Contribute to the ccNSO governance

ccNSO Council call for nominations closes soon

The 3-year term for five members of the ccNSO Council will end in March 2022. The call for nominations to fill those seats will close on 6 October. You have an opportunity to meet the candidates in an ICANN72 Q&A session. If at the close of nominations there are more than one valid candidates in a particular geographic region, an election shall be held for that region.

Read more

Save the date!

Join the ccNSO Webinars

The ccNSO regularly conducts webinars to inform members about hot topics, participate in working groups, and vote in elections. The goal of these webinars is to lower barriers for participation and share information.

Join the upcoming webinars

Stay informed about the ccNSO Working Groups & Committees

In preparation of each ccNSO Council meeting, a written update regarding the work by the various working groups and committees is sent to Council. It includes information about the current status, next steps and what the activities are about.

Read more about:

- ccPDP3 Retirement
- ccPDP3 Review Mechanism Working Group (ccPDP3-RM)
- ccPDP4 Working Group on the (de)selection of IDN ccTLD strings
Wednesday, 6 & Thursday, 8 October, there will be two editions of the ccTLD news sessions, which showcase ccTLD best practice sharing, trends and more. [Join Zoom Meeting](#)

New to the ccNSO? Participate on Monday, 18 & Wednesday, 20 October in the ccTLD webinar to welcome newcomers to the ccNSO. [Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Recent webinars include a ccNSO Governance webinar, on the new set of proposed ccNSO Rules, and a Council Election Webinar, on the nomination process for joining the ccNSO Council. Recordings of past ccNSO webinars and an overview of the upcoming webinars can be found [here](#).

Read more

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**Participate in ccNSO sessions at ICANN72**

The ccNSO program begins on Monday, 25 October with Tech Day, a workshop open to all community members with an interest in technical, operational, and security topics.

The ccNSO Members Meeting consists of a variety of sessions and starts on Tuesday, 26 October with an opportunity for members to participate in a question and answer session with candidates for the ccNSO Council, followed by a session with focus on governance of the ccNSO. ICANN72 marks the 4th ccNSO Governance Session, building on the previous sessions where the ccNSO Council and Members have been discussing the need to update the internal rules of the ccNSO.

The ccNSO schedule on Tuesday, 26 October will end with a meeting of the Strategic and Operational Planning Committee (SOPC) on the use of ICANN's Prioritization Framework.

The program will continue on Wednesday, 27 October, with a session on DNS Abuse, to understand what - if anything - the ccNSO should do, considering existing local and regional ccTLD efforts. On Thursday, 28 October, there will be a ccNSO Council meeting, followed by a meeting of the TLD-OPS Standing Committee.

The detailed ccNSO schedule, including a summary of the topics covered and remote participation details for ICANN72, is available on the ccNSO ICANN72 workspace.
There will be two editions of the ccTLD news sessions, which showcase ccTLD best practice sharing, trends, information by ICANN on ccTLD financial contributions, and more.

*Join Zoom Meeting*
**Wed, 6 October | 13:00-15:00 UTC**  
**ccTLD NEWS Session #1**

Listen to representatives from ccTLDs across the globe, sharing their experiences with marketing, web accessibility, innovation, online content, security and more!

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**AGENDA**

Guðrun Poulsen (.fo), Session Chair

**PART 1: Marketing**

- The .ng promo experience | Edith Udeagu (.ng)
- If I had a million dollars | Dana Ludviga (.lv)
- Promoting .ar web accessibility | Romina Guirardo (.ar)

*Break*

**PART 2: Policy, Operations, Finance**

- Launch of 2nd level registrations in .au | Bruce Tonkin (.au)
- 3 projects to increase domain name stability & security in .RU/.РФ | Irina Danelia (.ru/.РФ)
- ccTLD voluntary financial contributions | ICANN Finance

**Thu, 7 October | 06:00-08:00 UTC**  
**ccTLD NEWS Session #2**

Internet governance: What are the hot topics and trends across the various regions? How do they impact ccTLDs?

Participate in the second ccTLD News Session, jointly organised by the ccNSO Meetings Programme Committee (MPC) and the ccNSO Internet Governance Liaison Committee (IGLC).

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**AGENDA**

Annaliese Williams (.au), Session Chair

**PART 1: Internet Governance**

- Mandy Carver (ICANN org)
- Mary Uduma (African IGF)
- Jordan Carter (.nz)

*Break*

**PART 2: Internet Governance**

- Peter Koch (.de)
- Oscar Robles (LACNIC)
- Byron Holland (.ca)
Meet Guðrun Poulsen, MPC Vice Chair

Guðrun Poulsen (.fo) was recently appointed as Vice Chair of the ccNSO Meetings Programme Committee (MPC). In this interview, Guðrun reflects on her experience to date, the impact of the pandemic on the work of the MPC, and what the future will bring. She also talks about why it is important to contribute to the work of the ccNSO, and how even smaller ccTLDs can make a difference.

Read the interview with Guðrun Poulsen here.

ccNSO Council Highlights

The ccNSO Council did not meet in August, and had its 176th meeting on 16 September 2021. All Council meetings are open to observers.

Highlights from recent Council discussions:

Adoption of the Board Report ccPDP3 Retirement

In July, the ccNSO members voted in support of the ccNSO Council recommendation to adopt the proposed policy on the retirement of ccTLDs. As a final, formal step, the ccNSO Council adopted the Board Report at its meeting on 16 September. The proposed policy has been submitted to the ICANN Board of Directors, as per Annex B, section 14 of the ICANN Bylaws. This report includes:

- the recommended policy for the retirement of the delegated Top Level Domains associated with the country codes assigned to countries and territories listed in the ISO 3166-1 standard
- the council recommendation
- the outcome of the member’s vote.
Minimum requirements hybrid public ICANN meetings: Council perspective
The ccNSO Council and other attendees focused on “ICANN Hybrid Meeting, what are the requirements from a Council perspective? during a brainstorming session. Previously, the MPC consulted representatives from the regional organisations on this topic. The results can be found at the MPC workspace.

ccNSO requested changes to the ICANN Bylaws
The ccNSO formally submitted a request to the ICANN Board to change the Article 10 and Annex B of the ICANN Bylaws, to enable IDN ccTLD Managers to become members of the ccNSO. This change request is the result of an extensive consultation with the ccNSO members.

A potential role for the ccNSO with respect to DNS Abuse
During a workshop in July, Councillors and others reflected on the potential role of the ccNSO with respect to the discussions on DNS Abuse. Council seeks input from the community during the upcoming ccNSO Members Meeting. Join us at ICANN72 for a discussion with ccTLD managers and representatives from other Supporting Organizations, Advisory Committees and ICANN org. The goal of the session is to understand what the ccNSO should do with respect to DNS abuse, in addition to what is already happening at the local and regional ccTLD level. Based on the guidance of the ccTLD community, the ccNSO Council will plan the ccNSO involvement in the discussions pertaining to DNS abuse and related activities that could assist ccTLDs. If a plan moves forward, it will be shared with the community during ICANN73 or an intersessional webinar.

The ccNSO Council will reconvene at ICANN72, on Thursday, 28 October.

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