



## ccNSO Newsletter | April 2021

### Meet the new ccNSO Council Chair

#### Interview with Alejandra Reynoso, ccNSO Council Chair



In this newsletter we are featuring an interview with ccNSO Council Chair Alejandra Reynoso. Learn more about Alejandra, how she recommends to get more ccTLD managers actively involved in the work of the ccNSO, and what she sees as the challenges ahead for the country code Name Supporting Organisation.

[Read the interview here.](#)

With a master's degree in computer science and technology, Alejandra joined .gt country code top-level domain (ccTLD) in 2011, which is located in her alma mater Universidad del Valle de Guatemala. As a researcher and technology developer, Alejandra is responsible for all technical aspects and information systems of the .gt registry. Her native language is Spanish, and she is fluent in English and Portuguese. In 2011, Alejandra began her journey at ICANN as a Fellow at ICANN41 in Singapore. She then joined the ccNSO, was a working group member, and later a chair of the meeting programme working group. In 2015, the Latin American and Caribbean members elected Alejandra as a ccNSO Councillor and since ICANN64, she was one of the two ccNSO Council Vice Chairs. During ICANN70, the ccNSO Council appointed

## Status update ccNSO Policy Development



### ccPDP4 (de)selection IDN ccTLD Strings

The **ccPDP4** Working Group is advancing the process for the selection of Internationalized Domain Name (IDN) ccTLD strings. The results of this ccPDP will eventually replace the IDN ccTLD Fast Track Process. The working group has made considerable progress and intends to seek feedback and input from the broader community during the upcoming ICANN71 Policy Forum.

### ccPDP3 Retirement

Following closure of the Public Comment proceeding on the Initial Report, the proposed policy for **ccPDP3 on the retirement** of country code top-level domains will now go into the decision-making phase. First it will be presented to the ccNSO Council for voting and then, if supported by the ccNSO Council, to the ccNSO members. The ccTLD and broader communities will have an opportunity to learn more about the proposals before voting begins.

### ccPDP3 Review Mechanisms

The **ccPDP3-RM** Working Group, which develops a review mechanism for decisions regarding the delegation, transfer, revocation, and retirement of ccTLDs, has presented its results to date in a community [webinar](#). To date the working group has identified which decisions should be subject to a review and explored the requirements for the review mechanism. In the near future, it will take a deep-dive into the various requirements and related topics.



On 15 April, the ccNSO organised 2 editions of a webinar on ccPDP3 and ccPDP4. Main target audience was the broader ccTLD community and GAC. The webinar was well attended, and provided insights on the current status for both policy development efforts, as well as information about the applicability of the policy to ccTLD managers and others. Consult the recordings [here](#).

## Links to bookmark now

### ccNSO Schedule Hub

<https://community.icann.org/x/WIG1CQ>

### ccNSO Members Meeting, including sessions held prior to ICANN71

<https://community.icann.org/x/UYG1CQ>

### Tech Day

<https://community.icann.org/x/a4G1CQ>

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### ccTLD News Sessions

There are 2 options to participate. Each of the sessions will have a 90 minute duration, and a separate agenda.

The agenda will be published around 7 May. Join us!

[Read more here about the pre-ICANN71 ccTLD News Session](#)

## Pre-ICANN71 ccTLD News

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**Wednesday, 26 May**

13 UTC | 90 min.

- External Legislative Demands on ccTLDS, Related to Security

**Thursday, 27 May**

5 UTC | 90 min.

- DNS Abuse

### ccTLD Community Webinar

There are 2 options to participate: Tuesday, 8 June 2021 (5 UTC) and Wednesday, 9 June 2021 (13 UTC).

During this 1-hour webinar, the ccNSO Council Chair will help you to gain an understanding of the work of the ccNSO, what to expect from the ccNSO at the Virtual ICANN70 community Forum, as well as how ccTLD community representatives can



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participate in the important work that affects you and your region.

[Read more here about the pre-ICANN71 ccTLD Community Webinar!](#)

## Tech Day

Tech Day will be held as a virtual technical workshop at ICANN71 on Monday, 14 June 2021.

The Tech Working Group seeks presenters.

Proposals should preferably focus on one of the following topics:

1. DNSSEC, in particular within the EUR 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 the registry from bad actors, attacks or malware.

Tech WG welcomes suggestions for additional topics. Those interested in presenting should contact [ccNSO-techday@icann.org](mailto:ccNSO-techday@icann.org)

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## ccNSO Members Meeting

The following sessions are expected to be held as part of the upcoming ccNSO Members Meeting:

1. The 3rd **ccNSO Governance** Session, regarding the ccNSO internal rules
2. A **Question and Answer session with ccTLD-related ICANN Board members** and others
3. A **Policy Session**, with community awareness raising of voting regarding the ccPDP3 Retirement policy, and consultation regarding ccPDP3 Review Mechanism and ccPDP4 on the (de)selection of IDN TLD strings.

The ccNSO Council will meet on Thursday, 17 June. Finally, a CSC/PTI update to the community is expected to be held as well.

- ICANN71 Policy Forum will be held as a Virtual Public Meeting during 14-17 June 2021. Read the announcement [here](#).
- Sessions during ICANN71 will be held during regular working hours in The

- Hague, Netherlands (CEST / UTC+2, Amsterdam/Paris).
- Prep Week will be held 1-3 June 2021. The Prep Week schedule will be published on 17 May 2021. Register to participate.
- The Policy Forum [schedule](#) will be published on 24 May 2021.
- Explore virtual participation tools and download the participation guide [here](#).

## ccNSO Council highlights

### Welcome to the New ccNSO Council Leadership Team!

The ICANN70 Community Forum marked a time of transition for the ccNSO Council with the departure of five outgoing councilors, including the chair of the ccNSO, and the arrival of five newly-appointed councilors. At ICANN70 the 3-year term of Abdalla Omari, Young Eum Lee, Katrina Sataki, Margarita Valdes and Byron Holland ended, whereas Hadji Mmadi Ali, Jiankang Yao, Irina Danelia, Jenifer Lopez and Sean Copeland took their seats.

At its meeting on 25 March, the ccNSO Council appointed Alejandra Reynoso (.gt) as Chair and Jordan Carter (.nz) and Pablo Rodriguez (.pr) as Vice Chairs of the ccNSO Council, with ICANN70 signaling the start of the one-year term which ends at the conclusion of ICANN73.



ccNSO Council Chair

Alejandra Reynoso (.gt)



ccNSO Council Vice-Chair

Pablo Rodriguez (.pr)



ccNSO Council Vice-Chair

Jordan Carter (.nz)



The ccNSO Council had its 172th meeting on 22 April 2021 | 12 UTC. All Council meetings are open to observers. This was the first Council meeting with the new ccNSO Council leadership team. Five new councilors, elected by the ccNSO members from their respective regions, started their first term as well.

## Highlights from the 22 April Council meeting:

- Clarification regarding the focus points of the Council leadership team:
  - Pablo Rodriguez: outreach and engagement related aspects
  - Jordan Carter: priorities and work flow
  - Alejandra Reynoso: the role of the ccNSO as Decisional Participant
- Pablo Rodriguez was appointed as Chair of the Outreach and Involvement Standing Committee (OISC)
- Overview of the roles and responsibilities for the ccNSO Council, and overview of the ccNSO's external appointments. Council is expected to take an online decision on the proposed overviews.
- Following the March 2021 ccNSO Council Workshop on the effectiveness and efficiency of the ccNSO Council, 8 actions were proposed. Councillors evaluated their level of impact and the expected level of effort in a breakout session. A decision regarding the implementation of the proposals is expected to be taken online.
- Alejandra informed the ccNSO Council she will step down from the Customer Standing Committee (CSC). A call for volunteers will be launched shortly. Alejandra will continue to serve on the CSC until a replacement has been identified.

Council meetings are open to observers. Contact the [Secretariat](#) for participation details. The next ccNSO Council meeting is scheduled for 27 May 2021 (18 UTC).

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