also explains why they joined the ccNSO.
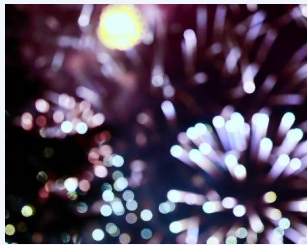
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The inclusion of an IDN ccTLD in the ccNSO reflects the growing importance of IDN ccTLDs and the increasing recognition of their role in enabling linguistic and cultural diversity on the Internet. It is the result of meaningful work by the ccTLD community, starting with the discussions on IDN ccTLDs in 2006, the launch of the Fast Track Process in 2009 and finally the ICANN Bylaws Amendments in 2022 which enabled IDN ccTLDs to become ccNSO members.

Membership of the ccNSO is open to all ccTLD managers. A ccTLD manager is the organization or entity responsible for managing a ccTLD and listed as such in the IANA Root Zone Database. The ccNSO now counts 174 members, with the ccTLD manager for xn--wgbh1c / مصر as the latest addition.

Happy birthday, ccNSO!

Help us share the ccNSO story in an unforgettable way

Twenty years ago, the country code Name Supporting Organisation (ccNSO) was created. 2023 marks a year of celebrations for the ccNSO. Previous ccNSO leaders created videos and reflected on the evolution and major milestones in the history of the ccNSO. The video was displayed during the ICANN76 ccNSO anniversary session. Please join the festivities and submit your own video now! A compilation will be presented during the ICANN77 Policy Forum.

Alejandra Reynoso, ccNSO Council Chair: "*The year-long ccNSO twentieth anniversary celebrations started at the ICANN76 ccNSO Members Meeting. We hope you enjoyed the video, when previous ccNSO leaders reflected on the evolution and major milestones in the history of the ccNSO. With this email, we invite you to help us share the ccNSO story in an unforgettable way.*
You are warmly invited to submit your own ccNSO anniversary video, as a unique and memorable way to celebrate."

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ccNSO at ICANN77

The **ICANN77** Policy Forum runs from 12 to 15 June in Washington DC, US.

Links to bookmark now

ccNSO Schedule
https://community.icann.org/x/lQM5Dg

Participate in Arabic, French, Spanish or English

For selected ccNSO sessions during ICANN76, simultaneous interpretation will be available, and participants are able to select the language they will speak or listen to in Zoom. Available languages are Arabic (new), English, French or Spanish.

Watch the **"How-to" guide** on how to use interpretation in Zoom.
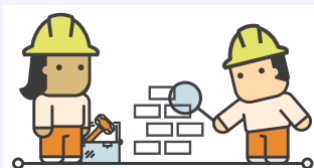
ccNSO Session Highlights
https://community.icann.org/x/RgI5Dg

Tech Day
https://community.icann.org/x/MAM5Dg

ccNSO at ICANN77 (draft)
* ccNSO sessions with interpretation

	Mo, 12 June	Tue, 13 June	Wed, 14 June	Thu, 15 June
Block 1 (75') 13:00-14:15 UTC 09:00-10:15 local	* Tech Day	* ccNSO Welcome & Working Group Updates		* Policy Update
Block 2 (90') 14:45-16:15 UTC 10:45-12:15 local	* Tech Day	* ccTLD Registration Trends Session	* PTI Session with ccNSO and RySG	* Legislative session: cybersecurity initiatives affecting ccTLDs
Block 3 (75') 17:45-19:00 UTC 13:45-15:00 local	* DNSSEC Workshop	* ccNSO Strategic & Operational Planning Committee (SOPC) and ccNSO Council Triage Committee	* ccNSO DNS Abuse Standing Committee (DASC)	* ccNSO Council
Block 4 (90') 19:30-21:00 UTC 15:30-17:00 local	* DNSSEC Workshop	* ccNSO 20-year anniversary session / Board Listening Session	* ccTLD News Session	
17:00-18:30 local	Celebratory Reception	Cocktail	Cocktail & Community Excellence Award	ICANN77 Closing Cocktail
		ccNSO Networking Event		

Information and schedule

- Registration and signing in will be required to view session details.
- In-person registration closes on 7 June 2023. Virtual registration will remain available through 15 June 2023.

ccNSO Council Highlights

The ccNSO Council had its 194th meeting on Thursday, 20 April 2023. All Council meetings are open to observers.

Topics for discussion included:

- an informal conversation between the ccNSO Council and Sally Costerton, CEO and

President of ICANN, regarding cooperation between ICANN and the ccNSO
- the adoption of a revised version of the Terms of Reference for the Council Triage Committee
- the approval of the membership application by the Egypt IDN ccTLD manager
- the adoption of the final report of the CSC effectiveness Review.

For recordings and background materials, consult the **Council workspace**.