

ccNSO News

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Nominations for ICANN Board Seat 12 open now

The term of Katrina Sataki, the ccNSO nominated Director fulfilling ICANN Board Seat 12, will expire at the ICANN81 Annual General Meeting held in October 2024. By October 2024, Katrina will have served one term on the Board: she is eligible for reappointment. Directors to the ICANN Board may serve maximum three consecutive terms.

The ccNSO Council is required to select a candidate in accordance with the relevant ICANN Bylaws and internal rules of the ccNSO applicable at the time of the call for nominations. The call for nominations is currently open and closes on Wednesday, 9 August 2023 (23:59 UTC). Elections will be held in November 2023, after completion of due diligence verifications by a professional firm on the nominee(s). A virtual Q&A session with the candidate(s) will be held at ICANN78.

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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 July 2023 edition is out now.

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New ccNSO Member: Welcome to .qa!

The Council of the country code Names Supporting Organisation (ccNSO) approved Communications Regulatory Authority, the ccTLD manager of .qa (Qatar), as the newest ccNSO member. The ccNSO currently numbers 176 members. The ccNSO warmly welcomes .qa to its membership and looks forward to a fruitful collaboration!

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Apply now for a presentation slot at ICANN78

ccTLD News Session

The ccNSO Meetings Programme Committee (MPC) is seeking presenters for the next edition of the ccTLD News session, to be held 21-26 October during the ICANN78 Annual General Meeting in Hamburg, Germany. Whether you are an experienced presenter or this will be your first time, the MPC encourages you to submit your proposal!

The Session will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday at ICANN78, and will allow for both in-person and virtual participation and there will be simultaneous interpretation (AR, ES, EN, FR). The deadline for submissions is Wednesday, 6 September 2023 (23:59 UTC).

[Read more](#)



Tech Day

The Tech Working Group welcomes proposals for presentations for the ICANN78 edition of Tech Day, held on Monday, 23 October 2023.

Since 2006, Tech Day has been part of ICANN Public Meetings. It provides a forum for both experienced participants and newcomers to meet and to present and discuss technical and operational registry topics, security, and other DNS-related work.

If you are interested in presenting, please email the Tech Working group at ccNSO-techday@icann.org.

Heads up: call for candidates ccNSO Council



Hadji Mmadi Ali .km



Jiankang Yao .cn



Sean Copeland .vi



Irina Danelia .ru



Jenifer López .pa

The 3-year term for five members of the ccNSO Council will end in March 2024:

- Africa: Ali Hadji Mmadi
- Asia Pacific: Jiankang Yao
- Europe: Irina Danelia
- Latin America/Caribbean: Jenifer Lopez
- North America: Sean Copeland.

On Tuesday, 12 September 2023 (00:01 UTC), the ccNSO will open a call for nominations to fill those seats. On Tuesday, 5 September 2023 at 13:00 UTC, there will be a ccNSO Council Election Webinar where interested candidates can learn more about the election procedure, the skill set for Councillors, their time commitment and working methods. The announcement regarding the call for nominations and other relevant news will be posted shortly on the ccNSO website and mailing list.

[Read more](#)

**Save
the
date!**



ccNSO Council Election Webinar

Tuesday, 12 September 2023 (00:01 UTC)

Are you considering running as a candidate for the ccNSO Council? Would you like to learn more about the ccNSO Council and the need to nominate candidates? Join the ccNSO Council Election Webinar.

Councillors and ccNSO Secretariat will provide you with an overview of the election process and address the need to replace Councillors at reasonable and regular intervals. Moreover, you will receive further information about the required skill sets for Councillors, the time commitment and working methods of the ccNSO Council.

[Register
here](#)

ccNSO Universal Acceptance Committee

About the ccNSO UAC

Universal Acceptance (UA) refers to the concept of treating all domain names equally and ensuring that they are recognized, accepted, and functional across all internet applications, systems, and devices.

The new ccNSO Universal Acceptance Committee aims to be a useful resource for ccTLD managers, by:

- showcasing ccTLD efforts and sharing knowledge on current practices in IDN support and UA readiness
- cooperating with ICANN's Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG) via the ccNSO appointed liaison and liaising with other relevant stakeholders.

We seek volunteers

This is a heads up that the ccNSO will soon launch a call for volunteers for the new ccNSO Universal Acceptance Committee (UAC). The call for volunteers opens Monday, 31 July 2023 (00:01 UTC) and will close Tuesday, 15 August 2023 (23:59 UTC).

[Read more](#)

Save the date!
ccNSO Universal Acceptance Webinar

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Wednesday, 9 August 2023 (noon UTC)

Potential UAC members and those want to learn more about the work of the UAC are kindly invited to a 1-hour webinar.

Register
here

Non-sovereign territories in DNS Governance



Reflections by Javier Rúa-Jovet

Javier Rúa-Jovet is a Puerto Rican ccNSO Council Member appointed by the ICANN Nominating Committee. Javier is also a member of the ccNSO Internet Governance Liaison Committee (IGLC).

In this article, Javier reflects on how ICANN's multistakeholder model promotes the participation of various stakeholders, including non-state actors, in the decision-making processes. Javier is a strong advocate of this approach, which aims to include diverse perspectives and avoid undue concentration of power in the governance of critical Internet resources.

[Read more](#)

Happy birthday, ccNSO!

Submit your own Anniversary Video

What type of content should I include in my video?

The ccNSO celebrates its twentieth birthday. What are your ccNSO highlights? What makes the ccNSO valuable, in your view? This is an opportunity to thank all who have helped reach this milestone.

How long should my video be?

Keep it short! A minute or so will do.

What kind of video files can I submit?

Please submit your video as .mp4.

How can I record my video?

You may use Zoom to record your video. Here is an easy step-by-step approach:

1. Start a Zoom meeting
2. Test your audio and video settings
3. Click Record. If there is a menu, select Record on this Computer.
4. Start speaking, and look into the camera
5. Stop recording
6. End meeting

After the meeting has ended, Zoom will convert the recording so you can access the files. Once the



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 and friends from the ccTLD community created videos and reflected on the evolution and major milestones in the history of the ccNSO. The videos were displayed during the [ICANN76](#) and [ICANN77](#) ccNSO anniversary sessions. Please join the festivities and submit your own video now! A compilation will be presented during the ICANN78 Annual General Meeting.

conversion process is complete, the folder containing the recording files will open. The video file will be named video[random number].mp4.

What are the filming specifications?

- Use landscape format
- Sit or stand facing a window or other light source
- Use a microphone, for instance the one on your headset
- Record in a quiet place, without background noise

What is the deadline?

Please submit your video no later than **Monday, 18 September 2023**

To whom should I send my video?

Please submit your video to ccNSO-events@icann.org

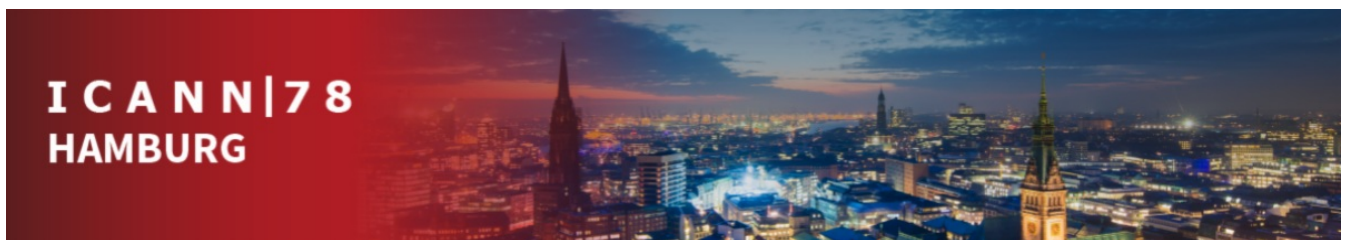


Alejandra Reynoso, ccNSO Council Chair: *"The year-long ccNSO twentieth anniversary celebrations started at the ICANN76 ccNSO Members Meeting and continued at ICANN77. We hope you enjoyed the videos, when our ccTLD friends reflected on the evolution and major milestones in the history of the ccNSO. With 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."

[Read more](#)

Sneak Preview: ccNSO at ICANN78



- The [ICANN78](#) Annual General Meeting runs from 21-26 October in Hamburg, Germany. Prep Week will be held online only, 9-11 October 2023.
- The comprehensive schedule will be published on 2 October 2023. The Prep Week schedule will be published on 25 September 2023.

Saturday, 21 October & Sunday, 22 October

Various ccNSO Working Groups and Committees will hold working sessions, including the Guidelines Review Committee (GRC), The Strategic and Operational Planning Committee (SOPC), the DNS Abuse Standing Committee (DASC), the ccNSO Council, the Internet Governance Liaison Committee (IGLC), the TLD-OPS Standing Committee as well as Tech Working Group.



Monday, 23 October

ICANN78 will start with the Opening Ceremony. Other sessions on the agenda include an ICANN 25-year Anniversary Session and a Q&A session with ICANN Org executives. Also, Monday is traditionally Tech Day.

This overview of the ccNSO sessions and topics is tentative, and subject to changes. More information will become available shortly on the [ccNSO ICANN78 workspace](#). Closer to the meeting, go to ["Session Highlights"](#) for more details about the agenda topics.

Tuesday, 24 October until Thursday, 26 October

The ccNSO Members Meeting will kick off with the traditional Welcome session, featuring updates from various ccNSO Working Groups and Committees.

Other sessions as part of the ccNSO Members Meeting may include:

- a session exploring Corporate Social Responsibility for and by ccTLDs
- an IGLC session on WSIS+20 and why it is important for ccTLDs
- ccNSO 20-year anniversary celebrations
- the ccTLD News Session
- question and answer session with the candidates for ICANN Board seat 12 and the ccNSO Council
- DNS Abuse Session: the DNS Abuse Standing Committee at ICANN78 focuses on tools & measurements, as well as the launch of a dedicated e-mail list as a useful resource for ccTLDs

Other sessions are currently being discussed and/or scheduled, such as a joint session with the ICANN Board, the GNSO Council and GAC. You may also expect a consultation by ICANN's Registrant Program Team, a joint ALAC, ccNSO, GNSO Anniversary Session as well as the public Board meeting. The ccNSO schedule at ICANN78 will conclude with a ccNSO Council Meeting.

More details coming soon! Stay tuned.

ccNSO Council Highlights



The ccNSO Council had its 197th meeting on Thursday, 20 July 2023. Topics for discussion included:

- an overview of some intermeeting decisions, including the appointment of additional members to DASC and IGLC, the approval of the [NomCom rebalancing submission](#) and the [submission regarding the PTI Bylaws change](#).
- appointments of 3 additional members to the TLD-OPS Standing Committee
- adoption of the ccNSO Guideline on ccNSO Statement of Interest and Conflict of Interest procedures
- adoption of the Terms of Reference of the new ccNSO Working Group on Universal Acceptance, and the decision to launch a call for volunteers for the new ccNSO UA Committee.
- kick-off of the effectiveness review of the ccNSO Outreach and Involvement Standing Committee (OISC)
- a discussion regarding a [letter](#) by Kim Davies, President PTI to Council, regarding the caretaker designation for ccTLDs in the Root Zone.
- the approval of the ccNSO membership application by the .qa (Qatar) ccTLD manager
- an introduction to the proposed GRC guideline on Implementation.

For recordings and background materials, consult the [Council workspace](#).

Council will not meet in August 2023. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 21 September at 18:00 UTC. All Council meetings are open to observers: Ask the [ccNSO Secretariat](#) for details on how to join the meeting.

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