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Happy birthday, ccNSO!

Twenty years ago, the country code Name Supporting Organisation (ccNSO) was created. 2023 marks a year of celebrations for the ccNSO, starting in March at ICANN76.

Alejandra Reynoso, ccNSO Council Chair: "*It is no small accomplishment, and deserves recognition with our members, the broader ccTLD community and related stakeholders. To kick off the festivities, we warmly invite you to our ccNSO Anniversary Session at ICANN76, on Tuesday, 14 March 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 February 2023 edition is out now.

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Apply now for ICANN and PTI leadership positions

This is a reminder that the ICANN Nominating Committee (NomCom) is accepting applications for key leadership positions within ICANN's Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees - including the ccNSO, the ICANN Board of Directors, and the Public Technical Identifiers (PTI) Board of Directors.

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ccNSO at ICANN76

ICANN 76 CANCÚN

The **ICANN76** Community Forum runs from 11 to 16 March in Cancun, Mexico.

Participate in Arabic, French, Spanish or English

Links to bookmark now

- ccNSO Schedule
https://community.icann.org/x/8IMFDQ

- ccNSO Session Highlights
https://community.icann.org/x/kYYFDQ

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 at ICANN76

	Sat, 11 March	Sun, 12 March	Mo, 13 March		Tue, 14 March	Wed, 15 March	Thu, 16 March	
Block 1 (60') 14:00-15:00 UTC 09:00-10:00 local	SO/AC Roundtable [C]	ccPDP4-IDN	Welcome ceremony		* ccNSO welcome & Policy updates	* ccNSO & UA Roadmap		
Block 2 (90') 15:30-17:00 UTC 10:30-12:00 local	DASC	ccNSO Council prep	* Tech day	Q&A ICANN executives	* ccTLD news session: general	Plenary session	Public forum	
Lunch								
Block 3 (75') 18:15-19:30 UTC 13:15-14:30 local	GRC	SOPC	* Tech day		Listening Session Board Search Committee on Future of ICANN & Next President & CEO	* ccTLD news session: digital divide	* ccNSO Council	
Block 4 (60') 20:00-21:00 UTC 15:00-16:00 local		Tech WG	CSC RT	* Tech day	IGLC (informal)	* Governance Session: SOI/COI & policy implementation	*DASC	MPC ICANN76 wrap-up	Public ICANN Board
Block 5 (60') 21:30-22:30 UTC 16:30-17:30 local	IGLC	TLD OPS	CSC	* Tech day	Joint: ccNSO & GNSO Councils [C]	* 20 years of ccNSO	*ccNSO & ccTLD-related Board members	Geopolitical forum
					ccNSO networking event		ICANN76 closing cocktail	

Information and schedule

- Registration and signing in will be required to view session details.
- In-person registration closes on 8 March 2023. Virtual registration will remain available through 16 March 2023.
- The ccNSO sessions marked with * will have simultaneous interpretation in Arabic (new), English, Spanish and French. Watch the **"How-to" guide** on how to use interpretation in Zoom.

Submit your feedback: draft ccNSO & UA Roadmap

ccNSO & UA

Draft roadmap out now

Be sure to review the proposals and join us at ICANN76!

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What is this about?
A ccNSO ad hoc committee under auspices of the ccNSO Council seeks your feedback on the proposed Roadmap for the ccNSO and Universal Acceptance (UA). You are invited

to review the draft plan, and to participate in the ccNSO Members Meeting Universal Acceptance Session at ICANN76 to discuss the roadmap and next steps.

Ahead of the session, the ad hoc committee welcomes your feedback. Contact the **ccNSO Secretariat**.

Roadmap highlights

The ad hoc committee proposes three actions. Highlights include:

1. Activate the ccNSO appointed liaison to the UASG
2. Create a ccNSO UA Committee
3. Explore further actions

Read the draft roadmap

What are the next steps?

During ICANN76, the ad hoc committee under auspices of the ccNSO Council will present the roadmap, consult with attending ccTLDs, and discuss next steps. Depending on community feedback, the ccNSO Council will discuss the adoption of the roadmap during their meeting on Thursday, 16 March 2022. Implementation would kick off after ICANN76, with the launch of a call for volunteers, to create the ccNSO UA Committee.

Join the ICANN76 ccNSO & UA session

Join us on Wednesday, 15 March (18:15 UTC, 09:00 local time in Cancun). To attend, please **register** for ICANN76. Please note that participation links will be available 24 hours prior to session start times.

Get ready for the ccNSO Governance session

Join the ccNSO Governance session
Tuesday, 14 March 2023 | 20:00-21:00 UTC

During the ICANN76 ccNSO Governance Session the ccNSO Guidelines Review Committee (GRC) will seek ccTLD community input on the proposed ccNSO statement of interest (**SOI**) and ccNSO Council conflict of interest (COI) processes. A subcommittee of the GRC developed the proposals, based on previous consultations. The most recent consultation took place at ICANN75.

In addition to the SOI/COI discussions, the committee chair Sean Copeland (.vi) will have a fireside chat with Marika Konings (VP, Policy Development Support) and Karen Lentz (VP, Policy Research and Stakeholder Programs) about the ccNSO role with respect to the implementation of policies developed through a ccNSO Policy Development Process. **Here** is a first iteration of the future ccNSO guideline.

You are encouraged to review the proposals prior to the session. The GRC looks forward to a fruitful discussion, and welcomes your input and feedback.

Read more

Join the ccTLD News Sessions

ccTLD News: general session
Tuesday, 14 March 2023

Session Chair: Gudrun Poulsen (.fo)

- Argentina on the Internet, 35 years to find answers and multiply the questions | Andrea Ramos (.ar)
- Engaging Women and Youth in IG and DNS | Veronica Motloutsi (.za)
- Cybersecurity for All Canadians | Byron Holland (.ca)
- Using digital identity in .CZ administration | Jaromir Talir (.cz)
- And the Blind Will See the Light: When Inclusivity Leverages Digital Competences | Irina Danelia (.ru)
- New Registration System for .tr | Abdullah Cemil Akcam (.tr)

ccTLD News: How are ccTLDs affected by the digital divide?
Wednesday, 15 March 2023

Session chair: Annaliese Williams (.au)

- Alexandre Barbosa (.br)
- Pierre Bonis (.fr)
- Grace Ingabire (.rw)
- Anil Kumar Jain (.in)
- Sabrina Wilkinson (.ca)

The term *digital divide* is used to cover a broad range of social differences in access to and use of digital equipment and services.

Understanding the ccTLD DNS Abuse landscape

Join the ccNSO DNS Abuse Standing Committee (DASC) update session
Wednesday, 15 March 2023 | 20:00-21:00 UTC (15:00-16:00 local)

The DASC recently launched a survey to understand the ccTLD landscape with respect to handling the various aspects of DNS Abuse. After analysis of the results, the DASC is now ready to share the main survey findings with the ccTLD community. The DASC also presents its repository, an online information source about DNS Abuse, for the benefit of ccTLDs.

About DASC
The DNS Abuse Standing Committee (DASC) is the core of the ccTLD community-driven process around DNS abuse. The DASC was created as a dedicated forum for ccTLD managers to discuss the important topic of DNS abuse and share information, insights, and practices. In keeping with the nature of the ccNSO, the purpose of the DASC is not to formulate any policy or standards. Instead, its overarching goal is to increase understanding and awareness of the issues pertaining to DNS abuse, promote open and constructive dialogue, and ultimately assist ccTLD managers in their efforts to mitigate the impact of DNS abuse.

Relevant documents are available on its **website** and **workspace**.

Heads up: ccPDP3-RM vote starts soon

This is an alert for the upcoming ccNSO members vote on the proposed policy on a review mechanism with respect to decisions pertaining to the delegation, transfer, revocation and retirement of ccTLDs.

What is this vote about?
To determine whether the ccNSO members support the proposed

Meet the staff

Bernard Turcotte is main staff support for the ccPDP3-RM Working Group.

Bernard reflects on the process that led to proposed policy. Find out what some of the Working Group's struggles were, and how Bernard looks back on his role. He also talks how this policy will be useful for all ccTLDs, including smaller ccTLDs.

Read the interview with Bernard **here**.

review mechanism policy. Read the proposed policy **here**.

At its ICANN76 Council meeting on 16 March, the ccNSO Council is expected to discuss and vote on the recommendation to adopt the proposed policy, as developed by the ccPDP3-Review Mechanism Working Group. If approved, the recommendation will be put forth to the ccNSO members to vote on. Voting will start Tuesday, 18 April 2023 and will end Tuesday, 9 May.
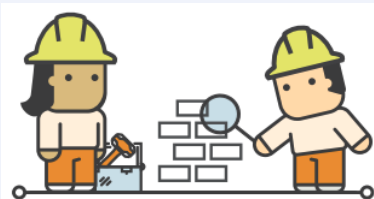
Where can I learn more?

Join the ccNSO Welcome & Policy Update session at ICANN76, held on Tuesday, 14 March 2023 | 14:00-15:00 UTC. (09:00-10:00 local)

Also, keep an eye out for the announcements on the ccNSO members mailing list, and the ccNSO website. After conclusion of ICANN76, further information will become available about the vote and the proposed policy, including some frequently asked questions and answers.

ccNSO Council Highlights

The ccNSO Council will have its 193rd meeting at ICANN76 on Thursday, 16 March. All Council meetings are open to observers.

Topics for discussion will include:

- outcomes from the ccNSO session on Universal Acceptance
- the roles and responsibilities of the various members of the ccNSO Council
- the election of the ccNSO leadership team consisting of one chair and two vice chairs. Current Council Chair is Alejandra Reynoso (picture middle below), and Vice Chairs are Jordan Carter (.au - picture left) and Adebiyi Oladipo (.ng - picture right)

Additional topics for the ccNSO Council meeting will be made available on the **Council workspace**.