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Apply to be a speaker: ICANN79 ccTLD News

The ccNSO Meetings Programme Committee (MPC) is seeking presenters for the next edition of the ccTLD News session, held 2-7 March during the ICANN79 Community Forum in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The MPC encourages ccTLDs from a variety of regions and backgrounds to apply. The ccTLD News session is a clear demonstration of the value of knowledge exchange and offers ccTLDs globally networking opportunities.

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Israel IDN ccTLD joins as newest ccNSO member

The ccNSO Council approved The Israel Internet Association - RA, the ccTLD manager of Israel (xn--4dbrk0ce / ישראל), as the newest ccNSO member. The ccNSO currently numbers 177 members.

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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 October edition is out now.

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ccNSO elections ICANN Board

The ccNSO membership elected Katrina Sataki for a second term to ICANN Board Seat 12. As a next step, the ccNSO Council needs to formally nominate the candidate.

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Help determine who sits on the ccNSO Council

This is a reminder to please vote, to select one (1) ccNSO Council member for the Asia/Australia/Pacific region and one (1) ccNSO Council member for the European region.

Your vote matters, as it determines who sits on the ccNSO Council from your region. Look for an email from tally@icann.org with your online ballot.

Please vote!

ccNSO Council election

The deadline for voting in this round is fast approaching: voting will close on **Thursday, 30 November 2023 (23:59 UTC).** Have you already voted? No further action is needed.

To read more about the voting process, who is eligible to vote and the candidate list, go to:

- **Election notice Asia/Australia/Pacific region**
- **Election notice European region**

A majority of all the Emissaries in the Geographic Region entitled to vote constitutes a quorum. The winner is the candidate who receives the plurality of the votes. As only one candidate was nominated and seconded within the nomination period for the other ICANN geographical regions regions, no elections needed to be held in those regions.

Business continuity implementation for small ccTLDs

TLD-OPS Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity Playbook

In 2019, the TLD-OPS Standing Committee released its Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery (BC/DR) Playbook. The playbook is aimed at the senior and/or middle management of ccTLDs with a commitment, sponsorship and mandate to develop resilience to disruptive events in the form of a business continuity plan.

The Playbook includes:

- examples that can be used as templates or inspiration for the development of disaster recovery and business continuity plans
- tools to help a ccTLD conduct its own table-top exercise
- practical sample tables that can be copied and used at different stages of disaster recovery and business continuity development and implementation.

The BC/DR Playbook is available for download in the following languages Arabic, Chinese (Simplified), French, English, Spanish and Russian.
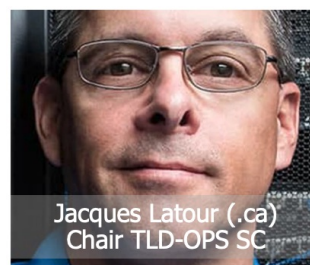
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Getting ready for the next workshop

At ICANN66 (Montreal, November 2019), the ccNSO Top-Level Domain Operations (TLD-OPS) Standing Committee held a workshop to test its draft Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity Playbook, which serves as a basic business continuity implementation guide for small ccTLD operators.

Given the positive feedback from the previous workshop, the TLD-OPS Standing Committee will hold a next edition with some modifications. Scenarios for the future workshop could include ransomware, DDoS, natural disasters, global pandemics, etc.

To prepare for the workshop, a planning session will be held at ICANN79 on Sunday 3 March 2024. Interested in joining the workshop planning group? Please write to **ccNSO-TLDops@icann.org**. Anyone with an interest is welcome to join.

Jacques Latour (.ca)
Chair TLD-OPS SC

Régis Massé (.fr)
Vice Chair TLD-OPS SC

About TLD-OPS

TLD-OPS is the incident response community for and by ccTLDs and brings together folks who are responsible for the overall security and stability of their ccTLD. The goal of the TLD-OPS community is to enable ccTLD operators worldwide to collaboratively strengthen their incident response capabilities.
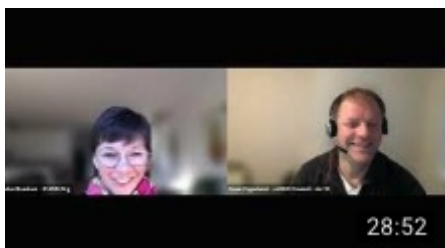
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ccNSO launches Statement of Interest procedure

The ccNSO invites you to participate in the Statement of Interest (SOI) process. Statements of Interest play a crucial role in ensuring transparency, accountability, and community involvement in governance processes, allowing stakeholders to understand the perspectives and intentions of those participating in ccNSO activities.

Submitting an SOI is voluntary for any person who wishes to participate in an existing ccNSO Working Group or Committee, and mandatory for new groups. Read the ccNSO guideline as developed by the ccNSO Guidelines Review Committee **here**.

Submit your SOI now

Meet Sean Copeland, GRC Chair

In this interview, Sean Copeland (.vi) talks about the activities by the Guidelines Review Committee (GRC), what happened at ICANN78 and what is coming up next.
Sean: "*The work of this group has a direct and concrete impact on the governance of the ccNSO!*"

Watch the video or **read the interview**.

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ccNSO 20th anniversary

You are invited!

You are invited to the virtual World Café ccNSO Anniversary session, on Thursday, 14 December 2023 (13:00-15:00 UTC)

Register in advance

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email

Join the virtual World Café ccNSO Anniversary Session

At ICANN78, the ccNSO 20th Anniversary Committee organized a World Café to explore with ccTLD representatives what makes the ccNSO relevant to the community for the next 5-10 years. As this session did not include remote participation, a fully virtual session will be held on 14 December.
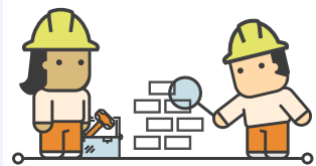
In 2023, the ccNSO celebrates its 20th anniversary. Representatives from the ccTLD community have reflected on

containing information about joining the meeting.

the evolution and key milestones in the history of the ccNSO during the various anniversary sessions held throughout the year. The ccNSO membership submitted anniversary videos, as a unique and memorable way to celebrate. The videos were shown during the **ICANN76**, **ICANN77** and **ICANN78** ccNSO anniversary sessions.

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ccNSO Council Highlights

The ccNSO Council most recently met on Thursday, 16 November 2023 for its 200th meeting. For recordings and background materials, consult the **Council workspace**.

Topics for discussion included, among others:

- **Relevant correspondence**
- Intermeeting discussions, including a decision to support the fundamental bylaws, intermeeting decisions by the ccNSO Triage Committee and the appointment of two individuals to participate in the 2024 ICANN Leadership Program.
- Updates regarding the ccNSO website redesign, the OISC review, the 360 degree Feedback round for Councillors, the ICANN Grant Program and the Board Seat 12 Nomination Process, as well as the ccNSO Council elections.
- Updates from the chair regarding an invite to join the Ombudsman Search Committee for a listening session, as well as the January 2024 SO/AC Leadership Roundtable.
- Appointments to the Community Excellence Award Selection Committee, and a member to the ccNSO Travel Fund Committee
- The Triage Committee presented its most recent version of the **ccNSO Portfolio of Activities Monitor.**
- The role of the ccNSO Council, the ccNSO or IGLC regarding WSIS+20
- The transition of the ICANN Additional Budget Request Process into the regular budget process.

The next ccNSO Council meeting will be held on Thursday, 21 December at 21:00 UTC. All Council meetings are open to observers. Ask the **ccNSO Secretariat** for details on how to join the meeting.

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